

Lobbying in Western Australia



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Survey into student use of libraries

A survey commissioned by Campbelltown City Library Service has revealed that students using their services generally do so for study-related reasons and usually found library staff to be helpful.

The survey was conducted at the four library branches in Campbelltown City and at the central library in Blacktown and looked at students undertaking primary, secondary and tertiary education, including students at TAFE colleges and University. It also considered the use of libraries on behalf of students in each of the categories.

The Blacktown library was included in the survey in order to gauge the growth in library use by students over a six-year period — Blacktown had taken part in a select survey of public library usage commissioned by the State Library in 1990, and showed increases of up to 428 per cent in the esti-

mated number of visits per week for student groups. Overall, library use in Blacktown had increased 115 per cent, with an increase in use by students from 1127 per week to 2392 per week.

The most commonly used facilities were the photocopiers, study areas, reference collection and staff assistance. These were followed by the catalogue, CD-ROM, the local studies collection and the community information directory. Although the level of satisfaction with the facilities decreased as the educational level increased, overall, students were positive about what the library could offer them and some university students stated that they found the study areas in the libraries provided an attractive contrast to those at their university library.

The report was completed by Economic Strategies (Pty Ltd) and can be obtained from the Campbelltown City Library Service. ■

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- **16/10 WA Specials Section committee meeting.** Time: 5-7pm. Contact Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 481 0129.
- **23/10 WA Library Technician Section.** *Pencil in a visit to the new ECU Library*, further details to follow. Contact: Carey Benier, ph (09) 429 7536.
- **24/10 ALIA National Special Libraries Section committee meeting** 5.30pm, Alexander Library Building, Room G2. Contact: Deanne Barrett, ph (09) 222 7904.
- **1/11 WA Specials Section.** *Visit to Fremantle.* Venue: Notre Dame Uni Library. Contact Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 481 0129 for details.
- **12-14/11 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars.** Introductory Dialog (12/11), DataStar/ProBase Workshop (13/11am), Business (14/11). Perth contact: ph (02) 9212 2867, e-mail krinfo.aus@uts.edu.au.
- **16/11 WA Specials Section committee meeting.** Time: 5-7pm. Contact Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 481 0129 for details.
- **26/11 WA Library Technician Section.** *AGM and end of year dinner.* Alexander Library Building. Contact: Carey Benier, ph (09) 429 7536.
- **28/11 ALIA National Special Libraries Section committee meeting** 5.30pm, Alexander Library Building, Room G2. Contact: Deanne Barrett, ph (09) 222 7904.

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- **4-6/10 ARLIS/ANZ (Art Libraries Society, Australian and New Zealand) conference Fin-de-Siecle.** *Art Libraries: dynamic or decadent?* Venue: La Trobe Uni and National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne. Cost: \$110. Contact: Jennifer Durran, ph (03) 9905 4219, e-mail jennifer.durran@arts.monash.edu.au.
- **2-8/11 PIALA 96 Conference (5-8/11), Pre-conference on Cataloguing (2-4/11).** Marshall Islands New Outrigger Hotel, Majuro, Marshall Islands. For further information: Arlene Cohen, PIALA, U- Uni of Guam RFL Library, Uni of Guam Station, Mangilao, Guam 96923 USA; fax 671 734 6882 or e-mail a.cohen@uog.edu.
- **21-23/1/1997 Information Online & On Disc conference.** ALIA Information Science Section. Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. Contact: Wael Foda, ACMS, ph (02) 9332 4622, fax (02) 9332 4066.
- **29-31/1/97 History Institute.** *Vic Summer School of Historical Research.* Visit eight archival repositories in Melbourne, guided by archivists and historians. Cost: \$250 (all three days), \$100 (selected days). Details: History Institute, 254 Faraday Street, Carlton 3052. Ph/fax (03) 9344 6209.
- **13-16/3/97 The 1997 Somerset celebration of literature.** This nationally recognised festival, which features children's authors, will be held for the fourth year at Somerset College, Mugeeraba. Confirmed authors to date include Colleen McCullough. Contact: Graeme Gardiner at Somerset College, Somerset Drive, Mugeeraba 4213.
- **11-12/9/97 12th National Cataloguing conference in Canberra.** *New opportunities for cataloguers.* Paper sessions and workshops. Contact: Prue Deacon, ph (06) 2897062, e-mail prue.deacon@hnlhcs.usgo/hhcs.telernemo.au.

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