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• **3/10 Vic Library Technicians section.** *State Library of Victoria tour.* Come and see the latest renovations, a behind the scenes tour to see the work of library technicians. 2-4:30pm, preceded by a buffet lunch at 12:30pm, \$8 members, \$10 non-members. The tour is free. Contact: Kerrie Kelly, ph 03 9669 9037, kerrie@slv.vic.gov.au

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• **15/7 WA Special Libraries section.** *Christmas in July lunch.* Venue: Miss Mauds, Corner Murry and Pier Streets, 12pm. \$20.50 (pay at the door). Contact/RSVP: Elfrida Rossi, ph 08 9383 3869, millross@wantree.com.au

• **21/7 WA Library Technicians section meeting.** Venue: LISWA at 5:30pm. Contact: Wendy Monaghan, ph 08 9427 3267, fx 08 9427 3256, wmonaghan@mail.liswa.wa.gov.au

• **23/7-22/10 National Special Libraries section.** *Committee meeting dates for 1998.* Location: Room G2, Alexander Library Building, Perth, WA at 5pm on 23/7, 27/8, 24/9 and 22/10. New committee members and/or observers/visitors to Perth are welcome. Contact Joyce Steveni ph 08 9366 4746, fx 08 9366 4779 stevenij@eec.com.au

• **27/7-16/11 WA Special Libraries section.** *Committee meeting dates for 1998.* 5:30-6:30pm. Venue: To be advised. 27/7, 31/8, 28/9, 26/10, 16/11. Contact: Ling Heang ph 0418 941 861, HEANGSL@bigfoot.co

• **18/8 WA Library Technicians section meeting.** Venue: University of Notre Dame Law Library at 6pm. Contact: Wendy Monaghan, ph 08 9427 3267, fx 08 9427 3256, wmonaghan@mail.liswa.wa.gov.au

• **21/8 WA Public Libraries section.** *Jean Ryding Award nominations due.* An award for excellence made to a professional librarian who has completed no more than four years professional employment in a WA Public Library. Contact: Duncan Furphy, ph 08 9411 3494, fx 08 9434 2577, cobrn1@icenet.com.au

• **2/9 WA Local Studies section.** *Visit to the National Archives of Australia (Perth).* Contact: Julie Zuvela, ph 08 9386 6230, jzuvela@nedlands.wa.gov.au

14/9 SilverPlatter Information. *WinSPIRS and WebSPIRS 4.0 half day training course.* Cost: \$75. Perth, 9:30-12:30pm. Bookings: Caroline Scharer, ph 02 9267 9055, cscharer@silverplatter.com

15/9 SilverPlatter Information. *Free LINK TO THE FUTURE presentation.* Find out about ERL 4, links to full text with SilverLinker and more. Perth, 9-11am. For further information contact: Caroline Scharer, ph 02 9267 9055, cscharer@silverplatter.com

• **16/9 WA Library Technicians section meeting.** Venue: LISWA at 5:30pm. Contact: Wendy Monaghan, ph 08 9427 3267, fx 08 9427 3256, wmonaghan@mail.liswa.wa.gov.au

• **20/10 WA Library Technicians section meeting.** Venue: Hollywood Private Hospital Library at 6pm. Contact: Wendy Monaghan, ph 08 9427 3267, fx 08 9427 3256, wmonaghan@mail.liswa.wa.gov.au

• **17/11 WA Library Technicians section meeting.** *AGM and dinner.* Venue: LISWA at 5:30pm. Contact: Wendy Monaghan, ph 08 9427 3267, fx 08 9427 3256, wmonaghan@mail.liswa.wa.gov.au

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Making news around Australia

Selected reprints from newspapers and magazines in recent months

Disgusted by porn on internet at library *Weekly Post* 23 May 1998

A mother of two in Mosman Park wrote to her local newspaper after witnessing two fourteen-year-old boys accessing pornography and other inappropriate material on the internet at the local public library. The woman wrote, 'Surely library access to the net must be controlled by appropriate programs because obviously the library staff cannot act as on-the-spot censors.'

Noelene Proud, principal librarian at the Cottesloe-Peppermint Grove-Mosman Park library, responded to the woman's concerns. She said, 'This is obviously an alarming and disturbing incident. I agree that the material accessed was objectionable.'

