



Internet service providers at the Internet fair



Internet fair at Curtin

Gillian Westera, Curtin University

The Western Australian continuing professional development committee and the Internet fair committee provided an excellent start to Australian Library Week 1996 with an Internet fair at Curtin University's Information Studies Department lecture theatre.

The Western Australian branch president, Vicky Wilson, gave the welcoming address and impressed upon all that library professionals have an important role as educators, navigators and information providers of Internet information. Gregg Boalch from the Curtin Business School was the keynote speaker. Greg talked about the growth of the Internet and reminded us that the Internet is nothing more than a new piece of technology. He sees the role of librarians as gatekeepers of the Internet.

Other speakers included Margaret Jones who spoke about Internet training and the need for library professionals to keep up-to-date with the changes to the Internet; Kathryn Osborne who spoke about World Wide Web page design — concentrating on content, maintenance, organisation, tricks and publishing; Bobby Bruce spoke about the Internet and society and how our profession needs to encompass this technology — she stressed that we need to be leaders not followers; and Trevis Lawton explored the issue of public access to the Internet and the importance of training library staff to train clients.

The continuing professional development committee hopes that those who attended found the day informative and interesting.

Students help organise Australian Library Week activities

Six eager students from Queensland University of Technology's graduate diploma of library and information studies took advantage of a trial volunteer program organised by the Queensland Library Promotion Council to put their newly acquired skills to good use during *Australian Library Week*.

The scheme aims to fos-

ter and encourage libraries to undertake activities for library week and to provide them with voluntary assistance for those activities. It also hopes to foster greater interaction between professional library staff and library science students.

Two of the students, Julie Walters and Julie Mc-Laughlin, spent their time at Queensland University of

Technology's Garden Point Library, while Nerida Peters, Kylie Greening, Therese Egan, and Kirsty Rickett worked within the Brisbane public library system.

While their activities in the libraries were principally confined to Library Week projects, all of the students found their interaction with library professionals very beneficial.



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copyright, interlibrary loans, union catalogues, networks and a literature focus. Contact: Mary Gibbs, ph (02) 9923 2277, Margaret Spinak, ph (02) 289 1929 or Kathleen Gilbert, ph (02) 699 466.

• **11/9-6/12 NSW Acquisitions Section committee meeting dates.** Meetings to be held at the Staff Room, Level 5, Fisher Library, Sydney Uni at 4.30pm. Those who wish to dine after meetings can normally be accommodated at a local restaurant. (11/9,23/10). Staff development day — invitation only (6/12).

13/9-8/11 Friday mornings: oral history. Uni of NSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 385 3589, fax (02) 385 3430, e-mail M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au

17/9 Becoming an Internet server: designing home pages. Uni of NSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 385 3589, fax (02) 385 3430, e-mail M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au

19/9 Insearch/Knight-Ridder information seminars Introductory DIALOG. Sydney contact: (02) 212 2867.

26/9 Doing research on the Net. Uni of NSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 385 3589, fax (02) 385 3430, e-mail M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au

3-23/10 Insearch/Knight-Ridder information seminars. Beyond the basics (3/10), Introductory DIALOG (15/10), Chemical searching for non-chemists (23/10). Sydney contact: (02) 212 2867.

• **6-11/10 NSW Acquisitions Section sponsorship for attendance at Biennial Conference/National Acquisitions Seminar — \$1200** Applications welcome from NSW members with less than 3 years in acquisitions related work. Contact: Jerelynn Brown, State Library of NSW, ph (02) 9230 1630 or preferably e-mail jbrown@ilinet.slnsw.gov.au. Applications close 7/8.

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• **12/8 Qld Branch Council meeting.** 5.30 for 6pm. Venue: Room D301, Kelvin Grove Campus, QUT, Victoria Park Road, Kelvin Grove. Contact: Wendy Abbott (07) 3875 7111 ext 8987. Please note change of date.

• **12/8-11/11 Qld library technician section meeting.** State Library of QLD, Metway Theatre, 5.30pm. Meeting dates: 12/8, 9/9, 14/10, 11/11. Enquiries: A O'Donnell, ph (07) 3259 3025.

• **16/8 Qld Branch and Sunshine Coast Uni College** *I'm going someplace I hope I find: new roles for leaders.* Presenter: John Lubans, Duke Uni. 9-1pm. Venue: Sunshine Coast Uni College. Cost: ALIA members \$50, others \$60. RSVP: Heather Gordon (074) 302 200.

• **19/8 Qld Branch** *I'm going someplace I hope I find: getting results with teams and new roles for leaders.* Presenter: John Lubans, Duke Uni. 9-5pm. Venue: Gazebo Hotel. Cost: ALIA members \$120, others

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