

ronment — does it still have a role. Speaker: Ed Bennett from SilverPlatter. Deakin Uni Woolstores, Library Meeting Room, 5.30pm for 6.00pm. Contact: Darren Ryan, ph (052) 272 203, e-mail darrenr@deakin.edu.au.

• **11-13/10 Rural & Isolated Libraries' SIG calendar for 1996:** ALIA-RILSIG Forum 1996, Ballarat Vic, after Biennial Conference in Melbourne. Theme: *Networks: Communication Highway or Communication Bypass?* For library professionals in small isolated and/or rural libraries or information services, incl specials isolated by subject or position within a large organisation. Further Information: Secretary, ph/fax 053 333 258. Limit: 30 participants.

**19/11 FLIS Training.** *Supervision Skills for Team Leaders.* Cost: \$170. 9.15-5pm. Monash Uni Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne. Contact: Elizabeth Yates, ph (03) 9813 1925

## WA

• **3/7 WA UCRLS invites you to an essential professional seminar.** *Internet Implications for Information Managers* presented by Dr Bill Arms, an authority on digital libraries and computer networking. 8.30-12.30pm. ALIA members: \$30, students/unwaged: \$20, others \$40. Contact: Will Hamilton, ph (09) 380 1139, fax (09) 380 3494, e-mail whamilt@library.uwa.edu.au.

• **9 & 18/7 Internet subject sessions presented by the CPD committee and RAISS.** *Economics/Finance* by Jane Barker at KPMG. 5.30pm. Cost \$2. RSVP Carole Metcalf tel: (09)341-1022 or e-mail wezman@inet.com.au.

• **17/7 WA specials section committee meeting.** Time: 5-7pm. Contact Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 481 0129.

**23-25/7 Insearch/Knight-Ridder information seminars.** KRI MINI-UPDATE (23/7 am), Introductory DIALOG (24/7), DataStar/ProBase (25/7 am). Perth Contact: (02) 212 2867.

• **26/7 WA specials section breakfast.** Venue: Miss Maud, Murray Street, Perth. Time: 7.30-9am. Contact: Alice Horan-Anderson, ph (09) 222 7632 for details.

• **29/7 WA specials section — Library of the month.** Venue: Minerals Information Centre, Ground floor, 12 St Georges Terrace, Perth. Contact: Virginia Worth, (09) 325 2955.

• **13/8 Internet subject sessions presented by the CPD committee and RAISS.** *Education* by Carol Newton-Smith & Kathy Deubert at Curtin Uni Library. 5.30pm. RSVP Carole Metcalf ph (09)341-1022 or e-mail wezman@inet.com.au.

• **21/8 WA specials section committee meeting.** Time: 5-7pm. Contact Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 481 0129.

• **17/9 Internet subject sessions presented by the CPD committee and RAISS.** *Health Sciences* by Jane Long at Curtin Uni Library. 5.30pm. RSVP Carole Metcalf ph (09)341-1022 or e-mail wezman@inet.com.au.

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# Memorable books

Linda Winzar, North Central Victoria regional group

The North Central Victoria regional group of ALIA celebrated Australian Week in a very enjoyable way this year.

A highlight of the week was an evening entitled *Celebrity — my most memorable book*, hosted by the Bendigo Public Library. Sixteen prominent citizens (mostly from Bendigo and district) revealed which book they considered to be their most memorable and

why. The selection of celebrity speakers was diverse, including the mayor, a police-woman, the editor of the local newspaper, a minister and of course a couple of librarians.

Helen King, associate librarian at La Trobe University's Heyward library and president of the North Central Victoria regional group chose David Malouf's *Johnno: a novel*. Beverley Porteous, regional librarian

of the North Central Goldfields Library decided May Gibbs' *Snugglypot and Cuddlepie* was the most memorable book for her.

The talks were followed by dinner, and apart from enjoying the meal and company of colleagues, we also congratulated David Lloyd (librarian at the Bendigo Base hospital) on being a winner of an ALIA award for innovation in Victoria, sponsored by FLIS. ■

## The library technicians role and science fiction

Beverly Dallas, Library Technicians Section WA

One of the many highlights of the WA Library Technicians activities for Australian Library Week was a visit to Minter Ellison Northmore Hale Law library. The venue was the forty-ninth floor of the Central Park Building in Perth — the night-time view was spectacular. No-one seemed scared of heights, although I did notice that some people stuck to the centre of the room — myself among them!

Grant Stone, librarian at Murdoch University was invited to speak on the topic of *Libraries of the future, the technicians role and science fiction*. He spoke of the difficul-

ties encountered in encouraging students to read and popular culture — comics and the graphic novel collection. We ended up cruising the Internet (in conversation) followed by some science fiction talk.

Press clippings from local papers promoting library week were circulated along with some delicious food after Grant's talk.

It was an interesting and entertaining evening. A special thank you to Anne, Carey and Raelene for giving a brief tour of their library and sharing with us their fantastic view. ■

## Small library makes a big fuss

Jeanne Dixon, Powerlink Queensland

Ours is a small corporate library and we thought library week would be a great opportunity to market our services.

We put up the big 'eye' poster, hung balloons all over the place and handed out bookmarks. That was an eye-catching start. We then advertised that we would have lunch-time demonstrations of all our CD services and the Internet throughout the week. To top it off we made up a library crossword, this meant people had to come into the library to find many of the answers. The prize was a gift voucher from a local bookstore.

The response was very encouraging and we were congratulated for our initiative, we felt it was all very worth while. ■