

Print disabilities...

Carol Solosy is calling public librarians

From Tuesday 19 to Friday 22 October 1993, the Round Table on Reading Materials for People with Print Disabilities will meet in Canberra.

The Library Services Sub-Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 21 October. This sub-committee's aim is to support and encourage the provision of library services to people with print disabilities. It comprises librarians, consumers and other people with an interest in this aspect of library service.

Committee members are very eager to involve public librarians in their work, and extend a warm invitation to any public librarian to

join them at their next meeting. For further details please call Barbara Fewtrell tel: (02) 334 3333, Linley Wallis tel: (03) 521 3400 or Carol Solosy tel: (09) 311 8202.

Also taking place that week, on Tuesday evening 19 October 1993, is the presentation of the TDK Australian Audio Book Award.

This annual award recognises the production of audio books that specifically meet the needs of people with print disabilities. It encourages improved production quality by focusing on technical excellence.

Contact the Award Coordinator, Pat Stracey at the NLA, tel (06) 262 1207, for details of the award.

Cataloguing skills update workshop

A workshop with both direct and indirect benefits, says Marion Bannister

On 28 April, the Riverina Regional Group of ALIA held a workshop for cataloguers. It was designed to provide opportunities for updating and enhancing cataloguing skills. Early promotion through our regional newsletter, *Hinteralia*, enabled us to target quite specifically those subjects that participants wanted.

There were 22 participants in the workshop at which the speakers were Donna Reid, Lecturer from the ACT TAFE, Julia Traynor from the ABN Office and Syd Davis, Senior Lecturer in classification at Charles Sturt University.

Donna led two workshops: the first on the AACR2 revised edition, looking at the descriptive cataloguing of computer files, audio-visual and microform materials, and the second on changes in LC Subject Headings.

Julia discussed the changes ahead in the conversion from AUSMARC to USMARC and discussed developments in ABN. Syd demonstrated a preview copy of Electronic Dewey which he had been able to obtain from the USA. This CD-ROM form of Dewey is currently in the development stage. He then

led discussion and fielded questions on Dewey 20th edition.

Judging by the evaluation forms and the discussion during and following the workshop, the participants enjoyed the workshop and found it beneficial. Some participants indicated that the opportunity to share ideas with other cataloguers and to explore new areas in their work and to re-examine current practices was particularly valuable.

That conference again

Peter Murdoch has more news of the Library Technicians' conference in Adelaide, 22-24 September

Day 3 opens with *Reshaping, Restructuring and Redefining: Library Technicians for the Future*, by Professor Denise Bradley of the University of SA.

Following this opening address, the remainder of the day will reflect and expand on opportunities for technicians with a session speakers including Anne Hazel, ALIA Board of Education, and Phil Teece, ALIA Industrial Officer. 'Opportunity Workshop' sessions in the afternoon will focus on industrial issues that affect technicians and strategies for dealing with them including OH&S, enterprise bargaining and competency based training. The closing session will concentrate on the positive futures for Library Technicians.

After the Conference, delegates are invited to enjoy some of South Australia's premier wine country with a tour to the historic Barossa Valley on Saturday.

Conference registrations have already passed the halfway mark. If you are interested in attending make sure you register soon, as numbers will be limited to a maximum of 300. Further information from the Conference Secretariat, Plevin & Associates Pty Ltd, tel: (08) 379 8222, fax: (08) 379 8177.

Mobile Muster 2

Robert Pestell, Convener of the Mobile Libraries SIG, is preparing for a BIG event

The Mobile Libraries Special Interest Group, in conjunction with the State Library of Queensland, is planning its second national mobile libraries conference. In 1988, the inaugural Mobile Muster attracted over 50 delegates from Australia and overseas, together with 5 mobile libraries. This year's Muster is expected to have ten mobile libraries on display, exhibitors' stands, and a varied and interesting program on mobile library issues.

Mobile Muster 2 will be held

at Noosa on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, on the weekend of the 20-21 November. Registration will be \$35 (\$25 for SIG members) and forms and further information will be sent out in September. Anyone who would like to present a paper, on any aspect of mobile library services, or would like further information, should contact Robert Pestell, Public Libraries Division, State Library of Queensland, 24 Macquarie Street, Brisbane 4005 tel (07) 358 4588, fax (07) 358 3365.