

Your voice

ALIA's rôle in reconciliation

Like many of my colleagues, I have a long-standing personal and professional interest in bringing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and the wider Australian community, closer together. We all have an important rôle in improving services and collections in this reconciliation process.

ALIA has made an important initiative in the area of education and training for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander library and information workers. I would like to hear more about the progress of this initiative, now some time has passed.

It is my feeling that efforts in the media, in publications, and through the education system, are bringing us closer to reconciliation. The wider population is being more exposed to Aboriginal values, and positive rôle models.

We have heard little of *success stories* in libraries and information services at a grass roots level. Let's not be so modest about practical experiences which could give a lead to others in taking first steps. Much progress will come from actual partnerships initiatives, as has been proved in related fields such as the museum field.

We have heard something from state libraries, and from AIATSIS, now let's hear from others, in services large and small, about progress in this aspect of our work.

Margaret Clinch, Darwin NT

Editor's note: The June issue of inCite will focus on the theme 'Meeting the needs of a culturally diverse community'. Anyone who has a success story to share in the area of servicing a culturally diverse community — not restricted to services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples — please contact me.

Easy to read

Congratulations on producing the new look *inCite* with its interesting articles. One suggestion for improvement: could it be printed on non-shiny paper please? This would make for easier reading.

Neville Aylmore, Netherby SA

From the designer: Thank you for your response to the new-look inCite — it has been met with a favourable reaction from almost everyone involved. We made the move from matt to gloss paper for a number of reasons, not least of which is that we are about to move to full-colour printing throughout the magazine. Photographs and more importantly, advertisements, will look sharper and smarter on gloss paper. We will try to source a paper stock that gives the sharpness and clarity we require but with less of the reflection from overhead lights.

Just not news...

inCite's page on Australian Library Week (February 1996,

page 18) omitted to include the exact date of Library Week this year, although offering advice and various merchandise to readers (and librarians).

Not outside a library's orbit was an item which passed through Melbourne this week and was for inspection at Sotheby's for half-a-day only: Albert Einstein's hand-written notes explaining his calculations of his theory of relativity (the famous $E=mc^2$) of pre-World War I vintage. The condition of the papers was a real win for conservation and the archives.

**Mrs G J Walker
Brunswick East Vic**

Editor's note: Sorry. We did omit to tell you in the February issue that Australian Library Week is from 5–11 May 1996. The March issue contained a great deal of information on Australian Library Week (including the date) and we are pleased to report that the merchandise is selling very well.

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Nick Duncan, Karratha Community Library

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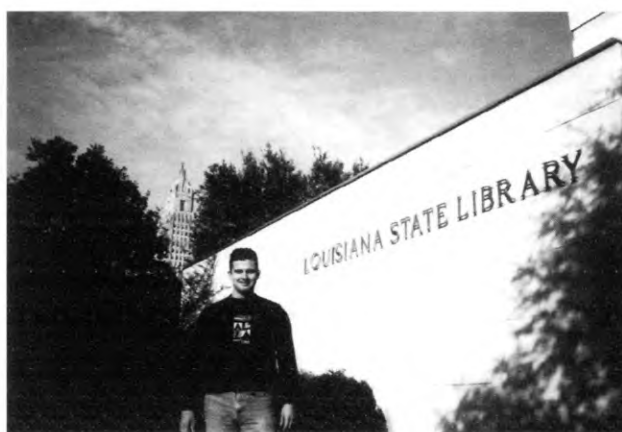
Your letters on any issue of relevance to the library and information sector are welcomed.

All letters should be addressed to the *inCite* editor and may be e-mailed to incite@alia.org.au, faxed to 06 282 2249, or posted to: Your voice, ALIA, PO Box E441, Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2600. Please include your name and postal address with your letter or e-mail.

Windcheaters going (overseas) fast

The publicity and sponsorship committee have been busy stirring up interest in our biennial conference. Windcheaters have been sold to quite a few potential overseas delegates who are hopeful of making the trek down under. For those of you still wanting windcheaters, send a cheque for \$20, payable to ALIA 1996 Conference, c/- Trevor Wakely, Bureau of Meteorology Library, GPO Box 1289K, Melbourne 3000 (indicating size L or XL).

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Above: Mr Gregory Bodin, Library Manager of the Baton Rouge Public Library, Louisiana, proudly wearing his Reading the Future windcheater

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