



HAPPENINGS

A REGULAR DIARY OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

National

MARCH 18-19 General Council Meeting LAA House, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo, Sydney. Contact: Susan Acutt (02) 692 9233.

MARCH 24-25 Board of Education Meeting LAA House, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo, Sydney. Contact: Sue Phillips (02) 692 9233.

MARCH 29 Australian Database Development Association (ADDA) Inaugural General Meeting 7.30 pm Footscray Institute of Technology Library, Footscray, Melbourne. Further details and agenda available. Contact: Gerard Peguero, Secretary ADDA (03) 688 4423. Telex: FITLEX 36596.

MAY 19-20 Australasian URICA Group 2nd Workshop. Gold Coast. Contact: Pat Stewart, Preston College of TAFE (03) 479 3345.

MAY 19-21 National Drug Institute Conference 'Innovations - a national drug institute' Hotel Canberra, Brisbane. Contact: Secretary, National Drug Institute, PO Box 320, Spring Hill Qld 4000 (07) 221 3045.

JULY 29-31 UCL National Mini Conference 'Collection Development'. Details to be advised. Contact: Diane Costello (07) 377 2215.

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 2 1983 National Interlending Conference. Sydney. Follow up of 1980 Queensland Conference. Reserve this date and watch this space for details. Contact: Marea Terry (02) 692 2888.

SEPTEMBER 18-23 Australian Medical Librarians' Conference. A joint meeting of the Australian Medical Librarians' Groups and LAA Medical Library Section. Contact: Ingrid Sims, Chairman Conference Planning Committee, Biomedical Librarian, Medical Library, Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre, Nedlands WA 6009.

SEPTEMBER 26-29 1983 6th National Special Libraries Conference 'Management of Resource Sharing in Special Libraries' Parmelia Hilton Hotel, Perth. This national conference will be a forum at which special librarians can evaluate their needs for resource sharing and means by which worthwhile sharing can be achieved. The emphasis will be on management of resource sharing by the individual special librarian. Major topics to be addressed are the need to share resources, technologies for resource sharing schemes, management of resource sharing, practical experiences, and proposals for resource sharing among Australian Special Libraries. Contact: Bruce Bott, Law Library, Supreme Court of Western Australia, Barrack Street, Perth, (09) 325 9433.

SEPT. 29-OCT. 1 National Law Librarian's Conference Perth. The Conference is planned to coincide with the National Special Libraries Conference. Contact: Janet Stewart, Librarian, Messrs Parker & Parker, GPO Box D151, Perth WA 6001.

SEPTEMBER 29-30 2nd ISS National Conference, Perth Western Australia. 'Information Delivery' Contact: Ian Stone, Organiser, The Library Board of Western Australia, 102 Beaufort Street, Perth WA 6000 (09) 328 7466.

NOVEMBER 25 Footscray Institute of Technology Library National Seminar 'Towards an engineering data base for Australia'. Contact: Lyn Lane (03) 688 4274. Telex: FITLEX 36596.

Tasmania

MARCH 11 LAA Tas Branch Council Meeting 12.30pm School of Librarianship. Meeting held 2nd Friday of every month. Observers welcome. Contact: Christine Frey (002) 20 2351.

MARCH 19 One-day Workshop 'Stories and storytelling - stories for younger children' Oatlands, Tasmania. Contact: Patricia Scott, PO Box 21, Oatlands, Tas 7205. (002) 54 1114.

MARCH 22 LAA Special Libraries Section Tas Group Meeting 'Legal responsibility of librarians' 8pm Antarctic Division Library, Channel Highway, Kingston. Speaker: John Levett. Contact: Mark Bennett (002) 30 5294.

MARCH 29 LAA Tas Branch Dinner Meeting welcome to new members 6 pm. University of Tasmania, Upstairs Rectory. Speaker: Margaret Trask. Contact: Hazel Wallace-Williams (002) 202 226.

Happenings advertisers

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SA

MARCH 21-25 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG. DIALOG System (Introductory), System Refresher Patents and Scitech Seminars. Adelaide. Contact: (02) 264 6344 or (02) 218 9790.

MARCH 30 Special Libraries Section SA Visit 12 noon Kinhill Stearns Partnership, 200 East Terrace, Adelaide. Included in the tour will be a demonstration of microfilming in the library and a wordprocessor link interstate. Contact: Lynne Carmichael (08) 49 0400.

