HAPPENINGS

Overseas

AUGUST 19–25 50th **IFLA General Conference** in Kenya. Theme: The basis of library and information services for national development. Contact: Joseph Nyamulu, 4/437 Flemington Road, North Melbourne, Vic. 3051. (03) 329 1136.

OCTOBER 9–13 19th IBBY **Biennial Congress. Nicosia, Cyprus.** Contact: Ena Noel (02) 32 5075.

National

JULY 19–20 LAA Board of Education **Meeting LAA House.** Contact: Sue Phillips (02) 692 9233.

AUGUST 24–25 LAA General Council **Meeting. Brisbane.** Contact: Jenny Adams or Sue Phillips (02) 692 9233.

AUGUST 26 Acquisitions Section **Pre-Conference Seminar** 'Serials after 1984' **QIT.** Contact: Marion Kearns (02) 218 9792.

AUGUST 26 UCLS Pre-Conference **Seminar** 'Human Resources Management in Academic Libraries' 1–5pm (Sunday) Griffith University, Nathan, Brisbane. Contact: Bruce Edwards (07) 275 7179.

AUGUST 27 Library Technician Section **Panel Discussion** 'Are Library Technicians Taking Over?' 4pm **King George Room, Crest International Hotel, 192 Ann Street, Brisbane.** Members of the panel will include Rosemary McLauchlin, Judith Baskin, Martin Scott and Anne Doherty.

AUGUST 27–31 LAA/NZLA **Joint Conference** 'Libraries: after 1984'. Contact: Suzanne Best, Intermedia (07) 371 7900.

AUGUST 27–31 Inaugural **Meeting** of the Booktrack User Group **Crest Hotel, Brisbane** during LAA/NZLA Conference Week. Over 100 Booktrack microcomputer programs are in use in Australia, spread among 40 different libraries. Contact: John O'Farrell (03) 509 7088.

AUGUST 27–31 Informal **Meeting** of Environment, Conservation and Wildlife Librarians during the LAA/NZLA Joint Conference. Contact: Kathy Buckley, Qld National Parks and Wildlife Service. (07) 224 6864.

AUGUST 28 Announcement and presentation of **Library Design Award 1984** 5.30pm LAA/NZLA Conference, **Brisbane.** Contact: Australian Library Promotion Council, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne Vic 3000. (03) 63 5994.

AUGUST 29 Library Association of Australia **Annual General Meeting Brisbane.** Contact: Jenny Adams (02) 692 9233.

AUGUST 30 Library Technician Section **Annual General Meeting** 12.30 to 2pm **Council Club.** The luncheon will be an assorted buffet costing $20.00. Contact: Patricia Lewis.

SEPTEMBER 1 Reference Librarians **Post LAA Conference Session** 'Reference services — the state of the art' 10am to 5pm **Bardon Professional Development Centre.** Cost: $20 (incl. lunch and transport to venue). Contact: Ray Choate, Borchardt Library, La Trobe University, Bundoora Vic 3083.

SEPTEMBER 1 Government Publications Librarians **Meeting in Brisbane.** Details and applications available. Contact: Michael Harrington, 9 Dooring Street, Braddon ACT 2601.

SEPTEMBER 14–21 Australian Library Week 1984. Contact: Australian Library Promotion Council, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne (03) 63 5994.

NOVEMBER 26–28 LAA Education for Librarianship Sect **National Conference** 'The Information Professional' **Glasshouse Theatre, RMIT.** Contact: Janette Wright, Dept of Librarianship, RMIT (03) 660 2963.

NOVEMBER 26–27 SACAE and ABN **National Workshop** 'ABN and nonbook and teaching resource collection materials; problems and solutions'. Contact: Margareta Nicholas, SA College of Advanced Education Library, Holbrooks Road, Underdale SA 5032 (08) 352 0011 Telex 88420.

NOVEMBER 30 SACAE/LAA SA Branch **National Seminar** 'Learning resources for the health professions and health education in Australia' **SA College of Advanced Education Library, Sturt Site, Sturt Road, Bedford Park 5042.** Contact: Claire Clark (08) 275 5290. Telex 88420.

FEBRUARY 15–19 1985 Second **National Conference** on Multiculturalism in Libraries 'Directions for Diversity'. Keynote Speaker: Sylvia Simsora, Principal Lecturer, North London Polytechnic, School of Librarianship. Watch this column for further details. Contact: Vera Boston (03) 370 5244.

