

## Project MIND . . . a column on Meeting the Information Needs of the Disabled

### Bibliographies

This list does not pretend to be comprehensive. It is offered as an introduction to the librarian or student who is looking for reports on the library and its relationship to those needing some form of specialised service.

Ellsworth, D.G. 'Problem patrons are rare' *Library Journal* 104, June 15, 1979: p1291.

Written by a librarian from a mental institution. Describes some ways of coping with the behaviour of mentally ill patrons in libraries. With a little care and compassion, these people need not be a problem in a library. Libraries can be places these people enjoy visiting too.

Hanley, R.J. 'Special student: selected media for special education' *Previews* 7, Jan 1979: p2-6.

An excellent annotated list of audiovisual materials orientated to the special student. Contains resources for teachers and administrators on education for handicapped students in mainstream schools. There is a section on instructional media for students, teachers and the wider community. The last section is a list of media related to attitudes to the special student. The material is all American.

'Not loud, but clear' *Wilson Library Bulletin* 34, Nov 1979: p173.

A brief report on an American library which has installed a teleprinter that allows patrons with hearing difficulties to call the library and make use of its reference services. Library staff research the question asked and print the response on the teleprinter. (From Rhonda Raisbeck, Ferntree Gully)

'Storage problem solved at library for blind' *Assistant Librarian* 73 (1), Jan 1980: p14-15.

The Royal National Institute for the Blind in London have installed a special mobile shelving system in the library in their new premises. The new storage system has halved the time needed for re-shelving and locating books. It also has the advantage over conventional shelving of saving space. Eisman, Harriet L. 'Public library programs' *Wilson Library Bulletin* 53(8), April 1979: p564-569.

Discusses and describes various activities provided by libraries in America for their elderly patrons. Discusses accessibility and various services taken to the elderly in nursing homes or to those who are housebound. Also describes various special schemes and clubs operating at the libraries specifically for the elderly.

Wilkins, B. and Cook, C. 'Library services for the blind, handicapped and institutionalised' in *Library Trends* 27, Fall 1978: p175-8.

The authors assess the development of library services for the handicapped in America. Most state libraries employ an individual to co-ordinate institutional library services. The authors describe changes over the last few years and comment on the diversity of services offered. Many services to the handicapped are provided by public libraries as more of these people leave institutions and live in the ordinary community.

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## New publications

The Royal Blind Society of New South Wales is producing some interesting new magazines.

*Litbits* is a new braille magazine containing selections from a number of Australian literary journals and will be published monthly, commencing in February 1982. The first three issues will be pilots, issued free of charge. After that the magazine will be available on subscription or loan from the Royal Blind Society library.

Two magazines are being produced on cassette - *Electronic Chatter* and *Your Garden*. Sample copies of both have already been widely distributed and the first issues were published in February.

*Electronic Chatter* is a 90-minute digest of electronic news from local and overseas sources, compiled by 2RDJ-FM, community radio station for the inner western suburbs. *Your Garden* is an Australian gardening magazine recorded entirely on two cassettes.

Both magazines may be borrowed from the Royal Blind Society. Master tapes will be available for interstate libraries. Further information from Jennifer Pitt, Librarian, The Royal Blind Society of NSW, PO Box 176, Burwood NSW 2134.

## Seminar topics

THE PAPERS of the Second National Seminar on Library Services for the Handicapped (Canberra, 18-20 May 1981) have just been published by the National Library.

Major topics at the seminar were resource sharing, the Copyright Act and the production of special format materials, and the potential of computer technology to assist handicapped readers. The publication also includes reports of workshop groups. The cost is \$5.95, and orders should be sent to: Sales and Subscriptions Unit, National Library of Australia, Canberra ACT 2600.

## Pacific and/or PNG collections

Libraries with Pacific and/or Papua New Guinea collections will welcome the publication of the second edition of the National Union List of Serials held in Papua New Guinea Libraries (NULOS 2).

This is a computer-produced finding list designed to facilitate inter-library loan between libraries in Papua New Guinea, and also to act as a checklist of indigenous serials.

Detailed for each of the eleven thousand titles included in the list is title, country of publication (in code), location of copies within Papua New Guinea and brief holdings information.

Sixty libraries have been included, ranging from the smallest special library to the large collections of Papua New Guinea's two universities and the National Library. This second edition has some twenty thousand entries, including almost two thousand references to guide users through serial title changes.

It has been a substantial revision resulting in a change of half the entries from the first edition and an increase in file size of nearly 2 per cent.

More information can be obtained from National Union List of Serials - Second Edition, c/- National Library Service, P.O. Box 770, Boroko, Papua New Guinea.

## NSW Branch Pubs

TWO INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT new books have recently been published by the NSW Branch of LAA.

*Local Government Records in New South Wales* is a collation of the papers from a workshop and seminar held in October 1981, arranged jointly by LAA (NSW) and the Sydney Branch of the Australian Society of Archivists. The papers put the combined expertise of the four-teen speakers within reach of all in local government.

The publication, comprising more than 90 pages, includes papers on the preservation and use of local government records, the implications of technological change, examples of current archival practice in local government and the critical issues of legislative changes and policy.

This publication is essential reading for all involved in local government in New South Wales, not only in offering assistance with existing problems, but, perhaps even more importantly, showing how to avoid them in future. Priced \$10.00 (\$7.00 to LAA members) it is available from LAA head office.

The other new publication is *Local Studies Collection* a practical handbook for the local history field. It has been developed to assist local history librarians in public libraries to handle local collection materials in a simple and practical way. It is based on procedures used in the Stanton and Willoughby Municipal Libraries in Sydney, and is a descriptive approach rather than a methodology. Funded by a special grant from the Library Council of NSW, copies cost \$10 and are available from LAA.

## Young Adults' Books

WRITING in the newsletter of the Library Service of WA (Jan/Feb 1982), Michelle Gibbons suggests establishing a book category in libraries for Young Adults.

She feels that many young people drift away from libraries when they are in the 13-15 age group, finding that junior reading material no longer interests them and that they are not yet ready for the adult collection.

Her suggestions for the Young Adults category include love stories, science fiction, fantasy, adventure and animal stories, as well as a selection of non-fiction titles on pop music, sport, well-known personalities and so on.

One possible difficulty is that some people of other ages who enjoy the same kinds of reading material might feel affronted if their taste in books became classified as suitable for Young Adults! Perhaps the problem is in the name. What do *InCite* readers think?