APRIL 7 Special Libraries Section SA Branch World Health Day Lunch 12.30pm Cranks Salad Bowl, 132 Grenfell Street. RSVP by 1 April. Contact: Irene Doskatsch (08) 45 0222 x 373.

MAY 18-20 ACI Computer Services. AUSINET New User and Advanced User Training Courses. Adelaide. Contact: Dave Gillard (08) 268 1933.

MAY 23 Ausinet Database Specific Courses: ANB, APAIS, AFRE. Adelaide. Contact: Hazel Williams, Computer Search Services, NLA (062) 62 1607.

MAY 24 UCLs/Special Libraries Sect Meeting 'Regional responsibilities of academic libraries in South Australia' 6 for 6.30pm Staff Club, University of Adelaide. Speakers: Eric Wainright, N Stockdale and C Taylor. Contact: Julie Hooke (08) 223 0230 x 8163 by 20 May.

WA

MARCH 14 Special Libraries Section WA Group Meeting 'The LAA and Special Libraries' 5.30pm 15 Altona Street, West Perth. Contact: Kerry Smith, Publicity Officer (09) 322 4033.

MARCH 14 Special Libraries Section WA Group Meeting 'What is the LAA doing for special libraries?' 5.30pm. Venue to be advised. Contact: Kerry Smith (09) 322 4033.

MARCH 16 LAA WA Branch Council Meeting 4.30pm Conference Room, 102 Beaufort Street, Perth. Contact: Roy Stall, Hon Sec (09) 328 7466.

MARCH 16 LAA School Libraries WA Group Meeting 'Teacher/Librarian, Library Technician, Library Aide - endangered species?' 8 pm Lesmurdie School-Community Library. Your input is invited on issues such as staffing, status, image, finance, resources, automation, copyright, team teaching, Book Award programmes and co-operation. To be preceded by Annual General Meeting at 7.30 pm. Contact: Margaret Ellis (09) 291 8515.

MAY 3 Special Libraries Section WA Group Meeting 'SDI and Current Awareness Services' 7.30pm Staff Lounge, Nedlands Campus, WACA. Contact: Kerry Smith, Publicity Officer (09) 322 4033.

MAY 11-13 ACI Computer Services. AUSINET New User and Advanced User Training Courses. Perth. Contact: Bob Till (09) 321 2859.

NSW

MARCH 15 Special Libraries Section NSW Group Meeting 'Information brokers - the new generation' 6 for 6.30pm 17th Level, Annex Tower, American Express Building, 388 George Street. Speaker: Diana Killen (Myer Infoquest). Contact: Graham Whittall (02) 235 8527.

MARCH 15 International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres NSW Division Meeting 4pm Australian Music Centre, 80 George Street, The Rocks. Anyone welcome. Contact: Jo Parkes (02) 27 1001.

MARCH 15-16 SDC/ORBIT New User Training Course. Sydney. Contact: Katie Blake/Tina Reedman (02) 922 9308 or toll free (008) 22 6474.

MARCH 16 NSW Branch Council Monthly Meeting 5pm LAA Head Office, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo. All LAA members welcome as observers, as this meeting will discuss matters to be raised at the March 18-19 General Council Meeting. Contact: Hon Secretary Julie Young (049) 61 7355, President Aileen Stevenson (049) 68 5521 or Vice-President David Hawkins (02) 217 5006.

MARCH 16 NSW Branch Council Monthly Meeting 5pm LAA Head Office, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo. Meetings held third Wednesday of each month (not July) same place. Dates for future meetings April 20, May 18, June 15, July 16 (all day), August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21. Any LAA member welcome as observer. Contact: Hon Secretary Julie Young (049) 61 7355 or President Aileen Stevenson (049) 68 5521.

MARCH 17 SDC/ORBIT Patents Training Course. Sydney. Contact: Katie Blake/Tina Reedman (02) 922 9308 or toll free (008) 22 6474.

MARCH 17 NSW Branch Council Annual General Meeting 6pm for 6.30pm Galleries, State Library of NSW. Speaker: Warren Horton (State Librarian, Victoria). Contact: Julie Young (049) 61 7355 or David Hawkins (02) 217 5006.

