story readings and staff training to the Central Northern Libraries's twenty-three service points.

Tamworth City Councillor Ester Halliday said Tamworth and the north should be proud to boast a dedicated library staff which compared so favourably with those of metropolitan libraries.

Libraries congratulated
The Reporter (Beenleigh), 8 July 1998

Des Stephens, Queensland state librarian, has congratulated Logan City Council libraries on being awarded an Innovations Grant for their youth development project, called 'YUK — youth using knowledge'.

The YUK project aims to train young people to become program presenters.

Internet cafes suffer
Scott Whitby, *News Mail* (Bundaberg), 9 July 1998

Two Bundaberg internet cafe owners have experienced a ninety per cent drop in revenue since the introduction of free internet access at the Bundaberg library.

In an unexpected development after the introduction of free internet access to the Bundaberg Library, two local businesses are looking at cutting staff. The business owners affected said that they were not concerned about people using the library's internet service for research, but were concerned that non-residents could gain e-mail access through the library.

Bundaberg City Council chief executive officer Peter Pyrne said that the council could not ban people from using the library's facilities.

Internet censor off-line
David Murray, *Courier Mail*, 24 July 1998

Caboolture Shire Council introduced censoring software into the library, but have scrapped it after it failed to screen out all pornography and interfered with access to non-pornographic sites.

The software was introduced after public concern about access to inappropriate material over the internet. In a submission to council the libraries said that it was not their function to impose moral standards on the public through the use of censorship. Deputy Mayor Lynette Deveraux attacked the decision to remove the filtering software, saying that unrestricted access to the internet was a danger to children.

And more about access to pornography...
Marco Monteverde, *Sunshine Coast Daily*, 22 July 1998

'Internet porn on line at library', screams the headline for this story. The article raises concerns about the Caboolture Shire Council's vote to remove 'NetNanny' software from the internet terminals in the local libraries.

The council made the decision after a report said that the lack of human input in filtering systems could lead to an inappropriate response from the software.

More make use of the libraries
The Guardian, 22 July 1998

An impressive six per cent increase in library borrowings across Queensland was revealed in the 1996/97 Statistical Bulletin published by the Library Board of Queensland.

The 1.6 million registered public library members in the state borrowed two million more items than the previous year, taking the average to twenty-one books per registered library member. On average, one million books were on loan on any given day.

Des Stephens, state librarian, said that growing library usage reflected significant community support for public library services. ∎

Webb's web

Kerry Webb

Copyright and the electronic image

The Department of Communications and the Arts conducted a forum on 29 July, where people from a number of backgrounds spoke about how libraries, museums and galleries should manage their electronic images in their collections while still treating copyright holders fairly and (as important) legally. This was an important event, and it looks like it will be the start of a series where the various interested parties can discuss how a system can be developed to satisfy their requirements.

One speaker told of the case where an on-line exhibition had been developed for a photographer, but when it was set up on the museum's website, the photographer's agent objected because he and not the photographer owned the rights to public display of the digital representation of her work. Later in the day, two speakers debated the purpose of the main aim of a copyright regime, whether it's to establish a balance between the rights of the artist and the public or whether it's primarily there to provide the artist with some benefit from the display of the work.

The full record of the forum will be published on a CD-ROM at the end of the year, but in the meantime, most of the papers will be put up on DoCA's website around the beginning of September. I'd like to be able to give you a URL for these papers, but the new design concept for the site doesn't support that. Instead, what you have to do is go to the home page (http://www.dca.gov.au) and then use the search facility that will give you several links that you don't want and finally the link to the forum. To those of you who find this irksome, don't fret — the way these things go, there'll no doubt be a new designer engaged some time next year who will do a complete rework of the site. That's progress for you!

Report on the future of copyright

The US Copyright Office has published 'Project looking forward: final report, sketching the future of copyright in a networked world' by Trotter Hardy, who conducted the project during 1996. It is available online in PDF form at http://www.loc.gov/copyright and may also be ordered in paper from the Government Printing Office.

Managing electronic journals

A student asked the members of a list about how they managed electronic journals. This resulted in a posting about the Cat Site at http://www.lib.rochester.edu/cat/ which has a summary of their guidelines and procedures regarding e-journals and e-publications. It's well set out and comprehensive.

How we use our time

A recent report by the Strategis Group (http://www.strategisgroup.com) found that the use of the internet and online services by the American public was reducing time devoted to other daily activities such as watching television, reading, and exercise. According to the report, sixty-four per cent of internet users said that use of the internet has reduced the amount of time they spend watching television or videos. The report did find that more than twenty-five per cent of users saw the internet as extremely important to their daily lives. It doesn't surprise me, but I'd like to see a study on how the use of the internet has changed people's information-seeking behaviour at work. For instance, how many people use the 'net to find the information they want instead of going to their organisation's library?

Distance Education Journal

The Journal of Library Services for Distance Education is a peer-reviewed e-journal and is asking for submission of manuscripts for its next issue (which will be published around November this year). Details are at http://www.westga.edu/library/jlsde/.

SNIP

SNIP (Screen Network Information Providers) is an informal network of the five major Australian collectors and providers of specialist information on the screen and broadcasting industries. The network was formed to jointly develop collecting and service provision policies, to function as a lobby group on issues of mutual interest and to raise awareness of the information resources available within the screen sector, both among the members of SNIP and in the wider screen industries and educational communities. The site is at http://www.afc.gov.au/SNIP/.

Another good idea from Tony

Tony Barry is well-known for producing *Link*, one of the best resources around for keeping track of Australian network developments. He's started another one — ozlib-announce, a moderated announcement list for happenings in Australian libraries. And the focus is definitely Australian, as I found out when I tried to post about a highly-relevant overseas conference. To join, send the message SUB ozlib-announce Firstname Lastname to autoshare@Tony-Barry.emu.id.au. The service is available as a standard list or as a daily digest. Full details are at http://Tony-Barry.emu.id.au/interests/lists/ozlib-announce/index.html.

The Filter

If you like the sort of things discussed on *link*, *The Filter* provides a similar batch of news and commentary on internet matters. It's published by the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard Law School and can be read online at http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/filter where there's also information about subscribing to their e-mail newsletter. As you'd expect, there's a strong legal slant in the content, but it's very readable and useful.

More on digital libraries

There's a new site at http://www.digitallibrary.net which hosts links about digital libraries and related technologies. The coverage is international,