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

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JUNE MEETING REPORT

Cherryl Schauder, a lecturer from the RMIT Department of Information Services was the guest speaker for the meeting at the Brownless Medical Library.

"Cataloguing with AACR2 to second level of description" might sound a rather dull topic. Cherryl's talk, however, was both informative and interesting, not only for newcomers to cataloguing but for experienced librarians who may have lacked time to study the finer points of the change from AACR1 to AACR2. Cherryl covered the layout of AACR2, the definition of corporate body, the choice of access points and the determination of main entry.

Later in the evening, Kathy Hutton of the Royal Children's Hospital spoke about the various options in our claim for professional rates and career structure. There was opportunity for discussion about grade definitions and allowances.

It was good to meet in such an interesting setting and we are grateful to Joan Martin for providing the venue.

Copies of the handouts from the meeting can be obtained from Jenny Bergin, 345 5107.

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VICGRATIS

We now have 30 libraries participating in VICGRATIS, with several more expected to join soon. Work is progressing well on the production of our Union list as there are over 500 titles entered to date. Members who have not yet contributed any of their journal titles and holdings to the Union list are urged to do so. If you are having problems "getting started", please contact either Judy Stoelwinder (450 5393), or Bill Freeman (602 1333 x490), for assistance. We are keen to produce our first Union list on microfiche as soon as possible, so please keep the entries coming in!

Judy Stoelwinder, Convener, VICGRATIS

UNION NEWS

The hearing of our claim for professional rates and career structure is awaiting the imminent decision on the nurses' claim. There has been agreement with the Department of Labour that allied health professionals should receive rates comparable to other health professionals, and that our group has an 'arguable claim'.

The Union's Steering Committee has proposed the following grade definitions:

Librarian Grade 1: working under the direction of a senior librarian.

Librarian Grade 2: in charge of a library or in charge of specific services or systems e.g. automated library systems.

Librarian Grade 3: in charge of professional staff.

Allowances are proposed for sole positions, managing multicampus or regional library systems, and higher qualifications in librarianship, computer science, and management.

If you would like to comment on the proposed definitions or find out more about your union, including how to join!, Aina Zalitas (ph. 602 1333 x371) or Kathy Hutton (ph. 345 5109) would be delighted to hear from you.

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JOINT AUSTRALASIAN HEALTH LIBRARIES CONFERENCE 1989 - UPDATE

Theme: Health Librarians are particularly conscious that information is continually in flux. Information management solutions to information needs generate new needs - the technological imperative. At the same time, low cost, traditional, human scale ways of achieving health for all are being sought. Are there patterns in the flux?

Call for papers:

Papers relating to the theme might include:

Integrated information systems  
Medical informatics, expert systems, knowledge bases  
Technological applications  
Information and resources management  
Library/client interactions  
Library initiatives/ideas/problems solved.

Full text of accepted papers will be required by July 31, 1989.

Please indicate your intention to submit a paper to the Programme Committee in the following format:

1. Title or topic
2. Presentation time (20 minutes or 10 minutes)
3. Abstract of 200-300 words
4. Name, organisation, address, telephone number.

Please reply by November 30, 1988 to:

Mrs. Margaret Gibson Smith  
Philson Library  
University of Auckland  
Private Bag, Auckland  
NEW ZEALAND

RESOURCES FOR NURSING EDUCATION

In May 1986 a Nursing Education Library Facilities Sub-Committee was formed at the request of the Inter-Departmental Steering Committee for the Transfer of Nursing Education from Hospital to Tertiary Sector Programmes. The sub-committee comprised:

Bernadette Keane: Nurse Consultant  
 John Banks-Hughes: Principal Nurse Teacher, Royal Melbourne Hospital  
 June Buckenham: Senior Lecturer, Lincoln Institute School of Nursing  
 Sandra Russell: Representative for LAA Medical Library Section (vic.)  
 Catherine Pivec: Representative for Association of Librarians in  
 Colleges of Advanced Education

The purpose and function of the sub-committee was to make recommendations regarding:

- (a) Appropriate library resources for Colleges of Advanced Education where nursing courses are conducted;
- (b) The level and distribution of funding for these resources;
- (c) The impact that the transfer of nurse education may have on existing hospital library facilities.

The sub-committee recommended:

- 1) That there should be a comprehensive collection of books, journals and other media to support the college nursing programme in both depth and breadth. For example, in addition to recommended texts, it is desirable that further resources be available to foster independent studies.
- 2) That within this collection there be adequate provision of materials to support faculty members in their teaching, research and professional development activities.
- 3) That funding authorities be advised of the fact that hospital libraries will need to maintain strong nursing collections. These resources will be required to meet the increasingly sophisticated information needs of hospital nursing staff, and will accommodate the learning needs of college students on clinical placement.
- 4) That Resource lists for nursing collections be available for use as a tool for selection of appropriate materials for nursing library collections in colleges and universities.  
 And furthermore, that college librarians be provided with a copy of the paper:  
 Leith, Jean: Is there a core collection? Types of coverage, priorities.  
 Paper presented at the Seminar on the Transfer of Nursing Education from Hospitals to Colleges: the Implications for Libraries.  
 Frankston Campus, Chisholm Institute of Technology, 24 Oct. 1985.

Copies of the Resource lists for nursing collections and Jean Leith's paper: Is there a core collection? are available on request from the Editor (Jenny Bergin, 345 5107)

RESOURCES FOR NURSING EDUCATION (cont.)

