

Information service initiatives at Central TAFE

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The Learning Resource Centres (LRCs) of Central TAFE are located over five campuses around Perth, Leederville, Mount Lawley, Claremont and Wembley. To encourage genuine cultural change in recognising the value of information, Central TAFE has embarked on an exciting project that emphasises the concept of the virtual library and heightens understanding of new methods of information access and utilisation for teaching and learning.

The project has incorporated the following changes:

- The appointment of an information services librarian who is responsible for providing college-wide strategic information retrieval, management and advice to academics and other clients and for encouraging innovation wherever appropriate.
- The appointment of a systems librarian who manages the college-wide library automation system, as well as a centralised technical services unit that is responsible for acquisitions, cataloguing, and co-ordination of college-wide audio visual services.
- The appointment of a librarian for each of the College's five Schools: Languages and Cultural Exchange; Art, Design and Multimedia; Health and Community Services; Management and Business; Mining, Construction and Property Services, and the International Division. Each librarian is responsible for providing specialist information services to their designated school.
- The appointment of computer services officers to provide technical support and advice to clients in accessing and using computer applications, internet and re-

lated services in the Learning Resource Centre.

In order to ensure information literacy becomes a priority among the College community, and to improve access and dissemination of scholarly information, the information services librarian has led the way to be seen as the College's 'internet librarian' responsible for internet training in the College and also provides advice on the publication of the College's home page on the web.

Student access to Internet services has been implemented in each of the open access computing areas situated at Perth, Leederville and Mount Lawley Campus resource centres. This is aimed at heightening the awareness of the value of networked information resources among students and of their role in the development of alternative models of information provision. A result of this has been an increasing amount of team teaching within the college involving librarians and academic staff working together to provide hands-on classes specifically aimed at searching the Web.

Subject specialist librarians identified for each school will promote awareness of networked information resources thus encouraging the development of navigation tools and growth in knowledge of local subject based tools and information servers. This demonstrable increase in the level of relevant knowledge and associated competencies associated with networked information resources is central to our vision of the 'virtual library'. Significant improvements are already evident in the quality of training provided to end-users by LRC staff through the development of more effective training techniques. ■



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• **9/7-9/12 Tas Branch meetings dates.** State Library, Morris Miller Room, 91 Murray Street, Hobart, 4.30pm. (9/7; 12/8; 10/9; 14/10; 12/11; 9/12). Contact: Patsy Jones, ph (03) 6233 8631, fax (03) 6233 7845, slt-pj@ecc.tased.edu.au.

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7/7 FLIS Training Pty Ltd. *Change management.* Monash Uni Conference Centre, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne. 6-9pm. Cost \$60. Contact: Elizabeth Yates, ph (03) 9813 1924, fax (03) 9882 4274, libflis@vicnet.net.au.

• **10/7 Geelong Regional group.** *Creating your own web page.* Deakin Uni Library, Geelong Campus, Waurin Ponds. 6pm, \$20 members, \$25 non-members. Contact: Darren Ryan, ph (03) 5227 3419, darren@deakin.edu.au.

• **14/7-8/12 Vic Special Libraries section committee meetings.** Venue to be advised, 5.30pm. (14/7; 11/8; 8/9; 13/10; 10/11; 8/12). For further information contact: Anne Sedgley, ph (03) 9616 8011

14/7 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars. Free Knight-Ridder WEB Presentation. Contact: (02) 9212 2867, e-mail krinfo.aus@uts.edu.au.

23/7 Victorian Association for Library Automation (VALA) meeting. *Copyright: the Internet and electronic resources.* Speaker: Ian McDonald, Copyright Council. Uni of Melbourne, Baillieu Library, Reader Education Room, Ground floor. 5.30 for 6pm. Contact: Alyson Kosina, ph (03) 9725 2725, fax (03) 9723 6097.

28/7 ACLIS Victoria. *Copyright seminar.* Speaker: Annabelle Herd, ACLIS Copyright Research Officer. Venue: State Library of Victoria Theatre, 179 La Trobe Street (enter from La Trobe Street entrance). Wine and cheese at 5.30 for 6pm. Contact: Florence Olsen, ph (03) 9669 9961, fax (03) 9669 9607. *RSVP by 21/7.*

30/7 FLIS Training Pty Ltd. *Reporting to management.* Monash Uni Conference Centre, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne. 9.30-5pm. Cost \$170. Contact: Elizabeth Yates, ph (03) 9813 1925, fax (03) 9882 4274, libflis@vicnet.net.au.

• **5/8 Geelong Regional group.** *Resume and interview workshop — presented by Sue McKnight.* Deakin Uni Library, Woolstores Campus, 1 Gheringah Street, Geelong. 6pm for 6.30pm. Con-

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