

News from the Divisions

ACT BRANCH

Presentation of prizes to librarianship students

Mr Peter Clayton, President, Library Association of Australia, ACT Branch, presented prizes to librarianship students at the branch's mid-winter dinner on Wednesday, 9 June.

Ms Carol Inkster received the prize for the graduate diploma in librarianship course; Mr Edmund Balnaves received the prize for undergraduate studies in librarianship and Ms Claire Wainer received the prize for the library technicians course. The prize winners were presented with a set of proof Australian coins and a certificate.

The branch farewelled Mr Tan, a Deputy Director of the National Library of Beijing at the dinner. Mr Tan has spent the last two years in Canberra at the National Library of Australia working on automation and library services.

Dr Nancy Lane, Centre for Library and Information Studies, Canberra College of Advanced Education, spoke to the branch on the complexity of library education and the unpredictable events working librarians have to face. She also stressed the need for librarians to continue their education while working in the profession.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES SECTION NSW

'Council Amalgamations: What are the implications for Libraries' was the subject of the first Public Libraries Section seminar for 1982. The venue was the relatively new Windsor Library (Hawkesbury Shire) on Saturday, 27 March 1982.

Forty-eight people participated in a suc-

cessful day of lectures and discussions led by four speakers with varied experiences of amalgamation.

Allen Hislop (Local Govt & Shires Assoc) viewed the results of council amalgamations as being largely dependent on what the circumstances were in the councils both before and during the amalgamation. He stressed the need for corporate management within councils, the need for a positive attitude toward the amalgamation and the need for detailed planning of the process.

Colin Hodges (Municipal Employees Union) spoke on the industrial issues raised by amalgamations, explaining the two Acts which control amalgamations. Mr. Hodges said

'as the two Acts stand together I believe that the areas of salaries and conditions, the welfare and security of employment of local govt. employees is safeguarded'.

The main problems he foresaw lay in the positions of Chiefs and Deputies in amalgamating libraries.

Helen Woodward (Public Libraries Division - State Library of NSW) advocated positive, co-operative attitude to library amalgamations. She stressed the need for sensitivity, diplomacy and good communication whilst keeping sight of the purpose of the library service. She also saw amalgamation as a unique opportunity for libraries to rethink and reshape their whole approach.

Min Tobitt (Hastings Municipal Library) related her experiences of the amalgamation of Port Macquarie Municipal Council and Hastings Shire Council in 1980-81. The library amalgamation plan divided into four areas:-

1. Standardization - of stationery; cataloguing; registration procedures etc.
2. Unification - of staff; establishing one identity in the community; unified stock register.
3. Centralisation - of inter-library loans; typing, processing etc.
4. Development - mostly upgrading of existing resources, still continuing.

This case study well illustrated the practical effects of library amalgamation.

To obtain copies of the papers presented please contact Colin Gray, Secretary, LAA Public Libraries Section: NSW Group, GPO Box 2959, Sydney 2001 or (02) 521 0345.

From the ABN network committee

THE FORMAL ACCEPTANCE of two more of the Pilot project participants (subject to the provision of more staff in the ABN office) means that there are now twenty libraries or library systems in the Network. The University of Sydney Library and the South Australian College of Advanced Education Library were the two recent additions.

Eric Wainwright, University of Adelaide, provided a paper on criteria for the admission of new members, which will be tested on the next few applicants.

Charging

The 1983 Charging Schedule will be announced in September 1982, to take effect from 1 January 1983. The Network Committee has recommended that changes in charging should be considered for printed bibliographies and additional signons, and adjustment to charges of the provision of special rates for members making intensive use of specially tailored or non-standard variations to services (eg unusually frequent cu-

mulated CCM catalogues); schools of librarianship and commercial applications.

The intentions will be publicised and the committee and the ABN office would welcome comments.

Library schools and other library training centres will be surveyed direct to establish their needs and views concerning access to ABN and additional submissions would be welcomed.

ABN Catalogue

This has been approved as a half-yearly publication, and will cost \$149 for 1982. It will be a microfiche union catalogue of all ABN libraries' holdings, the first issue being planned for July 1982.

Three proposals endorsed

Three significant ABN Cataloguing Standards Committee proposals were endorsed by the Network committee.

The concept of decentralised review was endorsed in principle, and the detailed proposal has been circulated to members for comment. This also applied to Authority Control - Unverified headings.

The third proposal concerns the cataloguing of non-book materials. The recommendation for an extension of the ABN films format to include maps, manuscripts, music and pic-

KAREN WILLIAMS has been appointed Reference Librarian at Oakleigh Public Library. ANNE GUEST has been appointed to Karen's previous position.

DIANA KILLEN has joined Infoquest, a division of Myer Communications, as Manager, Information Research and Analysis Services. As part of its initial operations, Infoquest will provide an information broking service. Diana was formerly with the National Library of Australia, and for the last 3 years was the Library's London Liaison Officer.

Three positions of Associate University Librarian have been created in Macquarie University Library in place of the Deputy Librarian's position which became vacant with the death of Mollie Thomson late in 1980.

JEANETTE KNOX, MA, ALAA, is now Associate University Librarian (Reader Services) and as the senior of the three Associates she would be Acting University Librarian in the absence of the University Librarian. In addition to her normal duties as Head of Reader Services, she will have special responsibilities as a member of a staff development committee which is being constituted.

EUGENIE GREIG, BA, ALAA, as Associate University Librarian (Cataloguing) is responsible for the cataloguing activities of the Library as Head of the Department and represents the Library on the various committees concerned with co-operative cataloguing, networks and cataloguing standards (eg. the Office of Library Co-operation's ABN User Group).

JUDY CAMPBELL, BA, Dip Lib, ALAA, is Associate University Librarian (Acquisitions and Budget) with wide responsibilities for the administration of the Library's budget in addition to her duties as Head of the Acquisitions Department.

torial material was approved.

Copies of material and brochures on ABN as well as 'For Information' sheet 342/81 and are available on request from the ABN Office, National Library of Australia, Canberra ACT 2600. Telephone contact: Mr Chris Hannan, (062) 62 1480.

STOP PRESS

InCite vol 3 no 11 included an item on inter-lending - **Views around Australia**. It was reported that the University of New South Wales Library was proposing to introduce a unilateral fee of \$5.00 per interlibrary loan, starting in July. After the report had gone to press, the University of New South Wales announced that from 1 September it would be introducing a fee of \$5.00 per photocopied article.

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