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Please contact Ms. Jennifer Bergin, Royal Children's Hospital, 345 5107

LIBRARY WEEK - 14-21 OCTOBER

In conjunction with representatives from various other types of libraries, the Health Libraries Section aims to participate in Library Week 1988. The theme is : "Libraries - always there for you". A marquee will be set up in the City Square to enable us to raise the public's awareness of the diversity of libraries and information services.

Planning is already underway, and suggested themes for each day after the Friday launch are : public libraries expo, book fair; technology; education; careers; special needs; information for business/industry/professions. We intend to be available on the last day and hope to have displays from several specialist suppliers; demonstrations of Medline and Medline on CD-ROM; patient education brochures/posters; and colleagues to answer questions from the public.

If you are able to help, either in the planning stages or on Friday 21st October in the City Square, please contact Veronica Delafosse (528 6433 ext.832) soon.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

Collection development is one of the topics to be discussed at the forthcoming Australian Libraries Summit, and the Health Libraries Section is interested in contributing some ideas. Any library that has a collection development policy is asked to send a copy to Andrew Rooke, Prince Henry's Hospital Library, St.Kilda Road, Melbourne 3004.

UNION NEWS

Our claim for professional rates and career structure is scheduled to be heard from 17th May. The Steering Committee is now starting to look at grade definitions in preparation of a successful outcome from the hearing. Four grades would become available to us, starting at approximately \$22,000 p.a. and reaching \$48,880 p.a.

A significant number of Hospital Librarians are not union members. As they are willing to forgo membership, perhaps they will also be willing to forgo any advances in rates and career structure our union is fighting to achieve!

From 24th March this year, medical librarians working in the private sector have been covered by the Health Professionals Services Award. These librarians are now eligible to join the Victorian Allied Health Professional Association.

Aina Zalitas (phone: 602.1333 ext. 371) and Kathy Hutton (phone: 345.5109) share the position of Victorian Allied Health Professional Association representative for medical librarians. They would be delighted to receive suggestions regarding grade definitions, and to discuss the union with prospective members.

JOINT AUSTRALASIAN HEALTH LIBRARIES CONFERENCE 1989 - UPDATE

Members will recall that the next Health Libraries Conference is to be held in New Zealand in 1989. Arrangements to date include:

Date: Sunday 12.11.89 - Thursday 16.11.89, plus optional workshop on selecting health books for public libraries to be held Friday 17.11.89.

Venue: Travelodge, Mangere

Theme: Health Information - new directions

Speakers to be invited:

Dr. Susan Crawford, editor of the Bulletin of the Medical Libraries' Association, Director and Professor of Biomedical Communication at the Washington University School of Medicine.

Naomi Broering, Director, Library, Georgetown University Medical Center.

Alan Rees, teacher at the School of Information and Library Science at the State University of New York.

MARCH MEETING REPORT

Carl Putt, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Monash Medical Centre, and Barbara Jacoby, Deputy Biomedical Librarian, Monash University, were guest speakers for the evening.

Carl Putt spoke about the methods of financing public hospitals in Australia, and specifically Victoria, and described how the Monash Medical Centre departments are looking at ways of increasing their revenues.

Barbara Jacoby outlined the H.E.A.P.S. Scheme, and also a scheme whereby the Monash libraries are offering their resources to small local businesses.

Following this a panel of librarians answered questions relating to charges in hospital libraries. Kathy Hutton, Royal Children's Hospital told how her library is looking at offering subscriptions to general practitioners. The Royal Melbourne Hospital library has a policy of no charges while at St. Vincent's library the "user pays" principle applies.

Thank you to Andrew Rooke for providing the venue for the evening.

RESOURCES FOR NURSING EDUCATION

The Executive Committee is concerned about the impact Basic and Refresher Course nurses on placement from colleges such as Phillip Institute, Footscray Institute, etc. are having on hospital libraries and would like to write to the colleges and organisations concerned on behalf of the group. Any information regarding problems encountered, usage statistics, etc. would be most welcome. Even if you do not perceive usage by these nurses as a problem your comments would be appreciated. Please contact any committee member, or write to our correspondence secretary, Jocelyn Dixon, Mercy Maternity Hospital.

READING CORNER - AN OCCASIONAL SERIES

The following article may be of interest to some readers:

Glitz, Beryl. Testing the new technology: MEDLINE on CD-ROM in an Academic Health Sciences Library. Special Libraries 79(1), Winter 1988, p.28-33.

Copies are available from the editor, Jenny Bergin, (03) 345 5107.

Read any good articles lately? Please feel free to share this information via your newsletter - contact Jenny Bergin, as above.

LAA NEWS

The Metcalfe Medallion:

This award is for the most outstanding essay or other piece of work on any topic in the areas of librarianship, information science or archives administration, submitted by a student undertaking a first award in librarianship or archives administration.

For further information please contact: Assistant Director, L.A.A. Phone: (02) 6929233 or (008) 22 1481 (toll free). Entries close 15.12.88.



LAA STUDY GRANT AWARDS FOR 1989

The Library Association of Australia will make funds available each year to support practising librarians wishing to undertake a study project. The number of awards in any year will depend upon the funds available and the estimated costs of proposals received.

The Association's intention in offering study grants is to provide an opportunity for librarians to undertake projects they would otherwise be unable to do because of the time and costs involved.

Conditions

- Available to a practising librarian in a supervisory or middle management position, with a minimum of three years' experience in library and information work.

- For the purpose of undertaking a study program on a selected library/information issue or problem of present and future relevance to the development and improvement of library and information services in Australia.

- The study may include opportunity for preliminary work, local or overseas visits/consultations, attachment to another organisation, preparation of a publication, further educational qualifications.

- The study is to culminate in a written report presented in two parts:

- (i) a summary of the report, accompanied by a photograph of the author, suitable for publication in *InCite*, and

- (ii) a comprehensive report, presented in a form suitable for publication as a journal article, which should be forwarded to the LAA within four months of the project's culmination.

- A follow-up report is to be provided to the LAA by the recipient showing how the outcomes of the project have been applied to the benefit of the individual, institution and broader professional base. This is due 12 months after the project's completion.

- It is expected that the study project will provide an opportunity for self development as well as benefit to the successful applicant's institution and present position. The award is not intended to be used to fund research projects.

Applicants should complete an application which gives:

- A brief description of the study project, including aims; benefits to the individual and to the institution; possible outcomes of a project.
- Identification and reasons for choice of particular institutions, persons or activities.
- Itinerary, timetable, travel/accommodation costs involved.
- Details of any other funds or facilities being provided for the study project.
- A curriculum vitae.
- 2 referees' reports.

Applicants must be financial members of the LAA.

Application forms are available from LAA House and applications for an award in 1989 should reach the Assistant Executive Director, LAA House, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007 by 1 September 1988.

LOST AND FOUND

The following books have been found at La Trobe University, Abbotsford Campus Library:

Illustrated Physiology, 3rd.ed.
McNaught and Callander

Pictorial handbook of anatomy and physiology.
James Bevan

Anyone wishing to claim these books may contact Jean Leith on 481 6858.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Any ideas for future continuing education meetings will be gratefully accepted by our Continuing Education Officer, Jan Riches on (03) 895 3333 Ext. 3201

Credit where it's due

SIR — I note with interest and wonder at the reasons why authors in your journal and others so seldom acknowledge help obtained from library and information services while according fulsome praise to typists, photographers, graphics artists, technical assistants, colleagues and practically everyone else.

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