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NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE ...

The Committee continues to meet monthly and work through items of business on behalf of the group. If any member has any particular issue or concern that needs to be addressed by the group, please contact a member of the Committee (see last **Newsletter** for names and addresses).

The General Meeting held at Footscray on the 21 March was unfortunately poorly attended, but those that were there were absolutely enthralled. Neil Shaw demonstrated some of the multi-media CD-ROM products that are currently being developed at Footscray Institute. Neil's enthusiasm was infectious, and the meeting could have gone on and on if weariness hadn't overtaken those present. We were most grateful to the Footscray Institute Library staff for their hospitality, and to Neil who was indeed most generous with his time and talents. If you missed it, you missed an exciting glimpse of the future.

The QUALITY ASSURANCE DEMYSTIFIED workshop is scheduled for Thursday, 30 May 1991. A registration form is included with this **Newsletter**. (More forms obtainable from FLIS Training Pty. Ltd. 03 813 1925).

If finding the time to develop your own QA program is your problem, then this Workshop is for you. The emphasis is on the **practical approach** and it is hoped that participants will go away with some ideas for QA programs which they can implement in their own libraries. Just think how much better our QA programs will be when we pool all our ideas!

Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16 July 1991 at the Blood Bank, South Melbourne.

Time : 6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. start
(refreshments will be available)

A tour of the Blood Bank will be available at 6.30 p.m. (sharp)

Speaker : Virginia Westwood
Information Resources Co-ordinator
Information Network
Occupational Health and Safety Division
Department of Labour

Topic : Occupational health and safety resources

RSVP : Jenni Rusciano 03 280 2436

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Any items of interest for the next **Newsletter** should be with the editor by Friday, 2 August 1991.

Newsletter advertising is available (rates upon application).

THE SPP PAGE

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In future this page will list just a few of the significant new books/editions that are due to arrive on our shelves.

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STATISTICS

Yes, we still need your statistics. Vanessa Craven has taken over the job of co-ordinating the collection of statistics. Vanessa may be contacted at the Health Sciences Library, Western Hospital, Gordon Street, Footscray 3011. Telephone : 03 319 6655.

The **Annual survey sheet** used for gathering statistics was distributed with the **Newsletter**, August 1990. If you don't have a copy Vanessa will be happy to send you one.

Annual survey sheets for the period 1989/90 are still being received so if you have a moment and haven't already completed a sheet for that period, then do it now. With a good response to this request we might have some interesting data to put together to give an indication of the activity of our libraries.



Anne Harrison Award 1991

Call for Applications

Background

The Anne Harrison Trust Fund was established in 1987 by the then Library Association of Australia Medical Libraries Section as a tribute to the pioneering work of Anne Harrison in the development of medical librarianship in Australia. It is hoped that with the help of the Award others may be encouraged to make their own contribution in the field of medical, nursing and allied health librarianship.

Objectives

The Fund will provide:-

1. Financial assistance for the undertaking of selected research projects designed to:
 - (a) increase the understanding of health librarianship in Australia;
 - (b) explore the potential for further development of health librarianship in Australia;
2. Financial assistance towards the enrichment of knowledge and skills of Australian health librarians which shall take the form of:-
 - (a) assistance to ALIA members in meeting travel, accommodation or educational expenses in undertaking an approved course of study or study tour abroad, or,
 - (b) assistance to the Health Libraries Section with the mounting of continuing education courses, or,
 - (c) assistance with the publication of works in Australian health librarianship.

Conditions

1. Competition for the Award shall not be limited to members of ALIA, or to librarians, provided the proposals meet the objectives of the Award.
2. In the first instance, the Award shall be made biennially, however, its frequency may be reviewed.
3. No current member of the Health Libraries Section National Executive or the Administrators shall be eligible to receive a personal award from the Fund.
4. Applications shall be made using the format prescribed by the Administrators.
5. The decisions of the Administrators after ratification by the National Executive are final and irrevocable.
6. The Award shall be announced on 4 September 1991 at the Annual General Meeting of the Health Libraries Section in Canberra, ACT.
7. The recipient/s of the Award shall submit to the Administrators, within 12 months of receiving the Award, a copy of the completed research, or a progress report, or a report of study activities undertaken or in progress, and every 12 months thereafter until completion.
8. All applicants shall be notified of their success or otherwise as soon as the recommendation for the Award has been ratified by the National Executive.
9. Applications close on 31 May 1991. Guidelines for Applicants and further information are available from: Katherine Keily, Secretary, Anne Harrison Trust Fund Administrators, c/- Medical Library, Westmead Hospital, Westmead, NSW 2145, telephone (02) 633 6262.

BRITISH COUNCIL TRAVELLING BOOK/JOURNAL EXHIBITION - NURSING STUDIES AND GERONTOLOGY

This exhibition will be on display in the Borchardt Library, La Trobe University, Bundoora from Monday 1 July to Friday 9 August 1991.

Advertising posters and booklets related to this exhibition are available from the British Council, PO Box 88, Edgecliff, NSW 2027.

Enquiries relating to the display in the Borchardt Library should be made to Ann Miller 03 479 2943.

ABOUT PEOPLE ...

Shirley Deviesseux, now a proud Mum, is looking for someone interested in job sharing. If you have extensive online searching and health/special library management experience, then please contact Shirley for details. (Telephone : 03 459 0696).

