

HAPPENINGS — continued

JULY 19 NLA/ACI Computer Services 'ANB and APAIS' **Ausinet Training Courses**. Sydney. 2 sessions morning and afternoon. NLA (For info sheet) 14/82 referred. Registrations: Katie Blake (02) 698 6584.

JULY 21 LAA Public Libraries Section NSW Group **Meeting** 'Branch library: grass roots or out on a limb' 6.30pm Venue to be announced. Branch library workers share their experiences and discuss the opportunities and problems unique to their situation. Contact: Murray Love (047) 32 2422 ext 314.

JULY 29 Australian Society of Archivists Sydney Branch **Workshop** 'Introduction to micrographics' **Conference Room, Archives Office of NSW, 2 Globe St, The Rocks**. Cost: \$20 (incls lunch), \$15 for ASA members. Contact: K. Oakes (02) 660 0914 or T. Robinson (02) 27 3953.

SEPTEMBER 29-30 ACI Computer Services **Orbit New and Advanced User Training Courses**. Sydney. Contact: Katie Blake (02) 698 6297.

OCTOBER LAA Special Libraries Section NSW Group **One Day Seminar** 'Information management'. Time and place to be advised. Contact: Jenny Adams (02) 82 0244 ext 337.

NOVEMBER LAA Special Libraries Section NSW Group **One Day Seminar and Tour** 'Software packages' Time and place to be advised. Contact: Rosemary McLaughlin (02) 238 3769.

NOVEMBER 9-10 ACI Computer Services **Ausinet New User Training Course**. Sydney. Contact: Katie Blake (02) 698 6297.

NOVEMBER 11 NLA/ACI Computer Services 'ANB and APAIS' **Ausinet Training Courses**. Sydney. 2 sessions morning and afternoon. NLA (For info sheet) 14/82 referred. Registrations: Katie Blake (02) 698 6584.

DECEMBER 6-7 Computer Services **Orbit New and Advanced User Training Courses**. Sydney. Contact: Katie Blake (02) 698 6297.

Northern Territory

JULY 19 LAA NT Branch **General meeting** 7.45pm **Mines and Energy Library**. Contact: Judy Cameron (089) 81 4640.

AUGUST 15-17 LAA NT Branch **General meeting** 'Frederick Ratcliffe Address' 7.45pm **Darwin Public Library**. Contact: Judy Cameron (089) 81 4640.

SEPTEMBER 4-5 LAA NT Branch **Weekend workshop** 'Local history' **Civic Centre, Katherine**. Members of LAA, NT Historical Society, Katherine Historical Society, The National Trust, teachers, historians and interested local residents. Contact: Judy Cameron (089) 81 4640.

SEPTEMBER 20 LAA NT Branch **General Meeting** 7.45pm **Darwin Community College**. Speaker: Robyn Young, Lecturer, DCC. Contact: Judy Cameron (089) 81 4640.

Tasmania

JUNE 18-19 LAA CE 82/2 'Managing people at work' **School of Librarianship, Uni of Tasmania**. Fee: \$95 (\$70 LAA members). Contact: Peter Fagan (002) 29 5150 or Marilyn Bryce (02) 698 4100.

JUNE 21 MS Read-a-thon commences. Aim is to actively encourage children to read. Registration forms available now. Contact: S. Atherton (002) 34 9132.

JUNE 28 LAA Northern Areas Regional Group **Meeting** 'Information technology and its effect on people' **The Theatre, Devonport Community College (TAFE campus), Valley Rd, Devonport**. Speaker: Barry Jones, MHR, Member for Lalor. Contact: Karmen Pemberton (004) 31 2877 or Richard Pickup (003) 26 0210.

JULY 2-3 Tas Teacher/Librarians' Association **Annual Conference** 'Reforming informing' **Westside Motor Inn, 156 Bathurst St, Hobart**. Speakers: Dr Roy Lundin, Dr Deane Hutton, Mrs Marianne Broadbent. Contact: Jill Ware (002) 30 2170 or (002) 30 2507.

JULY 13 LAA Tas Branch/ Tas Historical Research Assoc **Joint meeting** 8pm 'Librarians and laymen: recurrent tensions in the management of the Tasmania Public Library Board' **Royal Society Room, Tas Museum and Art Gallery, 5 Argyle St, Hobart**. Contact: Peter Fagan (002) 29 5150.

JULY 17 LAA Tas Branch **Seminar** 'ABN for Tasmania?' **Senior Common Room, Uni of Tasmania**. Speakers: Judith Baskin and Peter Nissen. Cost: \$10 students; \$15 LAA members; \$25 non-members. Contact: Christine Grey (002) 20 2351.

AUGUST 6-10 Australian Council for Adult Literacy **Sixth Conference** 'Literacy and libraries' **Hobart**. Contact: Maureen Campbell, Publicity Co-ordinator, Adult Literacy Conference, PO Box 841, Burnie Tas 7320.

Overseas

AUGUST 1-6 International Assoc of School Librarianship **Conference** "Sharing — a challenge for all" **Red Deer, Alberta, Canada**. Theme address by Frank Hogg (Principal, College of Librarianship, Wales), Study and sightseeing tour leaves Red Deer on 6 August and ends in Calgary on 9 August. Contact: Valerie Packer, 4 Godfrey Road, Artarmon NSW 2064.