MARCH 18 SDC/ORBIT Chemistry Training Course. Sydney. Contact: Katie Blake/Tina Reedman (02) 922 9308 or toll free (008) 22 6474.

MARCH 22 Special Libraries Section NSW Group Lunchtime Visit to AFRIS (Australian Financial Review Information Service). Meet at enquiry desk near lift, 5th Floor, Sun Herald Building, 235 Jones Street, Broadway. Tours led by Ken McGregor at 12.15 and 1.15pm. Lunch available at SMH canteen on 7th Floor. Contact: Robyn Jenkins (02) 2 0512.

MARCH 23 LAA Medical Librarians' Section NSW Group Meeting 'Clinical Librarian programme' 6 for 6.30pm Susman Library, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. Speaker: Susan Childs (England). All welcome. Wine and cheese provided. Contact: Frances Aitken (02) 516 8997.

MARCH 23 Online User Group NSW Meeting 'I P Sharp - economic and financial databases' 6 for 6.30pm I P Sharp, 8th Floor, Carlton Centre, 55 Elizabeth Street, Sydney. All welcome. Please advise attendance. Contact: Pamela Johnstone (02) 923 1059.

MARCH 28 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG. DIALOG Scitech Seminar. Sydney. Contact: (02) 264 6344 or (02) 218 9790.

MARCH 28 Cataloguers' Section NSW Group Annual General Meeting 6 for 6.30pm Galleries, State Library of NSW. Speaker: Dr Warwick Cathro (National Library of Australia). Contact: Andrew Wells (02) 662 3331.

MARCH 29 Ibbey Hans Christian Andersen Dinner 7pm Len Evans Wine Cellars, 18 Bulletin Place, Circular Quay. \$24 gourmet meal includes wine, pre dinner drinks and juices. Speaker: Alan Garner. Contact: Karyn Green (02) 36 7818, Mary Maltby (02) 36 4307 or Ena Noel (02) 32 5075.

APRIL 23 Seminar 'Off-the-Shelf Software: options for librarians and information managers' School of Librarianship, University of New South Wales. Speaker: Dr Ed Kazlauskas. See advertisement this issue of *InCite*. Contact: Carmel Maguire (02) 662 3823.

APRIL 28 LAA Hunter Regional Group Meeting. Speaker: Barrie Mitcheson (LAA President). Time and venue to be announced. Contact: Julie Young (049) 61 7355.

APRIL 30 NSW School Libraries Section One Day Inservice Course 'Managing Time - time and stress management for teacher librarians' 9am to 3.45pm Plunkett Primary School, Woolloomooloo. Contact: Graham Spinkler wk (02) 923 4256, ah (02) 427 2871.

IAI LAA Medical Librarians Section NSW Group Meeting Address and discussion on ABN: **Royal North Shore Hospital**. Speaker: Enid Roberts (Office of Library Co-operation). Time and place to be advised. All welcome. Contact: Frances Aitken (02) 516 8997.

ACT

APRIL 14 LAA Cataloguers' Section ACT Group Committee Meeting 5.30pm **Seminar Room, R G Menzies Building of the Library, ANU**. Contact: Peter Haddad (062) 62 1428.

IAI 4 Seminar 'Cataloguing of non-book materials' **Burgmann College, ANU**. Contact: Priscilla Warr (062) 62 1428.

IAI 12 LAA Cataloguers' Section ACT Group Lunchtime Meeting 12.30pm **ANU Staff Centre**. Contact: Peter Haddad (062) 62 1428.

Queensland

MARCH 24 LAA Qld Branch Workshop 'Automation and the Cataloguing Process' 8.45am to 4.45pm **QIT Library**. Contact: Barbara Paton (07) 377 3249 or Diane Costello (07) 377 2215.

MARCH 24 LAA Qld Branch General Meeting 'Current directions in information technology' 5.30 for 6pm **Seminar Room 5, QIT Library**. Speaker: Judith McQueen (Information Systems Consultants). Contact: Phil Finnimore (07) 23 2531.

MARCH 25 LAA Qld Branch Workshop 'Automated Circulation Systems' 8.45am to 5pm **QIT Library**. Contact: Barbara Paton (07) 377 3249 or Diane Costello (07) 377 2215.

APRIL 19 LAA Qld Branch General Meeting. Speaker: Barrie Mitcheson (President LAA). Venue to be advised. Contact: Phil Finnimore (07) 23 2531.

