



FEEDBACK

CONSERVATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS SIG

At a meeting of the Group on 10 March at Fisher Library, University of Sydney, Heather McPherson spoke on a viable alternative to library binding. Heather is well known among Sydney bookbinders and paper conservators, carrying out rebinding and restoration of rare and valuable books for state institutions as well as individual collectors. Her talk described a less expensive binding method than that employing tapes laced into cover boards.

Heather's interest in books and binding started while she was still at school. She became a collector and later, in the UK, she undertook a two-year bookbinding course at Guildford County College. During the last four years Heather has established a busy conservation bookbinding studio in Pitt Street. A few fortunate students attend classes there to learn traditional and Oriental binding skills or participate in workshops given by prominent specialists.

At this meeting, Heather showed samples of different binding techniques and their relative strengths, the latter by inviting a member of the audience to help pull a number of books apart. The case-bound books broke straight away, whereas the handbound books could not be pulled apart. The various stages of bookbinding were explained: pulling down — taking the books apart, removing all thread and adhesives from the sections; guarding the sections — using a continuous concertina guard; sewing on to linen tapes — each section

is sewn into the next, one at a time; end papers — these are also sewn on. All stages have to be carried out in any fine binding operation. Afterwards the boards are fabricated and attached.

With the split-board method the remaining steps are less time consuming and expensive than the laced-in method of binding. Heather took the audience through these stages using whiteboard illustrations. She also advocated the use of vellum as a book covering material. Vellum is alkaline like paper, whereas leather is acidic and in time can leave stains on end papers through acid migration. Vellum is less expensive than vegetable tanned bookleather yet is durable and locally produced. Limp vellum binding takes even less time and may not involve restitching of the sections. Heather stressed that all the processes she uses are totally reversible, an ethical consideration applied to all conservation work.

The audience asked many questions, particularly about cost, because all handbinding is expensive. Split-board binding is approximately 40 percent less than laced-in binding. Splitboard binding is suitable for valuable, rare books or those given heavy use in reference or research libraries.

Each time a book is rebound the text block suffers damage. If good quality rebinding is specified, rebinding will not be necessary so often. Heather can be contacted for advice on rebinding and conservation repairs on (02) 212 2312.

Helen Price

NSW BRANCH

A Good Value Afternoon

On 25 May, 27 library workers attended a seminar run by the NSW Branch Council. The aim of the seminar was to introduce participants to three technologies which are having a major influence on the information environment.

Joe Cartwright from Sony spoke of the huge potential of CD-ROM technology. He illustrated his talk using the *Grolier Encyclopedia* and *Books In Print*. He stressed that this technology is also revolutionising database searching and, through its ability to download to floppies or to hard copy, making the search for suitable information more challenging and rewarding for the end user.

The Smart Book, a developing venture from Weldon-Hardie, will have a solid influence on

reference publishing and, therefore, reference collections. Andrew Kerr from James Hardie showed that published works could now be stored on cards the size of credit cards and read on a 'book pak' — an electronic device composed of command buttons enabling, for example, the turning of pages electronically and the rapid searching of texts for particular words. Andrew's future library would be a storehouse of electronic data downloaded on to a 'library' card on demand. Books need never go out of print and special reserve collections could be a thing of the past.

Videodisc offers the facility to combine both static and moving information in one medium. The British Domesday Project was visually the most exciting of the afternoon's demonstrations. Presented by Stephen Howard from Barson Computers, the videodisc is a most interesting educational, informational and recreational tool. The participants were keen to hear that Australia was looking at creating its own Domesday Project — and what a better year than 1988 to maintain this momentum! The potential of this technology in commerce, hospitality and industry is enormous.

All in all a most informative afternoon thanks to three keen and well-informed speakers, and the hospitality of the University of Technology's Markets Campus Library.

Later this year, NSW Branch Council will offer a half-day seminar on electronic publishing. Details will appear in future issues of *InCite*.

Frank Willems

Professional Development Officer
NSW Branch Council

HEALTH LIBRARIES SECTION NSW GROUP

Our last general meeting, held at the Susman Library, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, was very well attended by health librarians eager to try out the various CD-ROM products relevant to our specialities.