SEPTEMBER 1–7 1985 Special Libraries Sect **National Conference.** Contact: Christine McLaren (03) 389 2428.

NSW

JULY 14 NSW Branch Council **Monthly Meeting** 5.30pm **LAA House, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo.** Dates for future meetings — August 15, September 19, October 17, November 28, December 19, Observers welcome. Contact: Julie Young (049) 61 7355 or David Hawkins (02) 217 5006.

JULY 16 NSW Online Users' Group **Meeting** 'Microcomputers and their applications in online searching' 6 for 6.30pm **Conference Room, Fisher Library.** Speaker: John Kerrisk (Lecturer, Kuring-gai CAE). Contact: Pamela Leuzinger (02) 692 3257 or Amanda Russell (02) 339 3017.

JULY 18 Hunter Regional Group 'Government publications'. Speaker: Dr R.L. Cope (Parliamentary Librarian) 5.50 for 6pm **New Lambton Library, Regent Street.** Contact: Priscilla Jupp (049) 45 4329.

JULY 18 LAA NSW Branch Council **Western Regional Dinner** — a get-together for all those working in libraries west of Sydney, especially those who might be interested in starting a Western Regional Group of the LAA. 7pm **Sophocles Greek Restaurant, 79 Philip Street, Parramatta.** Cost $14 per head. Some complimentary drinks provided. RSVP by Friday, July 13. Contact: Tanya Whitmarsh (02) 623 1440 or David Hawkins (02) 217 5006.

JULY 19 School Libraries Sect NSW Group **Informal Meeting** of Section with LAA President, Warren Horton 6 for 7pm **LAA House, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo.** Light refreshments will be served followed by a short address by Warren Horton. Contact: Jennifer Davoren home (02) 569 0378 or work Mon-Wed (02) 922 6700 Thur-Fri (02) 747 2299.

JULY 23 National Library of Australia and State Library of NSW **Inter-Library Loan Seminar** 'National Library of Australia Loan and Copy Services' led by Beth Stone NLA. 2pm to 5pm **Conference Room, 5th Floor, Goodsell Building, Chifley Square, Sydney.** Contact: Beth Stone (062) 62 1269.

JULY 24 Commencement date for eight **Radio Lectures,** broadcast at 7pm on Tuesdays, 8pm on Thursdays. Attended tutorial: Topic: Recent Advances in Automated Bibliographical Systems. Lecturer: Michael Middleton. Cost: $32.50. Available on cassette $64.00 complete, $8 per lecture. Contact: Molly Lenthall University of NSW (02) 662 2690.

JULY 26–JULY 29 Childrens Book Council **Childrens Book Fair, Lower Town Hall.** Biggest and best ever. Contact: Janet Grundy (02) 48 3261.

AUGUST The Rabbi L.A. Falk Memorial Library **Exhibition** of 'The Books of the People' **The Great Synagogue, 166 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.** Contact: (02) 267 2477.

AUGUST 1 LAA Information Science Section (NSW) **Seminar** 'The Patent System: documentation and retrieval' 1 to 5pm **Conference Room, Australian Institute of International Affairs, 124 Kent Street, Sydney.** See advertisement this issue. Contact: Andrew Mackenzie (02) 235 8523.

AUGUST 1–2 Insearch/DIALOG. DIALOG Introductory **Seminar. Sydney.** Contact: (02) 264 6344 or (02) 218 9790.

AUGUST 4–5 Riverina CAE **Introductory Workshop** on Computers. Hands-on experience for information workers. Contact: Patricia Currie RCAE, PO Box 588 Wagga Wagga 2650 (069) 23 2378.

AUGUST 7 NSW Special Libraries Sect **Meeting** 'Occupational health in libraries — what constitutes a hazard; how to recognise a hazard and what counter-measures are available' 6 for 6.30pm **Australian Institute of Chartered Accountants, 333 George Street, Sydney.** Contact: Graham Whittall (02) 235 8527.

AUGUST 11 Storytelling Guild of NSW **One Day Workshop** will be held at **PLC, Sydney.** Speaker: Virginia Ferguson. Cost: $20 Guild members and students; $25 others. Contact: Jan Murphy (02) 558 8424 for registration forms.

