

or in the event of loss or theft and to transmit such digital versions electronically in accordance with the restrictions laid down in the present legislation [cll 73-78 amending s 51A, & cll 92-93 amending s 110B]. The proposed amendments also permit the making of a reproduction of a literary, dramatic, musical or artistic work held in a library's collection and making that copy available online to be accessed by officers of the library [cl 75 replacing s 51A(2) & (3)]. An implication from this provision is that if an electronic copy is made this may only be made available to a library officer [cl 75 inserting s 51A(3)]. This implication is particularly strong with respect to literary, dramatic and musical works, since the proposed new s 51A(3) explicitly permits the communication by way of library computer terminals of an electronic copy of an artistic work made for preservation purposes (provided such an electronic material cannot be copied in any way). There probably is a policy reason for this, other than the vague sentiment that it will 'protect the interests of copyright owners', but it is not immediately identifiable.

The approach of the *Digital Agenda Bill* does little to alleviate concern that it will impose a digital deadlock on access to library

and archive materials. The workability of the limitations on the quantitative exception is an open question. The somewhat peculiar exception to the new right of communication to the public, which allows libraries to make material acquired in digital format available for browsing only to users on the premises and on equipment which is incapable of any form of reproduction or communication of the copyright work in question, has a number of implications. Not only does this makes life difficult for library users, it also may require libraries to disable valuable equipment which is currently put to multiple library uses. A knock-on effect of this may be to deprive library users of the ability to engage in fair dealing in relation to digital copyright material held in libraries. Certainly, it ensures that the access for library users which prevails in relation to traditional print material is not duplicated in relation to the electronic environment. This is a serious issue in a world of proliferating digitisation. A consequence may be to restrict access to a considerable wealth of knowledge. Alternatively, libraries and their users will simply have to pay more in licence fees in order to access these riches. Either way we are turning libraries into gatekeepers for the new information age, rather than making them its facilitators. ■



## QLD

**1/6 QUT Kinetica Web training.** Conducted at QUT Library, Gardens Point Campus. Cost: \$90. Visit the Library homepage on <http://www.lib.qut.edu.au> for further details and to obtain an enrolment form.

• **6/6 Qld Library Technicians section.** *Annual dinner.* COTAH Skyline restaurant, Southbank Institute of TAFE, 6:30–10pm. \$30 ALIA members, \$35 non-members, includes pre-dinner drink, 3 course meal and coffee. *RSVP and payment by 22/5.* Enquiries: Elaine West, ph 07 3403 2550, [e.west@uq.net.au](mailto:e.west@uq.net.au)

**8/6 QUT Kinetica Document Delivery Training.** Conducted at QUT Library, Gardens Point Campus. Cost: \$195. Visit the Library homepage on <http://www.lib.qut.edu.au> for further details and to obtain an enrolment form.

• **13/6 Qld Library Technicians section — no meeting** — Annual Library Technician's Dinner being held, in lieu, on Tuesday 6 June 2000.

• **19/6–27/11 Qld Branch.** Committee meeting. Brisbane Administrative Centre, Conference Room, Level 6, Corner George and Ann Street, Brisbane City, 4–6pm. 19/6; 11/9; 27/11 — plus AGM. For further information contact: Kathryn Harding ph 0409 642 152, fx 07 3864 2014, [k.harding@qut.edu.au](mailto:k.harding@qut.edu.au)

• **28/7–29/9 Qld Public Libraries section.** *Committee meeting and seminar* — all welcome. Venue: tba, 5:30 for 6pm, refreshments provided. 28/7; 29/9. For further details please contact: Robyn Gattera, minutes secretary, ph 07 3403 4104, fx 07 3403 9969, [sbispo@brisbane.qld.gov.au](mailto:sbispo@brisbane.qld.gov.au)

• **8/8–14/11 Qld Library Technicians section.** *General meeting.* Venue: tba, 5:30 for 6pm. 13/6; 8/8; 10/10; 14/11 — AGM. For further information contact: Yvonne Brock, ph 07 3896 2229, [yvonne.brock@acgs.qld.edu.au](mailto:yvonne.brock@acgs.qld.edu.au)

• **1/12 Qld Public Libraries section.** AGM. For further details please contact: Robyn Gattera, minutes secretary, ph 07 3403 4104, fx 07 3403 9969, [sbispo@brisbane.qld.gov.au](mailto:sbispo@brisbane.qld.gov.au)

## SA

• **14/6 SA Special Libraries section.** *Tour of three special libraries:* ABS Library, History Trust of SA Library, Housing, Environment and Planning Library. Commonwealth Centre, 3–5pm. Meet in the foyer at 2:55pm sharp. afternoon tea provided. *RSVP by 7/6 to:* Geraldine Wardle, ph 08 8203 3630, fx 08 8203 3501, [gwardle@asc.corp.mot.com](mailto:gwardle@asc.corp.mot.com)

• **14/6–11/12 SA Branch.** *Meeting.* Please note that all meetings held at: PLAIN, 8 Milner Street, Hindmarsh, 5:30pm. 14/6; 10/7; 14/8; 11/9; 9/10; 13/11; 11/12. Contact: Amanda Nixon, ph 08 8201 2577, [amanda.nixon@flinders.edu.au](mailto:amanda.nixon@flinders.edu.au)

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# Alive and kicking...

Marion Bannister, facilitator, InfoLit\_Oz

**I**nfoLit\_Aust, a listserv on information literacy issues, was reborn in May 2000 as InfoLit\_Oz. As an open forum for views and ideas from professional practitioners, researchers and students, InfoLit\_Oz will focus on information literacy in its variant forms. Group problem solving through respect and trust are central features of this community

**Hopes and plans for InfoLit\_Oz?**  
The facilitators encourage discussion about information literacy. This list will cover issues such as:

- global community and information literacy;
- critical literacy;
- multiple literacies;
- life-long learning;
- integrating information technologies within an information literacy philosophy;
- information literacy training tips; and
- collaborative teaching and learning strategies.

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The facilitators

The facilitators — Marion Bannister ([mbannister@csu.edu.au](mailto:mbannister@csu.edu.au)) and Linda Lang-ford ([llangford@csu.edu.au](mailto:llangford@csu.edu.au)) — work in the School of Information Studies at Charles Sturt University. Both are members of the information literacy working party at the university.

InfoLit\_Oz: an invitation

We would like you to join the InfoLit\_Oz community and be a part of the stimulating debates on information literacy. Contribute to the growth of ideas and knowledge that will keep us all learning together and learning forever... worthwhile goals of an information literate learning community. You can find more information about InfoLit\_Oz at the website [http://www.csu.edu.au/cstl/infolit\\_oz](http://www.csu.edu.au/cstl/infolit_oz). ■