

What did we do in library week?

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30/9 & 1/10 Indexing skills for technical communicators. UNSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 9385 3589, fax (02) 9385 3430, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

15/10 Indexing/Abstracting of databases. UNSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 9385 3589, fax (02) 9385 3430, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

21/10 AUSMARC/USMARC conversion. UNSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 9385 3589, fax (02) 9385 3430, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

22/10 Thesaurus construction. UNSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 9385 3589, fax (02) 9385 3430, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

17-28/11 Managing archives: an introduction. UNSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 9385 3589, fax (02) 9385 3430, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

NT

• **14/8 NT Branch Council meeting.** Northern Territory Uni Library, Chan Building, 5pm. Contact: Ana Gowan, ph (041) 880 7795 or (08) 8924 7311.

• **7/8 NT Library Technician section meeting.** Northern Territory Uni Library, 5.30pm. Contact: Marilyn Hawthorne, ph (08) 8946 6193, fx (08) 8945 1317, marilyn@library.ntu.edu.au.

QLD

• **5/8 Qld Branch.** ALIA Fellowship presentation to Dr Brian Cook. The presentation will be followed by a talk by Dr Cook on The electronic library: critical issues. State Library Theatre, 5.30pm for 6pm. RSVP by 31/7 to Jill Barkley, for catering purposes.

• **8/8 Qld Special Libraries section.** Application for the student conference sponsorship to the Specials conference due. All final year Qld library science students encouraged to apply. Win a trip to Perth! Contact: Sue Hutley for more details, ph (07) 3405 1124.

• **8/9-8/12 Qld Library Technician Section meetings.** State Library of Qld, Metway Theatre, 5.30pm (unless advised otherwise). 8/9 — pre-conference warm-up; 13/10 — informal post-conference at Cafe (TBA); 10/11 — bring a library technician; 8/12 — AGM and Christmas lunch (venue: TBA). Contact: Heather Gray, ph (07) 3226 6184.

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Well, here at St Mary's Anglican Girls' School in Perth, Western Australia we had great fun!

We caught our clients in our web as soon as they entered the library with a wonderful display in the foyer of an information seeker climbing a huge net which had also ensnared various books and resources on related topics such as spiders, netball, knots — anything at all to do with webs and nets.

Colourful bunches of official library week balloons also adorned the display as well as this year's posters.

The first ten students to borrow materials each day were presented with official Australian Library Week bookmarks and these soon became precious collector's items as the week progressed.

To add a fun dimension and to lure the more reluctant users into the library we also ran a 'Where's Wally?' competition, where twenty small Wally cut-outs were hidden in various parts of the library — peeping out of books, on the inside lid of the photocopier, and tucked into the edge of a poster.

I really only expected the younger students to participate in this competition, assuming that the older girls would be too 'cool' to be seen exploring every nook and cranny of the library, but it is amazing what Year 12s will do for chocolate Freddo Frogs — especially boarding students — and an extremely positive spin-off for them was discovering resources they never knew the library possessed!

Reluctant to have the staff miss out I ran a 'Who's a Wally' competition for them where they were encouraged to confess to an act of silliness on their behalf or do in a friend or relative. Here is an example of their responses:



Where's Wally? Year 12 students throwing themselves into a Where's Wally treasure hunt competition during Australian Library Week

'My father and two uncles decided to go prawning in the river one night so two of them waded into the water leaving one uncle on shore to tend the fire and sort the catch.

Their net felt really full and heavy so after several trips to the shore, Dad and one uncle were mystified to find no prawns there at all — not a single one!

On questioning the other uncle he replied, "Oh, I threw them all back — there were no orange ones!"

Another idea which we only thought of later in the week but which we'll file away for future reference was to pin up various library cartoons, such as those from the LibLaf books, around the room or to invite the students to come up with library-related cartoons of their own. Our current favourite is a Calvin and Hobbes cartoon from 'The days are just packed' by Bill Watterson (Warner Books 1993). ■