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THE PROPHET

Your children are not your children.

They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.

They come through you but not from you,

And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,

For they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies but not their souls, For their souls dwell in the house of to-morrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.

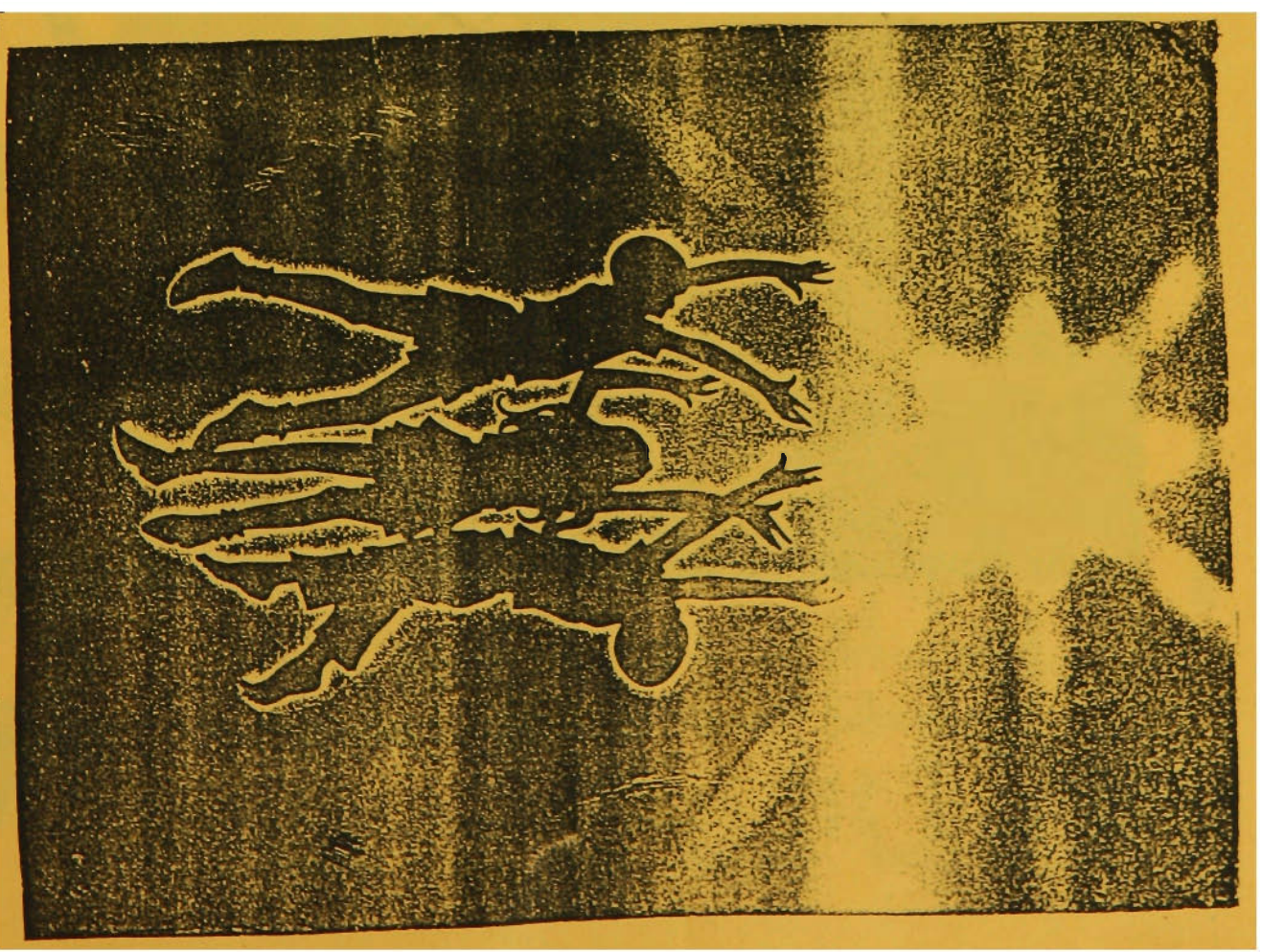
You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.

For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.

You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.

These words of the Persian poet will be sung by Robyn Lester.

Let's Celebrate!



Welcome to the All-age Celebration
to
Launch the Living Library Project Materials
(booklets and video)

22/5/1992

Information for Parents

Snacks for children are available in the Northern Court from 4 pm to 4.30 pm.

The Play Room is at the end of the passage way on the left as you enter the hall.

Please put a name tag on the back of your child.

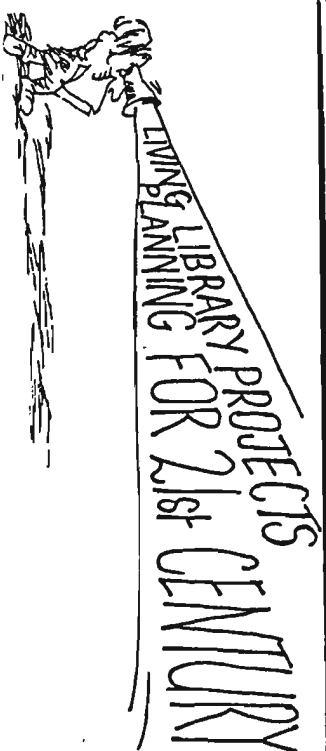
When the launch speeches finish please call for your children and bring them to the hall so that we can all enjoy refreshments together.