Ms Proud went on to explain that while the library does have filtering software in place, it is impossible to block access to all objectionable material particularly if people are determined to access such information. However, she explained, library users who are caught accessing objectionable material will have their internet sessions terminated and will then be barred from using the service. Ms Proud also emphasised that, as with all library materials, the onus is on the parents and guardians of minors to supervise their access.

'I certainly hope any *Post* readers and library users will inform the library staff if they see another incident so we can act on it', said Ms Proud.

Councillors call for 'user pays' library Chris Allen, *Macleay Argus-Kempsey* 29 May 1998

Two Kempsey Shire councillors want to charge residents ten dollars a year to borrow books from the shire's libraries.

The councillors indicated at the most recent budget meeting that they were concerned about the library service's projected operating loss for 1998-99 and that they put a 'user pays' system forward at the next open council meeting.

The operating loss is predicted to be \$532 000 in 1998-99, rising to \$1 million within ten years. One councillor commented that if a business was facing a \$1 million loss, 'it would close its doors', adding that the Council's proposed budget cuts for the coming year were not enough to properly address the problem.

Library lock-out in merger protest

Sue Bailey, *The Hobart Mercury* 22 May 1998

The University of Tasmania recently closed its libraries, saying that it feared that student protests would threaten security. The students are protesting against moves to amalgamate the university's biomedical and science technology libraries.

The president of the university's students union said that the move to close the doors of the university's four libraries early was unprecedented — particularly given that exam time was only weeks away.

Pro vice-chancellor (information services) Arthur Sale said that the proposal to merge the two libraries had developed from financial constraints caused by federal government budget cuts and that the merger would enable the library to continue offering students a high-quality, integrated science library service.

Students unite to create a 'word walk' at the library

Claire Hunter, *Ballarat Courier* 3 June 1998

University of Ballarat visual arts students braved the winter cold to tile the wall around the university library. The students have begun to piece together a 450-tile visual poetry mural entitled Word Walk, which depicts the seasons in Ballarat using words and pictures. Approximately eighteen first- and second-year students have developed the mural, gained permission through official channels and sought sponsorship. They have also enlisted the help of hundreds of primary and secondary students to complete the mural, holding workshops teaching students how to etch pictures and carve text into wet tiles.

Library to gain CD music collection

The East Gippsland News 3 June 1998

The East Gippsland Shire Library has recently received \$10 000 from the Victorian state government to launch a new collection of CDs. The collection, which aims to extend the Library's services for young people, will include an extensive collection of popular music, as well as jazz and classical works.

'One of the objectives of this new venture is to make the library a place that young people, especially teenagers, will want to visit', said Gippsland MLC Phillip Davis.

Mr Davis, on behalf of the State government, also handed over another \$10 000 cheque, to be used to overcome a backlog on cataloguing the library's book collection.

Ancient art of storytelling survives

Di Laverie, *Telegraph (Seymour)* 3 June 1998

Even though the subject matter of children's stories has changed over the years, it is clear that children still love to hear stories. Storytelling in the traditional medieval style is unusual now, but Ye Olde Time storyteller Kingsley Pitman entertained preschoolers during story time on 12 May at the Puckapunyal Library.

Kingsley Pitman, a resident of Bradford, is available for storytelling tailored for groups of children aged from preschool to senior pri-

mary. His 'yarn-spinning' began as a way to entertain his own children but has grown into a full-time occupation following a workplace injury which caused him to re-evaluate his life.

Currently, he has all of his stories memorised but is in the process of writing them all down and would eventually like to publish a compilation of short stories.

More internet access for libraries: big demand

Amber Stannard, *Geelong Advertiser*

9 June 1998

More than 25 000 library users are expected to log on to the internet at Geelong libraries this year as access expands to cope with increasing demand.

Geelong Regional Library Corporation chief executive officer Con Lannan said that extra internet terminals will be set up at the city and Belmont libraries within weeks, to cope with the 1000 bookings per month. Mr Lannan added that the increased access will further increase demand and that he estimates that by the end of the year the Geelong Regional Library's eleven branches with internet access will receive 2000 to 3000 bookings per month.

Meanwhile, the region's first library kiosk will be set up in Lorne, which will enable library members to order and renew books and make inquiries via the internet.