Our next activity is a joint meeting with the Library Information Services for People with Disabilities Special Interest Group to be held on Thursday 27 July at the Cumberland Hospital Library (6.00 pm). This will include discussion about library services to mental health, led by Barbara Mew, as well as a talk on a new Australian guide to resources and people providing resources for the disabled. In addition, a tour of the museum at Cumberland Hospital will be conducted for early arrivals. For further details contact Barbara Mew (02) 683 9412 or Bronwyn King (02) 633 6261.

Members of the executive recently attended the discussion workshops for the Australian Libraries Summit. Further consideration will be given to the revised submissions when they are available to ensure health librarians contribute to this important summit. Further information will be provided in the next newsletter.

Two events of particular interest to medical librarians are taking place at the University of Newcastle in early September. The first is the David Maddison Lecture 'Information Management for Health and Science' being delivered on the evening of 7 September by Dr Donald Lindberg, Director of the National Library of Medicine. The other is a workshop entitled 'Medical Informatics and Information Management Systems' being held on 8 and 9 September. Donald Lindberg will be guest speaker together with Bruce Blum of the Applied Physics Laboratory at John Hopkins University. There is no charge for the first event but the two-day workshop costs \$180

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(or \$220 if paid after 8 August). Further details are available from Kathy Byrne, Information Officer at the University of Newcastle, or from Linda Mulheron (02) 633 6260.

Lastly members are advised to set aside 25 November 1988 for a great management workshop being conducted by a leading psychologist with lots of experience in teaching librarians to develop management skills and strategies.

Linda Mulheron
President

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES SECTION — NATIONAL

Over 75 delegates from all mainland states attended the National seminar — 'Co-operative borrowing: tertiary libraries sharing resources' — held at the University of Sydney on 12 May 1988. This full-day seminar concentrated on the issues involved in tertiary libraries sharing resources. Case studies and viewpoints from university and college libraries as well as library networks, were aired and discussed.

Christine Crocker from Deakin University addressed the issues from the point of view of the needs of external students and advocated standardised procedures and co-operation between institutions. James O'Brien put forward Kuring-gai CAE as a case study and outlined the effect the CLANN network has had on their services to external borrowers. Professor Johnson from the Department of Employment, Education and Training presented the funding authority's viewpoint, highlighting co-operative policies arising from the green paper on education.

A lively panel discussion followed lunch and included a delightful Gilbert and Sullivan rendition from Max Borchardt demonstrating the CAVAL experience. Enid Roberts outlined the aims and policies of OLC and Rona Wade described the CLANN network which has 100 institutions participating in reciprocal borrowing in NSW.

Dr Neil Radford, Librarian, University of Sydney, approached the issues quite differently. He raised the suggestion that libraries with stronger collections are being potentially exploited by students from institutions with weaker collections to the detriment of their own users. He distinguished between the needs of postgraduates and undergraduates

and concluded that tertiary libraries sharing research resources was a more realistic aim.

Professor Johnson commented that CTEC and its successor, the National Board of Education, Employment and Training (NBEET) had no office or officer with specific responsibility for academic and research libraries. The matter will be further discussed at the UCL's AGM to be held during the IFLA/LAA Conference on 31 August. The feeling of the seminar participants was that this lack of support in the bureaucracy should be followed up at the Australian Libraries Summit.

Julie Sweeten
National UCLs Committee

INFORMATION SCIENCE SECTION

Barrie Stern of ADONIS, Jacob Bar of the Israeli Industry Centre and Edward Huck-Tee Lim from the University of Malaysia Library are just a few of the speakers already confirmed for Information Online '89. It is clear that this — the fourth Information Online conference and exhibition — will be at least as stimulating as previous conferences and will address a number of emerging and vital issues.

Barrie Stern has accepted our invitation to return and give a more detailed review of progress with the ADONIS project, which incorporates the use of CD-ROM for full document delivery of biomedical material. Anyone who heard Stern's brief presentation at Information Online '88 will no doubt be eager to hear of developments since then — and of the Australian participation in this exciting international project.

