

News from the Divisions

ACT BRANCH

At the end of 1983 the ACT Branch of the Library Association of Australia submitted a grant application under the Community Employment Program. The application was prepared by Maxine Rochester and Maureen Swords with assistance from Diane Dromgold, and a letter of support from the Library Association of Australia was included. It was proposed to set up a Library Employment Centre in Canberra, to provide an employment agency for librarians, library technicians and library support staff, and information workers. It had also been proposed to include a career counselling service, a contact point for job sharing, and a centre for information on continuing education activities.

In March the ACT Branch received notification that the program had not received funding. The principal reason for the refusal was that there were no librarians registered as unemployed with the ACT Branches of the Commonwealth Employment Service. (A similar situation exists for other groups with large numbers of married women, such as teachers and nurses).

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of the Commonwealth and State (where appropriate) Attorneys-General to the present and potential role of PUBLIC LIBRARIES as agencies for dissemination of government information;

that the Attorneys-General be asked to investigate the feasibility of making PUBLIC LIBRARIES the recipients of deposit copies of government publications (in varying degrees of comprehensiveness);

that, in States introducing FOI legislation, the Association seek the views of Chief Librarians Committees and local groups of the Public Libraries Section on the advisability of public libraries being included in deposit schemes for Federal and State Government publications;

that Council endorse the proposal to have each BRANCH COUNCIL recommend a local FOI correspondent. Each correspondent to keep the Association's FOI monitors informed of local activities and developments.

• **Payment of Fees by Instalments** — Very few members have taken advantage of this option to pay membership fees in two instalments. True figures will not be available until mid-1985.

• **Fee For Members Not Employed in Librarianship** — Council has decided to reinstate the category for members not employed in librarianship while the review on the structure of the Association is being carried out. A base fee of \$75.00 will be charged. Admission to this category will be reviewed by the Executive if necessary.

• **Program Budgeting** — Both the NSW and Victorian Branches have expressed concern to General Council about the lack of evidence of program budgeting being notified

Another reason given was that the Library Employment Service would not provide a broad community service. Funding was going to government libraries already, and increasing employment, under the Community Employment Program. A third reason was that the Library Employment Centre would mostly help people who already had received training.

The message is to make sure you are registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service if you are not employed and seeking a position. One library, with funds available to employ a librarian under the Commonwealth Employment Program, could find no-one registered with the CES in the ACT.

Maxine Rochester President

SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION (W.A. GROUP)

We took advantage of the extra day this year and staged our first meeting on February 29. Held at Kaye Manning's colourful library at the Department for Youth, Sport and Recreation, we saw a demonstration of her online database of indexed journal articles, and praised her initiative in overcoming a few of the many problems which beset large and small libraries.

April 10 was our joint meeting with the Law Librarians Group where it was standing room only to hear Bruce Bott's talk on Statutes, Acts, Regulations, Bills and the like. We all seem to deal with them and were very grateful to Bruce for his elaborations and his comments on common problems.

Kerry Smith
Publicity Officer

to the members. As a result of this discussion a Sub Committee was formed to draw up a program budget based on both 1983 actual figures and the 1984 budget.

• **1988 IFLA Conference** — a report appears elsewhere in *InCite*.

• **LAA Industrial Information Officer** — The Executive Committee reported to General Council that the position of Industrial Information Officer had been reviewed and that the position would now be advertised nationally both through *InCite* and newspapers.

The Association's 50th Anniversary is to be held in 1987. A call for suggestions of ways to celebrate it appears elsewhere in this issue.

Jenny Adams
Executive Director



National Library of Australia

Research and Development

The National Library of Australia has funds for the support of a small number of research and development projects in financial year 1984-85.

Proposals should be submitted on the Library's form of application by 31 August 1984. Guidelines for applicants and copies of the form of application are obtainable from:

Mr G Stipnieks
Secretary, Standing Committee on
Research and Development
National Library of Australia
CANBERRA A.C.T. 2600
Telephone (062) 62 1606.



Continuing Education Program
ADVANCE NOTICE

MICROCOMPUTERS

and their Applications in Libraries
22-23 June 1984

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The Queensland Branch is sponsoring the presentation of this introductory course which will be of use to librarians and others who want to gain a working knowledge of microcomputer developments, their application to and their potential for use in library and information services.

It is not an advanced course, nor is it a programming course. Its aim is to give participants a sufficient knowledge of the field to assist them to make sensible decisions about the use of microcomputers in their own services.

Sessions will include:

- Selection and evaluation of software and hardware.
- Opportunities to examine some hardware and software systems.

Principal speaker — John Kerrisk, Department of Information Studies, Kuringgai C.A.E.

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