Librarians blast off into new shelf space

Christopher Dore, *The Australian*

11 June 1998

Australia's largest library, which owns almost five million items, is too small. Almost one million items in the National Library of Australia's collection are being moved to a huge working warehouse in a suburban Canberra location. The new building, with seven metre-high shelves and more than 33 kilometres of shelf space, will clear space in the National Library for 850 000 new items. However, according to National Library director-general Warren Horton, this provides only temporary relief from overcrowding — within four years the Library will be full again. Mr Horton explained that it is very unlikely that the library

will ever throw anything out, 'We don't discard material because the National Library is the one library that people have faith that it will maintain the history of their own country'.

Cramped library: patrons forced to leave

Chris Flynn, *Blacktown Advocate*

3 June 1998

Demand for electronic services at Blacktown's Max Webber Library is skyrocketing at a time when space limitations have resulted in the library turning students away.

The library wants Blacktown Council to begin renovations to give it more space, access to more computers, more seating and improved security.

Library services manager Andrea Ward says, 'The lack of public space in the Max Webber Library is becoming acute. It is at the point where there can be no expanded development, at a time when the library is constantly under pressure to provide access to electronic information and on-line databases.'

Ms Ward added that the inclusion of any new services could only happen at the expense of public or student space and that cuts to such spaces would only worsen the current situation, which saw students being turned away from the library during the lead-up to exams. She is asking for \$74 290 to improve computer access and provide 200 square metres more of public and study space.

Library popularity increases

Lithgow Mercury 28 May 1998

Rydal Library, part of the Greater Lithgow Library, has undergone a marketing plan to increase the number of patrons and items borrowed. And, since the start of this highly successful plan, the numbers have more than doubled. One of the most successful initiatives of the marketing plan is the library's 'reader of the month' award, which has attracted patrons of all ages.

The internet will soon be in use at the library and, because of the dramatically increased demand, the library's opening hours are being extended. ■



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6-9/98 Records Management Association of Australia 15th Convention Making Information Work. Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. For further information, please contact: Judy Lederle, ph (07) 3369 0477, fax (07) 3369 1512.

4-8/10 NZ Library and Information Association 1998 Conference

Navigators — Charting the way. Keynote speakers: Elizabeth Martinez, Min-min Chang, Jamie McKenzie, Brian Lang. Dunedin, NZ. Contact: Convention Professionals, ph 64 3 477 5650, fx 64 3 477 5817, jsv@es.co.nz, <http://nzlia.otago.ac.nz>

24/10 FOLA Biennial Conference

Pathways to partnership: Friends, Community the Profession. State Library of South Australia, Adelaide. Contact: Daniel Ferguson, ph 03 9338 0666, fx 03 9335 1903.

Conference

• **25-30/10 ALIA 5th Biennial Conference.** Adelaide 98. *Pathways to knowledge.* Adelaide Convention Centre, SA. Contact: Hartley Management Group, ph 08 8363 4399, fx 08 8363 4577, sgt@ozemail.com.au

• **26/10 National UCRLS section.** AGM followed by tour of Jam Factory and cocktail party. Part of the Biennial conference. Details to be advised. Contact: Janine Tan, ph 08 8303 5225, fx 08 8303 4369, jtan@library.adelaide.edu.au

• **27/10 SA Special Libraries section.** Conference Dinner. This will be held in conjunction with the Health Libraries section and is intended to welcome interstate visitors for the Biennial Conference. Venue: Red Ochre Grill. Contact: Clare Aitken, ph 08 8303 8859, clarea@cobweb.com.au

• **19-21/1/99 Information Online and On Disc 99 conference.** The ninth Australasian Conference and Exhibition. ALIA Information Science Section. Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. Contact: Wael Foda, ACMS - Conventions & Exhibitions Pty Ltd, PO Box 468, Paddington 2021, ph 02 9332 4622, fx 02 9332 4066, online99@acms.com.au, <http://www.acms.com.au>

• **6-8/9/99 Reference and Information Service section conference.** 1999 and Beyond — Partnerships and Paradigms. Venue: Hilton Hotel, Sydney. Contact: ACMS - Conventions & Exhibitions Pty Ltd, PO Box 468, Paddington 2021, ph 02 9332 4622, fx 02 9332 4066, raiss99@acms.com.au, <http://www.acms.com.au>

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