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\$180 non-members. Contact: Marion Fielke, ph 08 8384 0772, fax 08 8382 1232, marfie@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au **RSVP by 29/1/99.**

• **27/2-13/2 Sponsored by Vic Branch: *The Terms and Grammar of Creation.*** Play based on the true story of a bureaucratic fight to the death between the State Librarian of Victoria and his deputy over whether the Dewey Decimal Classification system should be introduced. Time: 8pm; Venue: Dorned Reading Room (Entry 1) of the State Library of Victoria, Swanston Street; Cost: \$27 (\$18 concession); Bookings: 03 9534 5984

10-12/3 Train the Internet Trainer. Nationally recognised short course from the Internet Training Institute. Melbourne. Contact: Else Paeglis, ph 1800 039 098 info@iti.com.au <http://www.iti.com.au/TTI/>

• **11/3 VicLIS Forum.** The Victorian Libraries Policy. Speakers: Bronwen Parsons and Derek Whitehead. Find out what it means for your sector. 5:30 for 6pm. WEHI, Lecture Theatre, 7th Floor, Royal Parade, Parkville. Free forum. All welcome. Please RSVP for catering: Jo Marshall, WEHI Library, ph 03 9345 2577, fx 03 9345 2580, marshallj@wehi.edu.au

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• **17/2 Special Libraries section.** Ice-breaker. CPA on-line and ProQuest Direct demonstration. CPA Library, Level 1 Australia Place 15-17 William Street, Perth, 5:30pm. Cost: \$8.00 payment by cheque. Contact: Annette Carter ph 08 9424 9210 or 08 9332 5773.

• **3/3 WA Local Studies section.** Visit to new Midland Library, Local History Collection and restored Midland Town Hall, 6pm Contact: Julie Zuvella, ph 08 9386 6230, fx 08 9389 8742, jzuvella@nedlands.wa.gov.au for details.

• **2/5 WA Local Studies section.** Visit to Harvey - Australian Library Week. Departing from Heritage House South Perth, 9.30am with south of the river pickup. Tour of Stirling Cottage, original shrine of Internment Camp, Harvey Library and Oral History Collection. Return to Perth 3.30. Contact Julie Zuvella, ph 08 9386 6230, fx 08 9389 8742, jzuvella@nedlands.wa.gov.au

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• **18-20/7 ALIA National TAFE section** conference, TAFE Libraries: adding value. Wrest Point Convention Centre, Hobart. Contact Mures Convention Management, Victoria Dock, Hobart 7000, ph 03 6234 1424 fx 03 6234 4464, conventions@mures.com.au URL <http://www.alia.org.au/sections/tafe/conference>

• **22-26/8 8th Asian Pacific Special Health and Law Librarians Conference.** *Strait to the future.* Wrest Point Hotel Casino, Hobart. Contact: Mures Convention Management, Victoria Dock, Hobart 7000, ph 03 6234 1424, 03 6234 4464. conventions@mures.com.au URL <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/strait/>

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Selected reprints from newspapers and magazines in recent months

Council books borrowers

by Hadyn Long, *Sunshine Coast Sunday*, 10 January 1999

The level of library crime in the Maroochy Shire has fallen by seventy-five percent over the last two years after the local council resolved to take court action to retrieve overdue items.

However, the council's overdue book policy was placed under the spotlight when the *Sunshine Coast Daily* revealed that a young mum had been left with a court conviction and \$150 in fines over an \$8.80 book. The library sends five reminder letters to tardy borrowers before issuing a summons if the missing items were not returned. The young mum in question did not receive these letters as she was living in safe houses, on the run from her former de facto.

National Library brings Captain Cook's journeys to life on CD ROM

by Kylie Blackburn, *The Canberra Times*, 12 January 1999

A CD-ROM, compiled with the help of sixty libraries and museums around the world is on display at the National Library. The CD-ROM, *Endeavour: Captain Cook's Journal 1768-71* includes images of the full handwritten text of Cook's journal, as well as a typed transcript of his writings, the first time both have appeared together.

Cook's entries are joined by hundreds of Joseph Banks' botany images, maps from before and after the voyage, and a virtual tour of a replica of the Endeavour.

The CD-ROM was produced by the National Library and the National Maritime Museum in Sydney using their resources and those of other institutions, including the Natural History Museum in London.

The CD-ROM, which will be available for purchase from early February is the feature of a series of lectures at the library each weekday until the end of January.

Newton's last law: never leave anything to a uni

by Amelia Gentleman, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 24 December 1998 (*The Guardian*)

Keele University Library in England is under fire for selling a collection of rare books and manuscripts which had been donated to the university for the benefit of students. The collection consisted of 1400 books and pamphlets, including the first three editions of Newton's *Principia Mathematica*, and eight books from Newton's library.

University librarian, Martin Phillips, would not say whether he approved of the sale, but said other academic institutions had been contacted before the collection was sold.

Library with 'the lot'

Chelsea Independent, 7 December 1998

The new Chelsea library and information centre was opened recently. The centre is the first expansion of the Chelsea library since its opening in February 1973.

The new centre includes the library, council customer service centre, family services, community information and support services and the Chelsea toy library.

Mayor of Kingston, Ron Brownless said that libraries today are more than just books and the new library combines high tech with 'high touch' by not only expanding the traditional materials, but offering a wide-range of recreational and education materials and formats including audio-visual, multi-media, CD-ROMs, videos, magazines, newspapers and books.

Increased technology training opportunities are also available for patrons with a bank of internet capable computers available for group and individual training sessions.