AUGUST 14–16 ACI Computer Services. AUSINET New User and Advanced User **Training Course.** Contact: Gay St Ledger (02) 662 7011.

AUGUST 15 LAA Medical Libraries Sect NSW Group **Meeting** 'Agents and subscriptions' 6 for 6.30pm **Medical Library, Lidcombe Hospital, Joseph Street, Lidcombe.** Contact: Sally Schofield (02) 339 1111 ext 2260.

Queensland

JULY 17 LAA Qld Branch **General Meeting** 5.30 for 6pm **R 306, Level 3 Resource Centre, Kelvin Grove Campus, Brisbane CAE.** Speaker: Jenny Adams (Executive Director, LAA). Contact: Alex Cutts (07) 392 1488.

JULY 17–19 ACI Computer Services. AUSINET New User and Advanced User **Training Course.** Contact: George Notaras (07) 369 5877.

JULY 21 Library Technicians Group Qld **Meeting** 'Do's and don'ts of preparing journals for binding' 2pm **Supreme Court Library.** Speaker: Syd Wood. Contact: Merle McGovern (07) 227 5127.

AUGUST 25 Qld Online Users' Group **Pre LAA Seminar** 'The Impact of online searching on reference services' **Bardon Professional Development Centre.** Cost $20 (includes lunch). Contact: Russell Kendrick, University of Qld Central Library (07) 377 2211.

SEPTEMBER 3–4 Insearch/DIALOG. DIALOG Introductory **Seminar. Brisbane.** Contact: (02) 264 6344 or (02) 218 9790.

WA

JULY 25 LAA Special Libraries Section **Visit** and **Demonstration** of Alcoa's LYONS database system 5pm **Recreation Area, Alcoa Building, cnr Davy and Marmion Street, Booragoon.** RSVP. Contact: Kerry Smith (09) 322 4033.

Victoria

JULY 24–26 SDC/Orbit **Training Courses** New User, Advanced, Chemistry. **Melbourne.** Contact: Katie Blake/Tina Reedman (02) 922 9308 or toll free (008) 22 6474.

JULY 25 LAA Library Technicians Sect Vic Group **General Meeting** 6 for 6.30pm **State Library Conference Room.** Parking available in courtyard. Speaker: Margery Ramsay. 'Libraries then and now.' Meetings in future will be held on last Wednesday of every second month. The dates are 26 September, 28 November for 1984. All technicians are welcome at these meetings. Membership of LAA not necessary. Please come along and show your interest in technicians' issues. Contact: Margaret Munro (03) 235 1509.

JULY 25 VALA Evening Meeting 5.30 for 6pm **Telecom Theatrette, 199 William Street, Melbourne.** Details to be confirmed. Contact: D. Richards (03) 541 6131.

JULY 26 LAA Special Libraries Sect Vic Group **General Meeting** 'An alternative — Infoquest' 5.30 for 6pm **Infoquest, 123 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.** Speaker: June Anderson. Numbers limited to 50 persons. Contact: June Anderson (03) 662 3566 or Vicki Nicholson (03) 347 8722.

AUGUST 6 LAA Vic Branch **Meeting** 'Meeting the Library Association of Australia and fellow students' 4.30 to 6.30pm **Queens Hall, State Library of Victoria, Swanston Street, Melbourne.** Wine and Cheese. Contact: Diane Costello (053) 30 1800 ext 364 or Margaret Findlay (03) 818 1271.

AUGUST 7–9 ACI Computer Services. AUSINET New User and Advanced User **Training Course.** Contact: Lewis Rentschler (03) 544 8433.

AUGUST 8 LAA Vic Branch Council **Meeting** 5.30pm **State Library Conference Room.** Meetings will be held on second Wednesday of each month, same time and place. Contact: Diane Costello (053) 30 1800 ext 364.

AUGUST 8 RMIT Information **Workshop** 'Sources of Australian Business Information' 4pm to 9pm **RMIT Library Lecture Room.** Workshop Leaders: Joy Sheehan (James Bennett Pty Ltd); June Anderson (Infoquest). Cost: $40 (includes light dinner and course notes). Contact: Marianne Broadbent, co-ordinator (03) 660 2963. Brochure and bookings: Glenda Key or Sue McGibbony, Technisearch (03) 660 2532.