Congratulations to Jocelyn Dixon (formerly Mercy Maternity Hospital Librarian and HLS Committee member) who welcomed Patrick, a second son, in March.

AN EDITOR'S PLEA ...

Is there anybody out there???

Collecting information for this **Newsletter** has been more difficult than usual.

Does anybody **READ** the **Newsletter**? It is difficult to tell, as there is never any feedback.

Please write to the Editor with items of interest or concern. We need to communicate with each other, perhaps even more than before. Let's use the **Newsletter**.

BOOKS AND JOURNALS REQUIRED

Dorothea Rowse at the Brownless Library has received a request from Pakistan for medical books and journals. Unfortunately details are sparse, but if you have material for disposal you might like to contact:

Dr. Mir. Akram Talpur
Mehran Medical Library
B.No: A-1
B.R.E.C.H. South
Hyderabad, Sindh
Pakistan.

NIH Report On Intravenous Immunoglobulin

A National Institutes of Health consensus development statement on "Intravenous Immunoglobulin: Prevention and Treatment of Disease" may be obtained without charge from the NIH (see below).

The report was prepared by a panel of experts who considered scientific evidence presented at a Consensus Development Conference at NIH. It contains recommendations and conclusions concerning intravenous immunoglobulin: prevention and treatment of disease.

For a copy of the report, write:
William H. Hall
Director of Communications
Office of Medical Applications
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National Institutes of Health
Building 1, Room 259
Bethesda, MD 20892

LAYMAN'S MEDICAL TERMS

Artery- the study of fine paintings
Caesarean section- a district in Rome
Colic- a sheepdog
Coma- a punctuation mark
Congenital- friendly
Fester- quicker
Medical staff- a doctor's cane
Minor operation- coal digging
Morbid- a higher offer
Nitrate- lower than the day rate
Node- was aware of
Organic- musical
Outpatient- a person who has fainted
Post operative- letter carrier
Protein- in favour of young people
Secretion- hiding anything
Tablet- a small table
Tumor- an extra pair
Urine- opposite of you're out
Varicose veins- veins which are very close together

FROM THE LITERATURE

Yeoh, J. Librarian or educator : into the classroom. **Nurse education today** (1991) 11, 70-73

There is a traditional view of librarians as keepers of information. This paper reports on the developments of a post of tutor librarian who is actively involved in nurse education and inservice training. Project 2000 and its accompanying curriculum changes provide an opportunity to develop the tutor librarian's role.

BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO MICROCOMPUTERS ...

So many models. So much software. So many salespeople. So many opinions and so much conflicting advice. And so many textbooks and manuals. What makes Kerry Webb and Christine Frey's long-awaited *Microcomputers in Australian libraries* special, however, is not just that it is written by Australians for Australian conditions, but that it is so well written.

The authors provide clear, concise and readable accounts of the basics of microcomputers, general and library-specific software and applications in a varied selection of Australian institutions, drawing on Webb's wealth of experience in systems at the National Library of Australia and Frey's special interest and expertise in micros in libraries. The case studies presented are especially useful, ranging from an integrated system in a high school to a Standard Address Number database at the NLA, and include contact names and phone numbers.

In an appendix the authors answer 100 common questions uncommonly well, shedding welcome light on buses, boots, bits, bytes, backups, bauds, boards and bugs. Another appendix gives you a framework for justifying, selecting and implementing a system. Yet another appendix lists library management software suppliers and user groups, and there is a mercifully small and well-annotated bibliography. This is a terrific book for people dipping their toes in the shallow end, floundering round in the deep or merely watching from the poolside. Kerry Webb and Christine Frey's *Microcomputers in Australian libraries* was published in 1991 by ALIA Press and costs \$29.95. (ISBN 0 86804 455 5)

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For those wishing to look before they buy, a copy is held in the Health Sciences Library, Austin Hospital and the Health Sciences Library, Alfred Hospital. (Usual inter-library loan arrangements will apply).

This book really is a beginner's guide and answers all those questions you feel too embarrassed to ask, eg.

What are "data"? What is a "data disk"?

"Data" are characters (letters or numerals) representing information. A data disk is a disk containing data, as opposed to a program disk which contains software, although the same disk (hard or floppy) often contains both.

How long do floppy disks last?

If you treat them with reasonable care, floppy disks will last for many years.

What is the difference between RAM and ROM?

Both RAM and ROM comprise internal memory. RAM is "volatile" memory, ie. the information can be written when an electric current is applied, but is lost when the current is switched off. ROM is "static" memory which cannot be changed, but the information is not lost when the current is removed.



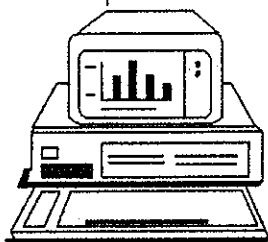
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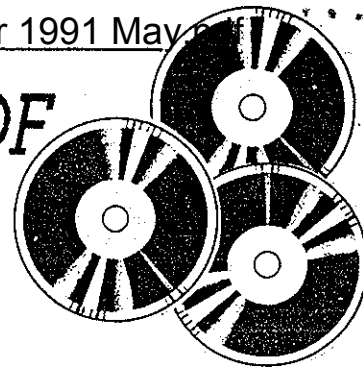
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