APRIL 20 LAA Qld Branch Public Libraries Section General Meeting and Wine and Cheese 6pm **State Library of Queensland, Public Libraries Section, 132 Grey Street, South Brisbane**. Speaker: Euan Miller (Pres SA and Nat LAA Public Libraries Sections, Acting State Librarian, SA). Contact: Helen Kershaw (071) 43 3167.

APRIL 21 Medical Librarians' Section Qld Group General Meeting 'Paperchase' plus film on Clinical Librarians 5.30 for 6pm **Library, Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital**. Contact: Jo Austin (07) 240 2571.

MAY 3 UCLS Qld Group General Meeting 'Computer assisted learning'. Details to be advised. Contact: Diane Costello (07) 377 2215.

MAY 17 LAA Qld Branch General Meeting. Speaker: Harrison Bryan (Director General, National Library of Australia). Venue to be advised. Contact: Phil Finnimore (07) 223 2531.

Victoria

MARCH 15-18 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG. DIALOG System (Introductory), Chemical Information, Medline, Excerpta Medica and Biosciences **Seminars, Melbourne**. Contact: (02) 264 6344 or (02) 218 9790.

MARCH 21 UCLS Vic Group Annual General Meeting followed by Margaret Trask (Head, School of Librarianship, Kuring-gai CAE) 'Professional practice and staff development' 6 for 6.30pm **Room S819, Science Education Building, Melbourne CAE** (formerly Melbourne State College). Contact: Helen Sweeny (03) 819 8184.

MARCH 21 Graduate School of Librarianship, Monash University Lecture 'New technologies and the library' 2.15 to 5pm **Monash University Rotunda Theatre no 5**. Speaker: Judy McQueen (Information Systems Consultants, Inc USA). All welcome. Contact: Prof Jean Whyte (03) 541 0811.

MARCH 22-23 SDC/ORBIT New User Training Course, Melbourne. Contact: Katie Blake/Tina Reedman (02) 922 9308 or toll free (008) 22 6474.

MARCH 24 LAA Public Libraries Section Vic Group Panel and Audience Discussion 'Out on a limb? Service problems peculiar to branch libraries'. 6 for 6.30pm **Balwyn Branch Library**. Light refreshments. Contact: Judy Still (03) 277 5022.

MARCH 24 SDC/ORBIT Advanced Training Course, Melbourne. Contact: Katie Blake/Tina Reedman (02) 922 9308 or toll free (008) 22 6474.

MARCH 26 LAA Children's Section Vic and Working Group on Multicultural Library Services one day Seminar 'All the community's children' 9.30am to 4pm **Carringbush Regional Library, 415 Church Street, Richmond**. Contact: Anne Holmes (03) 429 3644.

APRIL 12 LAA Literacy Section Vic Group Film followed by **Workshop Discussion** 6.30pm **RMIT Central Library Seminar Room**. Contact: Margo Morgan (03) 221 5333.

APRIL 30 The class and staff of 1971 (graduated 1974) **Melbourne State College** are invited to a reunion. Contacts: Lauris Allen (Taylor) (03) 369 1971, Ruth Chapman (03) 725 9458 or Helen Woodall (Lapthorne) (03) 874 8461.

MAY 31 Ausinet Database Specific Courses: ANB, APAIS, AFRE, Melbourne. Contact: Hazel Williams, Computer Search Services, NLA (062) 621 607.

Overseas

MARCH 13-15 International Conference on the Application of Mini and Micro-Computers in Information, Documentation and Libraries, **Tel-Aviv, Israel**. Contact: Secretariat, PO Box 3054, 61030 Tel-Aviv, Israel.

APRIL 2 Ibbby — **International Children's Book Day** — the birthday of Hans Christian Andersen.

APRIL 6-8 1983 London Book Fair. The Fair is held at the **Barbican Arts Centre, London** and is the only annual international book trade fair held in the British Isles. Contact: Katy James, London Book Fair, 16 Pembroke Road, London W11.

MAY 1-13 1983 College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland seventeenth annual **Library Administrators Development Program**. Seminar sessions will concentrate on the principal administrative issues which senior managers encounter. Contact: Mrs Effie Knight, Administrative Assistant, Library Administrators, Development Program, College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742.

