The Internet pages

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Queensland Internet *exposé*

On 22–23 April, Ivan Catlin and Hazel Orr from the State Library of Queensland conducted an Internet exposé aimed at educating librarians in Queensland about what the Internet is and how they can use it. There were several speakers from Queensland and elsewhere, with Derek Whitehead from VICNET showing how in Victoria they have been able to develop a network to provide extensive public access from public libraries and affordable connections in many regional areas.

Equally impressive was the extent of Internet points of presence in regional Queensland, as explained by Internet service providers Access One and TPGI. Within a few months, they will be serving more than twelve of the major centres in the state.

Australian humanities review
Australian humanities review is a peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary journal which is published by La Trobe University under the auspices of the Australian Vice Chancellors' Committee. The editor is Dr Cassandra Pybus. *Australian humanities review* will be published bi-monthly and each issue is free at http://www.lib.latrobe.edu.au/AHR.

The April 1996 includes a controversial article on Aboriginal rights by Henry Reynolds as well as pieces from Brian Castro, Paul Carter, Rosemary Hunter and others. There is also a discussion forum, called 'e-muse', on Helen Demidenko and who owns the past?, and an information section called the 'Good oil'.

The content is good, and very readable. It is a pity that (as of early May) the screens are not. The journal has been optimised for Netscape v2.0, and it shows. Under earlier versions of Netscape (which many of us are still running) the contrast between the text of some of the pages and the background is very hard on the eyes. Designers should be much more aware that a very large number of their readers are not capable of viewing their work, and at least offer alternative versions of their pages.

CAL on the Net
Bridget McKenna from the Copyright Agency Limited has reported that CAL's site on the Web is at http://www.copyright.com. It has information on various aspects of their operations (including FAQs about copyright), links to related sites, the CAL newsletter and contact details. It will be updated fortnightly.

...and while we're on the subject
Joye Volker from the ANU Institute of the Arts has put together a page on music and digital copyright at http://online.anu.edu.au/ITA/AusArts/www/library/copyright.html.

IORA at UTS
IORA is the information system for the library at the University of Technology, Sydney. The main page is at http://www.uts.edu.au/div/library as well as links to the UTS library catalogues and others, IORA has extensive links in various subject categories, including a range of e-journals.

And one of these links is a very useful guide to how to find e-mail addresses around the world (illustrated aptly with a graphic from the *Where's Wally?* series) at http://sunsite.oit.unc.edu/~masha/.

Telematics for libraries
The Telematics program in the European Union incorporates a large number of projects which will facilitate access to the wealth of knowledge held in European libraries. Some of the subjects of these projects include networking (through OSI and the Internet), cataloguing, resource discovery, imaging, multimedia, distance learning, standards and copyright. There is a pointer to information about these projects at http://www2.echo.lu/libraries/en/libraries.html.

Keeping track of search engines
Many of us will have bookmarks to the search engines and information services that we find most useful. Well, finding that elusive information has become a little easier. Enter http://www.search.com/, a service provided by C-net which has a page of links to all of the major search engines. On this page there are windows for all the engines so that you can choose which one you want, enter the search words, and run the search.

Search.com also features a list of specialised search services for each of a number of categories. For instance, under Entertainment you get the search facilities of the Internet movie database, the lyrics server at the University of Wisconsin, *TV guide*, and *Entertainment weekly*.

There is another interesting thing about search.com — it carries advertising. We have become accustomed to seeing advertising on the systems which actually run the search services, as it is the way that they can cover the large costs of developing their databases. But here, we are seeing a directory service

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offering advertising. Granted it would have cost C-net a certain amount to build and maintain this site, but nowhere near the cost of a service like Lycos or AltaVista. It is just another step in the evolution of the Internet.

High Court judgements

Lawnet Australia has announced a free subscription service to judgements of the High Court of Australia. It will provide details of judgements on the day of release (where possible), and you can read, download or print the judgements. To subscribe, look at http://www.lawnet.com.au/hct/hct_list.html.

Be warned though — this is another page that doesn't look good under Netscape v1.2.

... and elsewhere in the legal world

Dr Makoto Ibusuki of Kagoshima University has created the *World law resource list*, representing law-related resources for countries other than the US. It includes government and educational institutions, as well as citations to reference books and articles about legal resources on the Internet. You can find it at http://www.law.osaka-u.ac.jp/legal-info/worldlst.html.

Interlibrary loan protocol information

On the IFLANET server at http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/II/illprot.htm you will find information on the ISO *Standard for interlibrary loan protocols*, including where to purchase the Standard documents, as well as general information and links to articles about the protocols.

APC online

The Web site for *Australian personal computer* at http://www.com.au/apc has a weekly news section, as well as stories from the printed version and back issues. The weekly news is updated as events unfold and the stories have extensive hyperlinks to further information.

A really big book

The big book at http://www.bigbook.com features over 10 million businesses in the US, which you can search in a number of ways. Perhaps the most useful is to specify a street address to get a map of the area in which you are interested. The map will show you all the nearby streets and you will then be able to get a listing of the businesses in that area. If you click on a business entry, a description of the business and a map showing its location is displayed. Your view of this map can zoom in and out, and so on. If

you are planning a visit to the States, it is invaluable.

Online UK journals

ARIADNE is a bimonthly print and Web magazine of Internet issues for librarians and information specialists published by the library of the University of Abertay Dundee and the UK Office for Library and Information Networking (UKOLN). Its mission is to describe and evaluate sources and services available on the Internet of potential use to librarians and information professionals. In the March issue there is an article by John MacColl on why E-print archives are the key to paperless journals. The Web version is at http://ukoln.bath.ac.uk/ariadne/.

Information research: an electronic journal is published three times a year by the Department of Information Studies, University of Sheffield. Articles in the current issue (March 1996) include: 'Investigating the management information needs of academic heads of department: A critical success factors approach,' by Francis Greene and Brendan Loughridge; and 'Total quality management, British standard accreditation, investors in people and academic libraries,' by V Mistry and Bob Usherwood. Current and back issues of *Information research* are available at http://www.shef.ac.uk/uni/academic/I-M/is/lecturer/ircont.html.

Reference reviews

On the HW Wilson site at http://www.hwwilson.com you can find a monthly review of new adult reference books, *Rettig on reference*. Each month, around a dozen books are reviewed.

9th International conference on new information technology

The next conference in Professor Chin Chih Chen's international series will be held in Pretoria from 11–15 November 1996. The deadline for proposals is 31 May, and they can be sent to Marinus@libmain.techpta.ac.za or to CChen@vmsvax.simmons.edu.■