

HAPPENINGS

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April 8 LAA Cataloguers Section ACT Group COMMITTEE MEETING 5.30pm SEMINAR ROOM, R.R. MENZIES BLDG, ANU LIBRARY. Meetings for 1982 will be held on the second Thursday of each month, same time, same place as above. Dates of future meetings: 13 May, 10 June, 8 July, 12 August, 9 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December (AGM). Contact: Philip Keane (062) 89 8177.

April 19-20 Canberra Online Users Group WORKSHOP 'Generation and management of small-scale data bases' CSIRO HEADQUARTERS CONFERENCE ROOM. Cost: \$105 (\$85 for LAA members), \$64 for students. Dinner: \$20. Contact: Peter Judge's secretary (062) 48 4527.

April 29 LAA Cataloguers Section ACT Group 9.30am SEMINAR 'Issues in cataloguing'. Speakers: Enid Roberts, 'The OLC experience', Peter Nissen 'Biblion, the online catalogue', Lois Wood 'LYNX & online plans', Sandra Oxley 'Online cataloguing: the new skills needed', Gordon Undy 'The future'. BURGMANN COLLEGE, ANU. Cost \$20 LAA members, \$25 non-members. Contact: Helen Livingston (062) 52 2916.

May 6 LAA ACT Branch COUNCIL MEETING. 5.30pm READERS LOUNGE, NLA. Meetings will be held first Thursday of each month (except April), same time, same place as above. Dates of future meetings: 3 June, 1 July, 5 August, 2 September, 7 October, 4 November, 2 December (AGM). Contact: Janet Perfrement (062) 66 3572.

May 17-20 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG. INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR, SYSTEM REFRESHER, SEARCH STRATEGY plus advanced seminars in government documents, business and non-bibliographic information. CANBERRA, Contact: Jennifer Affleck (008) 22 2077.

May 24-25 ACI Computer Services ORBIT NEW AND ADVANCED USER TRAINING COURSES. CANBERRA. Contact: Steve Cartland (062) 47 0988.

May 26-28 ACI Computer Services AUSINET NEW AND ADVANCED USER TRAINING COURSES. CANBERRA. Contact: Steve Cartland (062) 47 0988.

Western Australia

May 5-6 School Libraries Section WA Group/WA CAE, Dept of Library Studies & Dept of Computing Services SEMINAR 'School libraries and computers'. Third time offered. Only 28 places available. Keynote speaker: Dagmar Schmidmaier. For further info write to PO Box 259, Claremont WA 6010.

May 11-12 WACAE Nedlands Campus. Department of Library Studies SEMINAR 'Developing information skills in secondary school students'. Open only to teacher librarians. Partly funded by the WA Services and Development Committee. Cost: \$15 (lunch). Contact: Theresa Temby (09) 381 5444.

June 8 MS Read-A-Thon. Aim is to actively encourage children to read. Registration forms available Now. Contact: B. Bond (09) 362 4011.

June 15-16 ACI Computer Services ORBIT NEW AND ADVANCED USER TRAINING COURSES. PERTH. Contact: Bob Till (09) 321 2859.

Tasmania

April 28 LAA Special Libraries Section Tas Group MEETING 7.30pm CSIRO LIBRARY, BATTERY POINT. Speaker: Frances Barnes, 'Experiences as a library consultant for FAO in SE Asia'. All welcome. Contact: Mark Bennett (002) 30 4012.

April 30 LAA Tas Branch INFORMAL MEETING (yet another) TATT'S HOTEL. All welcome. contact: Sue Craig (002) 30 2404.

June 7-10 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG. INTRODUCTORY, SYSTEM REFRESHER AND SEARCH STRATEGY SEMINARS, plus advanced seminary in humanities. HOBART. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (008) 22 2077.

June 21 MS Read-a-thon commences. Aim is to actively encourage children to read. Registration forms available Now. Contact: S. Atherton (002) 34 9132.

Overseas

May 2-14 College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland 16TH ANNUAL LIBRARY ADMINISTRATORS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. UNI OF MARYLAND'S DONALDSON BROWN CENTER, PORT DEPOSIT, MARYLAND. Director: Dr John Rizzo, Prof of Management, Western Michigan Uni. Enquiries to: Mrs Effie T. Knight, Administrative Assistant, Library Administrators Development Program, College of Library and Information Services, Uni of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742.

August 2-14 Twelfth Annual Children's Books of the Year Exhibition NATIONAL BOOK LEAGUE, BOOK HOUSE, 45 EAST HILL, LONDON. For further details contact: Barbara Buckley, NBL Publicity Officer, Book House, 45 East Hill, London SW18 2QZ.