From 5.30 pm to 6.00 pm the children can play on the "kiddies gym" at the north end of the hall while their parents are watching the video. Supervision will be provided.

Thanks to the playroom team :-
Martin Powell, Rose Read. Rosemary Ward and Mary Kehoe.

To the school students helpers :-
Bronwyn Pearce (and friends). Fiona and Irene Kehoe and Jordana Leiva.

And to the music makers :-
John Edgar and his student friends.



Welcome to the All-age Celebration

The launch will begin at 4.30 pm.

with

Guest Speaker. Louise Glanville :-

"Children's services in the Western Region"

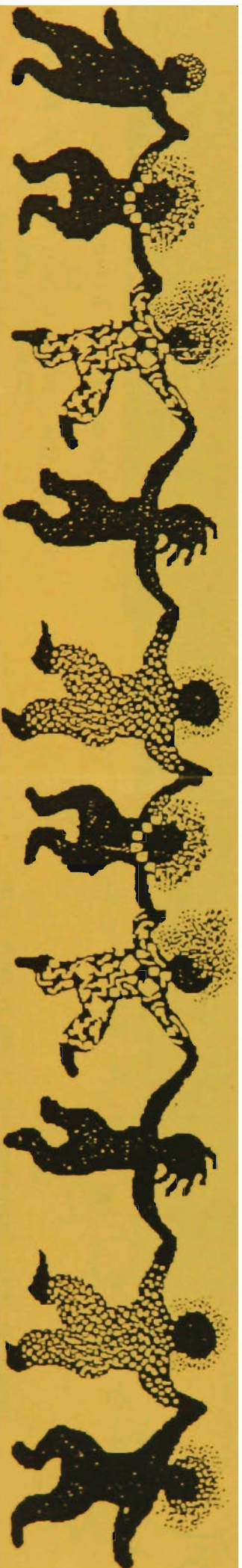
Singer :- Robyn Lester

Refreshments

Video Screening

Thanks to the Reichstein Charitable Foundation for funding this project, to the project worker, Christine Carolan, the members of the Project Steering Committee and to all the dozens of people who have helped with the project.

A special thanks to Marny Statkus, student actress in the video, and to the film crew.



History of Children's Services
in
The Western Region



"Putting Magic in Lives of Children"

"Participation in Lives of Parents"

But

What Does the Future Hold ?

Introduction

History of Children's Services in the Western Region

The materials in this Kit, the booklets, video, the photos and the project documents are the result of a nine months Living Library Project on the History of Children's Services in the Western Region by the Crow Collection Association.

The booklets are numbered 1 to 12 with the numbering on the preface pages. The numbering, more or less corresponding to the chronological order of the information.

Booklet Number 11, "Putting Magic in the Lives of Children - Participation in the Lives of Parents" is the Project Report by Sheila Byard and Christine Carolan. As readers may like to browse through this publication before reading the others it is placed first in the booklet, and thus is not in its serial number as listed on the Contents.

The title of the Project Report places the Project in its historic setting.

"Magic in the Lives of Children" was a slogan used in the early 1940s to popularise the need for preschool education. Thirty years later the community child care movement of the 1970s emphasised the need for parent involvement in the services provided for the children and thus the phrase "Participation in the Lives of Parents" gained in popularity.

What phrases will be used to epitomise relationships between children, parents and the community in the future?

Children need magic in their lives, parents need to participate in the planning and administration of services that are provided for their children, but what else?

What challenges face those who are concerned about the relationships between children, parents and society?

What words will be used to express these changing values ?

This project aimed at involving individuals and community organisations in searching for the answers to these questions.

Contents of Kit

1. The History of the Carlton Refuge from 1850s to 1920.
First published 1920
2. Two Articles about Health of Women and Children :-
 "The Neglected Children's Aid Society"
 First published 1911
 and
 "The After Care Home and District Nurses".
 First published 1925
3. Two Documents about Attitudes to Slums
 "Slum Babies and Slum Mothers"
 First published about 1914
 and
 "You can't lift every baby out of the slums
 Slum Abolition Movement in the 1930s
4. History of Children's Services in Melbourne Municipality,
 1910 to 1980
5. "Bread and Treacle Diet". Some documents from the 1930s.
6. "Mothers must Work To Win"
 Documents from the Brunswick Children's Centre, 1943.
7. "The Deprived West/ The Determined West" an extract from a report
 by Ruth and Maurie Crow, first published 1972.
8. "Creating Community in the Neighbourhood - Neighbourhood Houses"
 an interview with Meredith Sussex, 1978.
9. History of the Tweddle Baby Hospital, by Kathleen Codogonotto.
 First published 1992
10. The past, present and future - Children's Services in the Western
 Region, a report by Louise Glanville, 1992
11. "Putting Magic in the Lives of Children - Participation in the
 Lives of their Parents" report prepared by Christine
 Carolan and Sheila Byard, 1992.
12. Kit on current Federal Funding of Children's Services.
13. ~~Minutes of Project Steering Committee.~~
14. ~~Bulletins of the Project Committee~~
15. ~~Project Leaflets.~~
16. ~~Photos.~~
17. ~~The Video "Scattering Seeds for Change".~~