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Title: Library Association of Australia papers
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Abstract: Administration and membership material for the Library Association of Australia and its forerunner, the Australian Institute of Librarians.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Provenance
These volumes and papers were transferred from Harrison Bryan’s office when he left the University in 1980. Harrison Bryan (1923- ) was the University Librarian at Sydney University between 1963 and 1980. He was an active participant in professional organisations such as the Library Association of Australia and the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services.

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Biographical note
The Australian Institute of Librarians was established in 1937. It was a professional organisation for librarians, overseeing examinations, registrations and accreditation. It operated as the Library Association of Australia between 1949 and 1989, when it adopted the more inclusive name, Australian Library and Information Association.

Local Catalogue Headings
Australian Institute of Librarians
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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

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Box 5          a) Australian Library Seminar 1952. (Miscellaneous material)
                b) Australian Library Seminar 1951-1952. (Preparation material)
                c) Photographs (7 items)
                e) Honi Soit. October 12, 1939.
                f) Film Progress. Canberra Film Centre. No. 2 February 1946
                i) Cultural institutions in the Australian community by John Metcalfe. 1945.
                k) The layman and libraries by Wilmarth S. Lewis. 1942.
                m) Librarianship – qualification and recruitment at home and abroad by John Metcalfe. 1948.
                o) Libraries and citizenship by E. Salter Davies. 1937.
q) Australian Institute of Librarians 1946 Conference in Tasmania. (Receipts, bookings, programme, etc collected by Mollie Thompson)
r) Australian Institute of Librarians. 1942-1949 (List of foundation members, meetings, reports, newsletters, cataloguing questionnaire)
s) LAA conferences
t) LAA miscellaneous material 1949-1971
v) Australian Institute of Librarians. Material related to representation on Library Board.
w) LAA Board of Examination. Regulations and Syllabus of Examinations 1952. (Preliminary, Qualifying, Diploma) and Reading Lists.
x) NSW Branch Constitution; Proposed Constitutional Amendment, Sept 1949
y) Letter and information circular to members 9 June 1950; Newsheet 13 Nov 1950
z) NSW Agendas and Minutes – 28 Jun 1950; 6 Sept 1950; 8 Nov, 1950
za) Joint report of School and Children’s Library Committee and Public Library Committee on proposed courses in children’s librarianship [1951]
zc) AIL and LAA miscellaneous
 zg) Business Archives of Australia (Victorian Branch). Prof. W. Woodruff.
zh) Development of the Commonwealth Archives Programme by H.L. White. 1944.