September 6-10 IBBY 18TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 'Story in the child's changing world' CHURCHILL COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND. Conference fee: A\$350 (approx, incl accom at Cambridge). Further details and booking form: IBBY Australia, PO Box 194, Edgecliff, NSW 2027.

September 6-17 Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE for people involved in agricultural information work. OXFORD COLLEGE. Cost: 525 (includes full board and travel expenses during course); 300 (non-residential attendees). Closing date for applications: 1 August. Contact: The Training Officer, Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough S12 3BN, UK.

CAE amalgamations

THE LAA IS concerned to maintain a watching brief on the possible effects on libraries and library staff of the 'rationalisation of colleges of advanced education', proposed by the Review of Commonwealth Functions (Razor Gang).

Amalgamations are now under way and a number of areas of concern are beginning to emerge. To enable the Association to take any informed action that might be required on behalf of the profession, we are trying to build up a profile of the effects of the amalgamations.

If any of the amalgamations are likely to result in infringements to the standard of library services, the standard of librarianship, or the status of the profession, it would be appreciated if this information could be sent to the Executive Director.

LAA tribute to John Metcalfe

The Library Association of Australia is paying tribute to the late John Metcalfe, the founder of modern librarianship in Australia.

A function will be held in the Dixon Galleries, State Library of New South Wales from 6-8pm on Friday 16 April.

It is obvious that many librarians throughout Australia owe much to this great man. If you would like to attend this function, please notify the LAA office, or telephone Angela Brommann (02) 698 4100 by Friday 9 April.

Special interest

LAA22 WILL GIVE special interest groups of librarians an opportunity to meet and discuss matters of common interest.

Librarians interested in primary industries such as agriculture, fisheries and forestry, and who expect to attend LAA22 are invited to register their interest in attending such a meeting.

A similar meeting was held in Sydney in September 1981 after the Special Libraries Section Conference and proved to be a very useful session.

Those interested should contact Mrs Cathy Deane, Librarian, SA Department of Agriculture, GPO Box 1671, Adelaide 5001. Phone (08) 227 3009.

P.S. . . .

The issue of *InCite* dated 5 March, included an item under the heading *Chinese influence*. It referred to a book being written by Morag Loh, about the history of the Chinese in Australia. People interested in contribu-

SALES TAX WIN!

ON 10 MARCH the Senate rejected for a second time the Sales Tax Amendment Bills which would have imposed a 2.5 percent tax on books, newspapers and magazines. For the LAA this comes as a great relief and also gives credence to the Association as a lobbying force. In the words of a Senator, 'The campaign against these iniquitous taxes owes much of its success to the efforts of your Association and those of the National Book Council.'

However we must not lapse into a state of slumber on this issue. In any forthcoming election the LAA must be ready to do any lobbying that might be required. All members of the LAA and in fact the whole profession, should be indebted to those members and office bearers who campaigned vigorously against this tax.

Participate or perish

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION is one of the means by which we **participate or perish in today's society**.

The New South Wales Freedom of Information Council is pleased to announce a forthcoming seminar on this important theme.

It will be held at Sydney University Law School, 173 Phillip Street, Sydney on Saturday, 3 April 1982, commencing at 10am. The cost is \$12, with a concession rate of \$8 for students and pensioners.

LISA leaps ahead

THE CURRENT PROGRAM of improvements being made to LISA, already one of the leading abstracting services in the field, means that subscribers will now benefit from a single service giving thorough coverage of the field.

In the past, searchers have had to consult as many as five different abstracting services to be sure of covering the library/information science field adequately. Not only is this time consuming, but it has also forced many libraries to subscribe to several overlapping services, at considerable expense.

The secret of success for any abstracting service may be defined as 'more frequent publication, better access for the user and more complete coverage of the literature'. From January 1982, LISA will be published monthly instead of bi-monthly, and each issue will also contain full name and subject indexes. This will result in an improvement in the currency of the service, and greater facility for the user.

Regular users will have noticed that LISA's coverage of library/information science literature has increased by more than 50 percent in the past two years, from 3800 abstracts in 1979 to over 6000 in 1981. US Government Reports (provided by NTIS and ERIC) have been included since 1980; more thorough coverage of monographs, conference proceedings and theses has been achieved; many of the new periodicals which have been published in this period are included.

ting material to Morag Loh's research may like to write to her: Unit 3, 4 Selwyn Court, Toorak 3142. Her phone number is (03) 20 1570.

The same issue carried a photograph of the late John Metcalfe, founder of LAA, and we should like to express our thanks to Peter Dobrovits for providing the picture.