Jacob Bar, Marketing Manager for Science and Technical Data Gathering Analysis of the Israeli Industry Centre for Research and Development, has also accepted an invitation to speak at the conference. At the London Online conference in 1987, Bar spoke about the need for alignment between online information services and the actual needs of users. He argues that the industry will grow more robustly if more attention is paid to developing refined information products better geared to the actual information needs of existing users rather than simply trying to sell more passwords.

Information Online '89 aims to be an Australian event. It is therefore fitting that we hear from the recently appointed Monash

University librarian, Edward Huck-Tee Lim. Currently Chief Librarian with the University of Malaysia, Huck-Tee Lim will give a talk entitled 'Networking activities in South East Asia: some issues, problems and concerns'. More news on Information Online '89 developments — speakers, issues, themes — will appear in 'Feedback' in the weeks ahead.

Brenda Mattick

NORTH CENTRAL VICTORIA REGIONAL GROUP

Three speakers addressed a panel discussion held by our Regional Group on 20 April. The topic for discussion was 'Library service — the myth, and the reality'.

The session began with Leeanne McEwan, Manager of Learning Resources at the Sunraysia College of TAFE, who performed admirably on short notice. We viewed her award-winning video 'Always there for you' and heard about the effect of the 60-second advertisement on its target television audience — loans increased dramatically.

Next we heard from Councillor Rod Fyffe, Chairman of the Country Libraries Action Group. His concern for libraries soon became evident as he argued that it is about time the State Government put their money where their mouth is; it is pushing the importance of education yet failing to provide adequate funding to a school's most valuable community resource — a well-stocked and well-staffed public library.

Alan Bundy incorporated the regional concerns of panel participants into the LAA Information for the Nation project. He sees the provision of dynamic children's services as an investment in the nation's future. Libraries are a national responsibility, yet have become a local concern. It is to be hoped

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(NSW Group)**

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- seven members, of whom at least four must be professional members, elected by the membership-at-large of the Association;
- the President of the Association *ex officio*;
- the Executive Director as a non-voting executive member. (By-law 24)

The terms of office of three members of the Board end on 30 April 1989. Two members are now to be elected by the membership of the Association to hold office until 30 April 1992. The Professional Committee of General Council will elect the third member.

Nominations are hereby called for the two positions. Nominees must be financial members of the Association, however they need not be professional members.

Nominations shall be:

- in writing;
- signed by two financial members of the Association;
- countersigned by the nominee;
- accompanied by a curriculum vitae (giving full details of academic and professional qualifications) and a statement of concerns, each to be not more than 100 words.

Nominations close with the Executive Director, Library Association of Australia, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007 at 5 pm on 1 September 1988.

Board members retiring on 30 April 1989 are Twila Herr, Eric Wainwright and Vicki Williamson.

All members are eligible for re-election.

Continuing members of the Board are Mairéad Browne, Anne Hazell, Christine Henderson, David Jones, Fay Nicholson, Edward Parr and Janette Wright.

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that the proposed full-page advertisements for major Australian publications like the *Women's Weekly* and the *Bulletin* will capture the nation's attention.

Lynette Todd
Secretary

SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION NSW GROUP

The National Special Libraries Section invites you and your friends to a conference dinner harbour cruise on Monday, 29 August 1988. There will be plenty of drinks and dinner and the presentation of the Maria Gemenis Award. Buses will take guests from the Section's AGM at the University of NSW to Pier 1 at 6.15 pm (Pier 1 is at Hickson Road, Dawes Point). At 6.45 pm we will board MV Matilda III and return to Pier 1 at 11.00 pm. The all-inclusive cost for the event is \$40.00 per person. Reservations are essential, by 19 August 1988. Please indicate if you wish to reserve a place or places on the buses.

Cheques should be made payable to the LAA Special Libraries Section (NSW Group) and sent to: Wendy Bartlett, Library Lucas Heights Research Labs., Private Mail Bag No 1, Menai, NSW 2230. For further information contact Wendy Bartlett on (02) 543 3935 or Robin Jenkins on (02) 20512.