AUGUST 13–15 Insearch/DIALOG. DIALOG Introductory, Refresher, Strategy **Seminars. Melbourne.** Contact: (02) 264 6344 or (02) 218 9790.

AUGUST 16 LAA Vic Branch **Meeting** 5.30 for 6pm **Book House, 199 Cardigan Street, Carlton.** Topics: 'Job opportunities for librarians in Australia — changing patterns' Diane Costello (Ballarat CAE Information Services Librarian). 'Information professionals in Victoria — trends in employment and education' Cherryl Schauder (Lecturer, Dept of Librarianship. RMIT). Contact: Diane Costello (053) 30 1800 ext 364.

AUGUST 16 LAA Vic Branch **General Meeting** 'The Information Industry and Librarianship'. Speakers, venue and time to be advised in future issues of InCite. Contact: Diane Costello (053) 30 1800 × 364.

AUGUST 30–SEPTEMBER 2 Eleventh Australian **Antiquarian Booksellers' Fair, The Grand Ballroom, The Regent, Melbourne.** Contact: (03) 509 2670.

SEPTEMBER 12 LAA School Libraries Sect Vic Group **Seminar** 'School/public library co-operation in the provision of library services' 6 to 9pm **Melbourne College of Advanced Education.** Speaker: Peggy Sullivan. Cost: $5 LAA & SLAV members, $8 non members, $3 students. Contact: Ros Conroy (03) 347 2688.

SEPTEMBER 21–23 LAA Children's Libraries Section Vic Group **Children's Literature Weekend** 'Written with pictures: evaluating and using picture books with children of all ages' **Bellinzona Guest House, Hepburn Springs.** Registration closes Sept 7. Further information contact: Margaret Fox (03) 872 9513, Caroline Frank (03) 861 6745 or Irene McGinnigle (03) 370 5244.

SA

JULY 9–27 Children's Literature Research Collection of the State Library of South Australia **Exhibition** of historical children's books celebrating the sea, ships and sailing **Myer Exhibition Gallery, 7th Floor, Rundle Mall Store.**

JULY 18 LAA Cataloguers' Sect/Special Library Sect **Meeting/Demonstration** 'ABN: a demonstration of reference and cataloguing functions' 5.30 for 6pm (light refreshments available beforehand) **Cataloguing Dept, State Library of SA** Speakers: Chris Harrison and Rosemary Luxton. Contact: Jan Heath (08) 228 0278 or Irene Doskatsch (08) 45 0222 ext 7373.

AUGUST 13 Public Libraries Sect SA Branch **Meeting** 'Library promotion seminar'. Venue to be announced. Contact: Pam O'Donnell (08) 332 8266.

SEPTEMBER 9 SA Branch **Seminar** 'Co-operation between school and public libraries' 9.30am to 4pm **Wattle Park College of Advanced Education.** Speaker: Peggy Sullivan to give Keynote Address. Contact: Pam O'Donnell (08) 332 8266

SEPTEMBER 10–14 Insearch/DIALOG. DIALOG Introductory, Chemical, Patents and Biblio **Seminars. Adelaide.** Contact: (02) 264 6344 or (02) 218 9790.

NT

AUGUST 2 LAA NT Branch **Meeting.** Panel discussion on communication/staff development or similar with a film on the topic. **Dripstone High School.** Contact: Patricia McKay (089) 20 1211.

ACT

JLY 26 LAA Cataloguers Sect ACT Group **Seminar** 'Why n't the Department of Transport under D? The Catalogue om the User's Viewpoint' **Burgmann College, ANU**. Cont: Peter Haddad (062) 62 1428.

JLY 27 LAA Continuing Education **Programme** 'Serials utomation Workshop' **Canberra College of TAFE, Small heatre, Building J**. Morning, afternoon tea and lunch proded. Cost: $45 members; $64 others. Contact: Geraldine ackard (062) 45 1734.

UGUST 28–30 ACI Computer Services. AUSINET New User nd Advanced User **Training Course**. Contact: Long Tjhia 62) 47 0988.

UGUST 31–SEPTEMBER 2 SDC/Orbit **Training Courses** w User, Advanced, Patents. **Canberra**. Contact: Katie ake/Tina Reedman (02) 922 9308 or toll free (008) 22 6474.

