

modated at a local restaurant (8/5;19/6;31/7;11/9;23/10). Staff Development Day — invitation only (6/12)

- **16/5 Mollie Thomson lecture:** *Knit one, PURL two: the organisation of knowledge on the Internet* by Colin Steele, Uni Librarian, ANU. 6.00 for 6.30pm, Mitchell Galleries, SLNSW. RSVP for catering purposes. Contact Cheryl Grant (02) 230 1594, cgrant@ilinet.slsw.gov.au or Sue Thomas (02) 230 1489, sthomas@ilinet.slsw.gov.au.

- **22/5-12/6 Indexing Courses.** *Introduction to Book Indexing* (3 day workshop, held on consecutive Wednesdays) (22/5/5 & 5/6), *Computer-aided indexing* (12/6). 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.

- **18/6 NSW Specials Library Section:** *Library suppliers open forum.* [Interaction: librarians/suppliers] (Co-op: Being a library supplier; DA Books: British Library Services; EbSCO Australia: EBSCONET). 5pm for 5.30pm at Jean Garling Room, State Library NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney. RSVP: Janette Camerson-Smith Ph: (02) 325 7504; Fax: (02) 325 7500.

- **3-7/6 Introduction to the management of records keeping systems.** A one week workshop to be held by the Records Management Office. Archives Authority of NSW and the 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.

## QLD

- **3/4 QLD Specials Section.** *Internet Resource Discovery Tour — Law, Business & Government.* 8.30-12.30pm. Uni of QLD. \$110 ALIA Members, \$60 Others. RSVP to Jane Simon (07) 3275 6261.

- **17/4 QLD Special Libraries Section.** *Meeting of the Specials Committee.* Venue: Drug-Arm Library. Time: 4.30pm. Contact Helen Laurelin, Ph: (07) 3877 3030.

- **17/4 QLD Specials Section.** *Internet Course — Health Resources on the Internet.* Venue: Uni of QLD. Cost: \$110 ALIA Members, \$60 Non-Members. RSVP to Jane Simon (07) 3275 6261.

- **17/4 A refreshing change:** *how to become unstuck — to include a selection of job op-*

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# Librarian, educator, counsellor, mentor retires

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During the Education for Library and Information Services Section (ELISS) library competencies conference in December in Melbourne, Mary Hoffmann, the President of ELISS formally expressed the appreciation of the Section for Jennifer Evans' long-standing contribution to the committee and library education in general.

For twelve and a half years Jenn taught library technicians at Box Hill College of TAFE and greatly assisted in defining the rôle of library technicians. Her association with students continued during her partnership in Freelance Library and Information Services



Jennifer Evans

(FLIS) when she was always ready to speak at library schools and ALIA membership functions on the realities of professional life. Her strong commitment to education was evident in her contribution to ELISS over many years, not only in the official leadership positions she held, but in committee discussion. One particularly significant project was her authorship of *The membership and continuing education and training policies of the Australian Library and Information Association: a report to the Board of Education*, which presented the deep concerns of the Section on the lack of compulsory continuing education for librarians. As a partner and director of FLIS Training from 1991, Jenn was active in providing general continuing education programs for all sectors as well as in-house training for specific organisations.

While education has been a continuing part of Jenn's professional life there have been many other areas of significance. Jenn's career as a practitioner encompassed work with the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, Box Hill City Library and High School, Noble Park Technical School, Bangkok Patana School and Tintern Church of England Girls' Grammar School. As a partner in FLIS, Jenn provided specialised personnel services to the library industry in Victoria — excelling in client and staff counselling and skill assessment.

Jenn has influenced a large number of librarians and library technicians to acknowledge their skills, to acquire new knowledge, and most of all to enjoy their work. Long before mentoring became formalised, Jenn acted as a mentor to many members of the profession providing support and encouragement, particularly those returning to the workplace. In all areas, she maintained a positive approach. Jenn's pleasant, cheerful, encouraging and thoroughly professional manner has always impressed and inspired her colleagues. On behalf of many members of the profession and particularly ELISS, we wish her well in retirement and great enjoyment of her family, friends and interests. ■

## NTU librarian foils bank robbery

When Vanessa Jones, cataloguer at the Northern Territory University library, was in Florence, Italy, she was going into a bank and was rudely brushed aside by someone who looked for all the world like a bank robber. Sure enough, events at the counter, even in Italian, could be interpreted as a robbery. Our brave Vanessa ran outside and hailed two police officers on scooters. She indicated to the bank, and as the police officers went in they were able to grab the money bags — but not the robbers.

Vanessa had to make a statement and even appeared in the local newspaper — something about *tourista Australiana!*