MAY 30-JUNE 3 Sixth Congress of South-East Asian Librarians (CONSOL VI) 'The library in the information revolution' **Shangrila Hotel, Singapore**. Contact: Miss Wee Joo Gim, Honorary Secretary, CONSOL VI, c/- Columbo Plan Staff College, PO Box 187, Tanglin PO, Singapore 9124.

Are books revolting?

BOOKS to learn Chinese in Braille, a National Library press release was headed.

Interesting, different, I thought. But why? Had a directive been issued to books that they *must* learn Chinese — and in Braille, or had it been their own decision? Were some books beginning to tire of waiting on the shelf and wished to embark instead on a course of self-improvement?

Or had they become so concerned about the Technological Revolution and reports of the demise of books that they felt it was essential to acquire some extra skills? And if that was the case, was learning Chinese in Braille really the answer?

But assuming this was not actually a decision made by the books themselves, rather a directive from a higher authority, I wondered if *all* books were to learn Chinese, and *all* in Braille. Or were some books to learn their subjects in Braille, and others to learn Chinese, but not in Braille? The possibilities are endless. And that of course inevitably leads one to the question of exactly how the books are going to make use of their new-found skills . . .

The question seemed such an enormous one that I was surprised that the press release was able to cover it in a single page. So I read on, by then extremely eager to find the

answer to this problem.

And then I found that the books weren't going to learn anything, after all. The story was in fact about two *people* who wanted to read Chinese books in Braille.

Michael Carroll and Anita Tse are both blind; Michael is learning Chinese and needed text books, Anita comes from Hong Kong and wanted to read some books in her native language.

They initially approached the Braille & Talking Book Library, who, unable to help, referred the request to the National Library, where Cliff Law, in charge of library services for the handicapped, made contact with libraries in the US, China, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Eventually twelve suitable books were located in Hong Kong, but the cost of air freighting them was prohibitive, and they would have taken months by sea. It seemed as if there was still a problem, but then Qantas came to the rescue, and have flown the books in free of charge.

So the story has a happy ending — though I can't help feeling a bit sad that I can't be the first to tell *InCite* readers about the revolution in the book world!

Editor

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES BROKEN HILL DIVISION THE LIBRARY

Annual Report for 1982

The Library's 'Book Vote' for 1982 was \$24,000; expenditure and commitment for the year was \$25,475. Council's decision to close the W.S. & L.B. Robinson College in 1984¹ prompted the cancellation of subscriptions to a number of serial titles, and fewer books were ordered than in previous years. However, the number of Inter-Library Loan requests sent and received remained high. In fact the number of requests received in 1982 was considerably greater than in 1981, perhaps indicating that some other libraries had also cancelled a large number of their serial titles.

It is anticipated that, when the College closes, the Fowler's Gap Arid Zone Research Station will operate independently, and the Fowler's Gap Library will maintain its own records. In the past Fowler's Gap has been part of the Broken Hill Division. Arrangements are being made for all books and serials ordered for Fowler's Gap to be sent direct to the Officer-in-Charge.

The Mining Managers Association Geological Research Library continues to be used by local and visiting geologists, and by post-graduate students. A decision regarding the relocation of the MMA Library's collection of theses, reports and journal articles is expected to be made some time in 1983.

¹ 'Broken Hill College shut down begins', *The University of New South Wales Quarterly*, No. 25, Summer Issue, December, 1981, p. 3.

Research grant for Tasmanian project

The first Sir John Morris Research Grant has been awarded to Mrs J. Rees of Hobart. She has been granted \$12,106 to work on the 'Early Imprints Project Tasmania', which will involve collecting data for a union catalogue of books, periodicals, ephemera etc., printed before 1801, held in institutional and private collections in Tasmania.

While this project is intended to assist scholars working in Tasmania by indicating what is available locally, it is also an essential part of the 'Australia and New Zealand Early Imprints Project' which will be contributing

to a still larger project in Britain and the United States known as the 'Eighteenth-century Short Title Catalogue' (ESTC).

After the Tasmanian data is collected, it will be converted to machine-readable form and, following final checking and editing, will be transmitted to the National Library for inclusion in the Australia and New Zealand Early Imprints Project file.

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With this issue all members should receive D.W. Thorpe's 1983 catalogue, and there are additional inserts for Victorian and NSW members.