A HISTORICAL EVENT

T IS NOT often that one can report on an vent of historical significance. But such was he Forum held at Monash University on 1 and June. Sponsored by the Graduate School of ibrarianship with the support of the History Department at Monash, the Forum attracted ibrarians from around Australia.

Historical studies of libraries and librarians ave been presented at library conferences efore, but this was the first one devoted exlusively to the past. And the presence of hisrians such as John Rickard, Graeme Davison nd Marian Aveling added to the diversity of iews. All three are engaged in the Bicentenial History Project, and their discussions of ts difficulties, problems and progress were nost enlightening and interesting.

On Friday, papers were presented on the esablishment of different types of libraries in various colonies. Interesting contrasts in people and institutions came to light. For inance, the upper class people of Tasmania, in 850, set up the Tasmanian Public Library. It vas, in fact, a subscription library, with the ollection based heavily on standard works by tandard authors, but not including, for exmple Darwin's *Origin of the Species*. This ibrary had ceased to exist by 1870 through ack of support, perhaps because the collecion was not broad enough and of little use to ost of the population. (John Levett, University of Tasmania School of Librarianship.)

Comparisons were drawn between that ibrary and others set up in other colonies around the same time. What is now the State Library of Victoria, for instance. Founded by Sir Redmond Barry, who had followed closely he material published on the setting up of public libraries in England, and allowed full access to all those over the age of fourteen. The bookstock of this library, although slanted owards the educated and privileged was also imed towards enlightenment and instruction o that the poor could educate themselves towards their democratic rights. (Margery Ramay, formerly State Library of Victoria.)

Or the North Brisbane School of Arts, supported early by the Lang immigrants, but its administration racked by animosities and deates regarding Chartist ideals, and how the radical outlook of the early supporters was gradually supplanted by more conservative, niddle class members. (Jim Cleary, University of Newcastle, Auchmuty Library.)

Such comparisons served to fuel a spirited lebate on whether or not there was an element of middle class hegemony operating in colonial Australia, and if indeed there was, vhether it was ultimately successful.

Saturday's proceedings were devoted more o publishing history, librarians themselves, and the profession as a whole. Once again the relevance of ideals of early organizations to he people they were supposed to serve was raised with regard to the short lived Library Association of Australasia. It was suggested hat the Association did not meet the needs of the majority of its members at the time,

Working Party on Document Delivery

IN JULY 1983, the General Council of the Association set up a Working Party on Document Delivery to look at the question of document delivery in Australia.

The terms of reference of the Working Party are as follows:
(a) To determine whether the problem is as acute as Foote and Douglas argue; if so
(b) to review the cases proposed by Foote and Douglas, and to determine what other possibilities, if any, exist;
(c) to evaluate these proposals, and to propose an LAA program to achieve the objectives of that proposal which the working party deems most appropriate.

The recommendations which came out of the National Interlending Conference held in Sydney in September 1983 were also referred to the Working Party.

The report of the Working Party is now being completed and will be formally presented at the August 1984 meeting of General Council in Brisbane.

The Working Party believes, however, that if delays in implementation are to be avoided, debate on the matter should be facilitated.

It has therefore recommended that an exposure draft be made available immediately to all interested parties.

Copies of the draft report are available on application to Jenny Angus, LAA House.

Jenny Adams
Executive Director

THE PATENT SYSTEM: DOCUMENTATION AND RETRIEVAL

A seminar designed to assist librarians and patent searchers to understand how patents are created and used, the role of the Australian Patent Information Service (APIS) and the range of patent database services available. A visit to the Sydney Patent Office is included.

August 1, 1984, 1.00–5.00 pm, Conference Room, Australian Institute of International Affairs, 124 Kent Street Sydney.

$10 LAA, $15 NON-LAA, $5 STUDENTS, payable to LAA Information Science Section (NSW).

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and that this was the reason that the competing Institutes Association survived and prospered, whilst the LAA did not. (Michael Talbot, Monash University, Graduate School of Librarianship.)

Finally, Jean Whyte echoed the thoughts of many when she stated that the study of history enables us to live in more than one world at once; that librarians are the custodians of humankind's memory and as such should be particularly concerned with our history. If this Forum, the first of its kind, encourages the profession to do so, then the effort was well worthwhile. It seems to me that the Forum was a singular success in bringing many different areas of research into focus, whilst allowing conflicting and sometimes controversial points of view to be considered.

Ann Brown

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