AUGUST 2-14 Twelfth Annual Children's Books of the Year Exhibition **National Book League, Book House, 45 East Hill, London**. For further details contact: Barbara Buckley, NBL Publicity Officer, Book House, 45 East Hill, London SW18 2QZ.

SEPTEMBER 6-10 IBBY **18th Biennial Conference** 'Story in the child's changing world' **Churchill College, Cambridge, England**. Conference fee: A\$350 (approx, incls accom at Cambridge). Further details and booking form: IBBY Australia, PO Box 194, Edgecliff, NSW 2027.

SEPTEMBER 6-17 Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux **International Training Course** for people involved in agricultural information work. **Oxford College**. Cost: 525 (includes full board and travel expenses during course); 300 (non-residential attendees). Closing date for applications: 1 August. Contact: The Training Officer, Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough S12 3BN, UK.

SEPTEMBER 12-16 **Hong Kong, 41st FID Congress**. Research workers from all over the world will have the opportunity of sharing their ideas. Further information: Peter Judge, c/o CSIRO, PO Box 225, Dickson ACT 2602.

SEPTEMBER 21-24 **55th Annual ASLIB Conference**. Contact: Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL, England.

OCTOBER 21-29 American Association of School Librarianship. **Conference for Media Specialists, Information Scientists, Instructional Technologists and College Educators**. **Houston, Texas**. Theme 'AASL '82 A New Emphasis'. Contact: Ms Fyte, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, ILL 60611, USA.

Letters

Young Adults category

The issue of *InCite* of 5 March 1982 referred to Ms M. Gibsons' suggestion that a book category be established in Libraries for Young Adults. *InCite* readers were asked for their opinions on relevant suggestions Ms Gibsons had made.

For readers' information the Brisbane City Council Library Service, which answers the reading needs of the city's population, has been using the category Young Adults for approximately three years in its 27 branch Libraries. Titles are specifically ordered as YA for this category, catalogued as such, and finally shelved in the Libraries separately from the Junior titles.

Our use of the category Young Adult or YA is restricted to Fiction, Non-Fiction titles for adolescent readers being assimilated into the Junior Non-Fiction collection. However adolescent members of the Brisbane City Council Libraries, if under age, are quite free to take out adult membership if a parent or guardian authorises and endorses such a step. The adolescent readers then have access to the Adult Non-Fiction section of the Libraries as well as the Adult Fiction.

On the Young Adult (YA) shelves of our Libraries are books of the kind Ms Gibsons suggested: '... love stories, science fiction, fantasy, adventure and animal stories ...' Many such titles are written by contemporary authors specifically with adolescent needs and tastes in mind. These titles satisfy the '13-15 age group finding that junior reading material no longer satisfies them and that they are not yet ready for the Adult Collection'.

Library and educational research certainly confirms Ms Gibsons' observation that many adolescents '... drift away from Libraries when they are in the 13-15 age group'. Whitehead, for example, stated in 1977 referring to one survey: '... only 32.8 percent of boys and 41.3 percent of girls regularly visited the public library at age 10 while at 14 this had dropped to 22.4 percent and 25.9 percent respectively' (*Children and their books*: ed. by F. Whitehead et al, pp 74-75).

It is essential that as Librarians we endeavour to correct such alarming statistics, because adolescent readers are the adult readers of tomorrow, the future members of public libraries, as well as the future parents of a new generation of readers. We can try to do so by creating or improving the Young Adults' sections in our Libraries, by encouraging and assisting adolescent library members, and exploring other avenues like activities for adolescents and liaison with libraries in the local secondary schools.

Ms V. Jarrott

Brisbane City Council Library Service

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**SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION
(NORTHERN TERRITORY GROUP)**

At its meeting in November 1981, General Council approved the formation of the Northern Territory Group of the Special Libraries Section.

The office bearers for 1982 are:
President — Julii Tyson, PO Box 38496, Winnellie, NT 5789. Tel: (089) 22 0250
Secretary — Delys Newman, PO Box 2445, Darwin, NT 5794. Tel: (089) 82 4211
Treasurer — Colleen Pyne, PO Box 39448, Winnellie, NT 5789. Tel: (089) 84 3611
Janet Cowden has been appointed Group Representative on NT Branch Council.

The Group would like to meet any special librarians who may be visiting the Northern Territory. If you are heading in our direction please ring Margaret Clinch (089) 84 4277 and she will arrange a meeting.

Lauris Suiter,
Publicity Officer

NSW SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION

Do you know how to write abstracts? Or what their purpose really is? Many of the NSW Specials Committee felt that they really knew very little about them and because of this they decided to hold an Abstract Writing Workshop.

Meet the President!

Your chance to meet the President of the LAA, Judith Baskin, is on Wednesday 7 July, 6.00 for 6.30 pm.

The venue is the Galleries, State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Enquiries should be directed to Philomena Lapsley (02) 692 3257 or Ian Gordon (02) 230 8563.

It will be on 1 July, from 9 am to 5 pm at the Squarehouse, University of NSW; the keynote speaker will be Professor M. Weinstock.

There will be three other speakers explaining how they abstract in their organisations. The rest of the day will be spent in groups with the individual members doing the abstracting.

The cost is approximately \$20 per head (lunch included). Participants are asked to bring two articles with them, for which they have attempted to write abstracts. Contact Cheryl Grant (02) 666 9841 for registration forms.

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