Occupational health and safety

On Wednesday 14 September the LAA Special Libraries Section (NSW Group) and the Health Libraries Section will be conducting a free evening seminar 'Occupational Health and Safety in Libraries'. Ian Stubbin from the NSW Department of Health Library will speak on the information resources available in this field. Byron Longstaff of the Division of Occupational Health, NSW Department of Industrial Relations and Employment, will speak on occupational health issues in a library environment. He will cover topics such as RSI, backcare, lighting and precautions to be taken when operating equipment such as photocopiers.

The seminar will be of interest to librarians and staff who are aiming at safer working practices in their libraries. See 'Happenings' for time and venue or contact Angela Dunstan on (02) 228 1066.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION NATIONAL

At the end of 1987 the Section published a paper outlining the issues pertaining to school libraries in the proposed themes in the Summit. This paper was tabled at the AGM so that all states participating in the teleconference could contribute to the discussion.

On Monday, 7 March members of the committee met with Warren Horton, Chairperson of the Australian Libraries Summit Steering Committee, to discuss the issues raised in the paper. We canvassed such matters as representation at the Summit, strategies for achieving full participation in the discussion preceding the Summit and the preparation and publication of papers which will initiate the debate. Jim Dwyer has prepared a paper on the school library services and the committee looks forward to responding to this when it is published.

Janet Hansen and Beth McLaren have both been involved in the planning of the IFLA/LAA Conference and we feel pleased that this conference will be relevant to the interests and needs of the teacher librarians. Every effort is also being made to provide opportunities for teacher-librarians to meet colleagues both from throughout Australia

and overseas. For further information contact the LAA on (02) 692 9233 or (008) 22 1481.

Recently Patricia Baigent, Secretary of the newly formed Australian Serials Special Interest Group (ASSIG), wrote to the Section enclosing a copy of the Group's newsletter. If members wish to join ASSIG and receive this newsletter, they should contact the LAA.

Beth McLaren

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES SIG

As well as meetings in Sydney and Melbourne, the LISPD Group has two projects of national interest underway. The first is the *LISPD Guide to Resources for Providers of Information Services for People with Disabilities* which is in the final stages of compilation by our Secretary, Alla Kamaralli ((02) 698 9555; Tues., Wed.). The guide concentrates on material published in Australia from 1981, although the major overseas journals and specialist publishers are listed to provide a contact point for overseas information. Ordering details will be published in a later issue of *InCite*.

The second is a round-table discussion at the LAA Conference to be held at the University of NSW. The topic is 'Information for independent living — what are the information needs of people with disabilities and how are these needs best satisfied?' It will take place at 11.10 am, Monday, 29 August, and guest speaker will be Jenny Stanzel, Project Officer, IDEAS Information Centre at Tumut. Note that the proposed breakfast AGM on the same day has been cancelled. For further information contact Maureen Webb, Convener, LISPD, c/- Technical Aid to the Disabled, PO Box 108, Ryde, NSW 2112, (02) 808 2022.

HEALTH LIBRARIES SECTION VICTORIAN GROUP

In 1987 the Publications Sub-committee of the Victorian Group produced the third edition of *Recommended list of books, journals and reference materials for small health science libraries*. The response to this publication has been most gratifying, particularly the favourable reviews in a number of journals including *Health libraries review* and *Bibliotheca medica Canadiana*. A few copies of the *Recommended list* are still available from the LAA office or from our Treasurer Mr A. Rooke (03) 648 8351.

The Group's first meeting for 1988 was well attended and covered cost recovery and income generation in medical libraries. The meeting generated considerable discussion and a number of new ideas were floated.

Presently members are working towards the establishment of VICGRATIS co-operative interlibrary loan scheme. This follows the success of similar schemes (GRATIS, GRATISSA and GRATISQ) in other states. Work is progressing well and it is hoped that VICGRATIS will be operational before the end of the year.

Another interlibrary loan problem recently tackled in Victoria is the problem of knowing which library subscribes to an airmail subscription of a particular journal. Members were canvassed through the pages of our newsletter and asked to provide a list of all journals received more quickly by air or surface-airlifted. Responses were collated and a list has been compiled and circulated.

Anne McLean
Committee member

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