

News from the Divisions

ONLINE USERS GROUP NSW

The latest meeting of the NSW LAA Online Users Group was on 16 July, with a full house at the Conference Room, Fisher Library, University of Sydney. The speaker, John Kerrisk from the School of Information Studies, Kuring-gai CAE, spoke on microcomputers and their application in online searching, downloading and software packages. A panel of microcomputer users — Howard Petrie, University Librarian University of Wollongong, Graham Whittall CSR, Katie Blake SDC/ORBIT, Pam Freeland Physical Sciences UNSW and Jenny Affleck INSEARCH/DIALOG, contributed their ideas on microcomputers for online searching, their advantages and the pitfalls in selecting software and hardware.

For a copy of the latest issue of the newsletter *Online Australia*, with details of this meeting, contact Amanda Russell c/- Defence Regional Library NSW, Victoria Barracks, Paddington NSW 2021 (02) 339 3017.

A meeting of the NSW Online Users Group and the Special Libraries Section will be held on 6 September at 6-6.30pm, Conference Room, Fisher Library, University of Sydney. The speaker will be Mr J. P. Chillag, Head Librarian, Special Acquisitions Section, British Library Lending Division. He will be speaking about the British Library Lending Services, SIGLE — System for Information on Grey Literature in Europe, Facsimile and Automated Request Transfer. Contact Pamela Leuzinger on 692 3257 or Graham Whittall on 235 8527.

There will be an online demonstration of the European database system INCA at Harkers Information Specialists, 74 Glebe Point Road, Glebe on 4 September at 6-6.30pm. For more information contact James Hawker-Mortlock on 660 7666 or Pamela Leuzinger on 692 3257.

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ACT BRANCH

The ACT Branch held its fourth annual mid-winter dinner and presentation of prizes on July 18. The recipients of the ACT Branch Prizes for 1983 are:

- Maureen Judith Fisher
Best Student, Library Studies Course,
Canberra College of TAFE
- Margaret Richardson
Best Undergraduate Student in Information
Retrieval, BA (Librarianship) Course,
Canberra CAE
- Wang Hui-Chang
Best Graduate Diploma in Librarianship
Student in Information Retrieval
Canberra CAE

The prizes, a set of proof coins, were awarded by the ACT Branch President, Dr Maxine Rochester. The LAA President, Warren Horton, gave the after dinner address.



Maureen Fisher, best student graduating in 1983 from the Library Studies Course, Canberra College of TAFE, (left), Warren Horton, President of LAA, and Margaret Richardson, best undergraduate student in information retrieval graduating from the Canberra College of Advanced Education in 1983 (on right).

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL GROUP

A meeting of the Group took place in Armidale, NSW on July 18.

The guest speaker was the LAA's Executive Director, Jenny Adams, and the meeting was attended by 15 people. Jenny spoke on current developments in the Association, raising a number of matters which are intended for debate at the August meeting of General Council.

The meeting also provided an opportunity for the Regional Group to honour two of their longest-serving members who have recently retired from active library service — Enid Isaacs (Chief Librarian, Armidale City Library) and Jean McCaig (Dixson Library, University of New England).

Karl G. Schmude

SA BRANCH School and Public Library Co-operation

On 9 September 1984 the South Australian Branch of the LAA is to hold a seminar on 'Co-operation Between School and Public Libraries' at which Peggy Sullivan is to deliver the keynote address. Peggy Sullivan, who will be coming to Adelaide directly from the LAA Conference in Brisbane, will draw on her wealth of experience in school and public libraries and as a teacher of librarianship. Peggy is currently Dean of the College of Professional Studies, Northern Illinois University, and was at one time Director of the Knapp School Library Program, which helped so much to accelerate school library development in the United States. She has also worked in public libraries in Chicago and was a teacher of librarianship at the very highly regarded Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago. As well she is a very active member of both the American Library Association and the American Association. Not only is Peggy Sullivan well qualified to speak at such a seminar, but she is also a very friendly and dynamic personality.

In addition, several well known local personalities, including Jim Dwyer, Jo Ryan, Elaine Beales, Tony Brown, Bill Duffield, Joan Brewer and Ray Miles, will tackle the practicalities of developing co-operation between school and public libraries in South Australia. This value-packed seminar, which will be held at the Wattle Park Teachers' Centre, promises to be well worth the \$15.00 fee for members and \$20.00 for non-members. For further details please contact Pam O'Donnell at The Public Libraries Division, 121 The Parade, Norwood, SA (08 332 8266). See you there!

Pam O'Donnell

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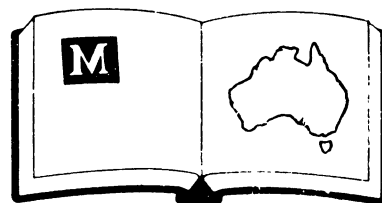
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