The Committee discussed responses to the questions on library usage by College nursing students. It was agreed by many libraries that a problem exists. College students make additional demands on library resources, staff time, and library facilities.

The committee will write to all relevant colleges, associations and government bodies. It also recommends that each library take up the issue with their Director of Nursing so that the matter can be raised with colleges at the time of contract renewal.

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LAA PUBLICATIONS

The following LAA publications are available for perusal at the Victorian Branch of the LAA, 123 Dover Street Richmond. Members are welcome to browse through them there and may order the books from the LAA Head Office.

Asian-Pacific Special and Law Librarians' Conference (1st: Melbourne: 1985)  
Proceedings. Members/Non-members \$5.00

Ausloan 2: Australian inter-library loan manual. 2nd.ed.  
Members \$18.00. Non-members \$25.00

The Australian librarian's manual: volume 1, documents  
Members \$60.00. Non-members \$80.00

The Australian librarian's manual: volume 2, legislation  
Members \$60.00. Non-members \$80.00

The Australian librarian's manual: volume 3, glossary  
Members \$45.00. Non-members \$65.00

Directory of Australian directories, 1987 ed.  
Members \$50.00. Non-members \$70.00

Directory of library suppliers used by Australian libraries. 2nd.ed.  
Members \$18.00. Non-members \$25.00

Finding and keeping: research use of audiovisual material.  
Members \$18.00. Non-members \$25.00

Guide to Australian reference books: humanities  
Members \$18.00. Non-members \$25.00

LAA-NZLA Joint Conference (1984: Brisbane) Libraries after 1984  
Members/Non-members \$5.00

Library Association of Australia. Conference (24th: Darwin, N.T.: 1986)  
Lifestyles and libraries. Members \$40.00. Non-members \$60.00

The pattern of library services in Australia.  
Members \$14.00. Non-members \$20.00

Readings in Australian librarianship: school librarianship  
Members/non-members \$5.00

LAA Medical Libraries Section (Victorian Group). Recommended list of books, journals and reference materials for small health science libraries. 3rd.ed.

CINAHL: EXCELLENT SOURCE FOR LIBRARY LITERATURE

The following library science journals are indexed in CINAHL:

Audiovisual Librarian	Electronic Library
Behavioral & Social Sciences Librarian	Healthcare online
Bibliotheca Medica Canadiana	Health Libraries Review
BRS Bulletin*	Library journal*
Bulletin of the Medical Library Association	Medical Reference Services Quarterly
Chronolog (DIALOG)*	NLM Technical Bulletin
Colleague on Call*	Online
Database	Online Review

\*Selectively indexed

In addition, pertinent articles from such journals as LIBRARY HI TECH, MEDICAL INFORMATICS, and DATABASE SEARCHER are included.

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READING CORNER

Zylke, J. "Medical libraries undergoing dramatic changes (news)  
JAMA 1987 Dec 11; 258(22):3216-7

Doyle, J.D. "A hospital library's joint venture: the Microcomputer Resource Center.  
Bull Med Libr Assoc 1987 Jul;75(3):260-3

Yates-Imah, C. et.al. "The clinical librarian: new team member for a Family Practice Inpatient Service"  
A clinical librarian program was developed for the Family Practice Inpatient Service at the San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center. Objectives of this special service were: (1) to provide relevant articles and other printed resources relating to patient care problems; (2) to alert the team to library resources; (3) to assist the attending physicians in building a reading file for the inpatient service; and (4) to determine library service needs of the team. Two patient cases are included which illustrate how the clinical librarian service functioned.  
Fam Med 1985 Nov-Dec;17(6):262-4

Simon, F.A. "A comparison of two computer programs for searching the medical literature.  
J Med Educ 1988 Apr;63(4):331-3

Stacey, M. "The role of information in the development of social policy".  
Community Med 1987 Aug;9(3):216-25

Schell, C.L. and R.J. Rathe. "Computer searching made easy. Program to find medical articles quickly.  
This article is about GRATEFUL MED.  
Postgrad Med 1988 Jan;83(1):325,328,331-2

1989 COMMITTEE

The nomination notice for the 1989 committee will appear in Incite. All positions (7) are vacant, and members may nominate for the position of President, Treasurer, Correspondence Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Continuing Education Officer or Newsletter Editor.

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BOOKLIST REVIEWED FAVOURABLY

Our Recommended list of books, journals and reference materials for small health science libraries has received good reviews in the following journals:

Australian Special Libraries News  
Bibliotheca Medica Canadiana  
Health Libraries Review  
Medical Reference Services Quarterly 7(1), 1988 p.93-5

Copies are still available from Andrew Rooke or from the LAA Head Office.

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AGM/XMAS PARTY

Bruce Davidson, President, LAA Victorian Branch is the guest speaker at our 1988 AGM which will be held on Friday 25th November.

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RICK WATERMAN RESIGNS

Most members will be aware by now that Rick Waterman has left Standish, Prideaux Pye to pursue his own business in garden maintenance. The committee has written on behalf of members to express our thanks for his magnanimous efforts over the years.

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URICA MILESTONE AT AUSTIN

In July the 10,000th cataloguing record was entered into the URICA database at the Austin Hospital. A real milestone in just over three years of operation with the URICA system. Records include those for books and journals held in the Library and for collections held in most hospital departments. The library staff at the Austin quietly celebrated!