Obituary: Mary Baillieu, AM Patron of the arts

The Age (Melbourne), 15 December 1998

Mary Baillieu 8 August 1918 - 29 November 1998. With the death of Mary Baillieu Australia lost a talented, charismatic, influential and much-loved figure.

Mary was an active contributor and enthusiast of the arts and was a founding donor to the National Gallery of Australia, involved with the National Gallery of Victoria and an early member of the National Gallery Society. She was also a patron of the Australian Ballet, Opera Australia, and the Victoria State Opera, a friend of the Victorian Tapestry Workshop and a member of the Royal Melbourne Hospital's community council.

She joined the Friends of the La Trobe Library in 1969. In 1986 she was appointed to the Library Council of Victoria (later the Council of the State Library of Victoria) and chaired the promotions and fund-raising committee. Mary's aim was for the library to become recognised as the historical and cultural centre of Victoria.

In 1991 her contribution to the library was recognised when she became the council's only emeritus member, and a 'chair in history' was dedicated to her in the domed reading room. Further recognition came in 1993 when she received an award in the Order of Australia.

Free internet access at region's libraries

The Standard (Warrnambool), 14 December 1998

South-West libraries will provide free public internet access after a State Government grant of \$3.5 million was awarded for regional library online services.

Under the Victorian rural libraries online project, all Victorian public libraries will be supplied with new or upgraded computer facilities to provide free internet access.

The project will include a technology audit in rural libraries to identify what new hardware and software is required. The aim is to provide the same level of access to online information as is available in city libraries.

New board to guide region's telecentres
Albany and Great Southern Weekender, 3 December 1998

An advisory board has been established to help guide the future of Western Australia's rapidly growing telecentre network.

The state's fifty-three telecentres provide rural and remote areas with instant access to high-tech services — modern communications systems and state-of-the-art computer equipment.

The advisory board will enhance communication between the state government and the telecentre network. The board's tasks include developing policy and strategies for the network, seeking funding support and new grants, and

working towards achieving self-sufficiency for telecentres.

Authors cautious as the Net profits
Dorothy Illing, *The Australian*, 16 December 1998

The National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) has flagged copyright protection for academic publishing as an issue to be addressed. The union will work with other bodies representing copyright creators to develop a model agreement recognising the interest of authors, editors, publishers and users.

The practice of acquiring copyright has come under fire in the United Kingdom, with the Author's Licensing and Collecting Society campaigning to persuade academic authors to withhold publishing rights, especially all electronic rights, from publishers.

Dr Julie Wells, NTEU policy and research officer, says we should question whether online publication is the inevitable destination of academic work. She suggests that those who promote it on the basis of accessibility should consider the implications of the increasing costs of information technology. ■

Who's where

The State Library of Queensland has announced the appointment of **Bernard Hawke** to the position of director of Special Collections, and **Janet Prowse** to the position of director, Policy and Development. Bernard has over twenty years of experience in public libraries in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. In 1994, Bernard was awarded the Margery Ramsay Scholarship by the Library Board of Victoria to attend a senior management course at the University of Canberra. His most recent position has been librarian, collections and services with the Brisbane City Council Library Service.

Janet Prowse joined the State Library of Queensland as public affairs manager in November 1995. Her previous experience was as the public affairs manager for the Australia Council and for the ABC's Radio Na-

tional network. The Policy and Development Division plays a key role in researching, evaluating and developing future policy options for the State Library of Queensland.

Rob McKinney has been appointed to the position of regional manager for the SilverPlatter Information's Australia/New Zealand office. Rob has been with SilverPlatter since 1992, and has served in a variety of capacities, most recently as director of technology planning. He had previously served as director of business development for SilverPlatter's International Division, and manager of strategic alliances. Rob is a graduate of Boston College, Massachusetts, where he took a degree in marketing and business administration.

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PNGLA (Papua New Guinea Library Association) C/- National Library Service, PO Box 5770, Boroko NCD, e-mail corocol@global.net.pg, president: Grace Hiris Birney; vice-president: Ismael Isikel; secretary: Ita Kembra; treasurer: John Pagolu; committees: Wese Tande; and publicity officer: Tema Tumu. Alice Ritmeta, Kevau Paivu, and Maisy Talowani, complete the committee.



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• **6-8/9 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.csu.edu.au/special/raiss99/

• **8-10/9 10th ALIA National Library Technicians section conference.** *Projections/reflections.* The Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, Western Australia. Contact: Anne Nicolay, Keynote Conferences, PO Box 1126, West Leederville 6001, ph 08 9382 3799, fx 08 9380 4006, keynote@ca.com.au

• **13-15/10 13th National Cataloguing Conference.** Theme: *Charting the Information Universe.* Carlton Crest Hotel, Brisbane. Contact: Intermedia Convention and Event Management, ph 07 3369 0477, fx 07 3369 1512, cat99@im.com.au http://www.alia.org.au/sections/cat/conferences/

• **12-13/11 2nd Local Studies conference.** *Post haste the millennium: opportunities and challenges in local studies.* Contact: National Local Studies section, ph 08 9266 7712, fx 08 9266 3152. Promaco Pty Ltd, ph 08 9364 8311, fx 08 9316 1453, promaco@promaco.com.au

• **14-17/11 Public Libraries conference** *How far have we come... how far can we go?* Organised by ALIA Western Australian Public Libraries Section. Sheraton Perth Hotel, Perth. Contact: Promaco Pty Ltd, ph 08 9364 8311, fx 08 9316 1453, promaco@promaco.com.au

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