

Boost for Beechworth Library

Ovens and Murray Advertiser, 28 June by Doug Kschel

Indigo Shire libraries have received \$376 900 in Special Project Grants for the Rural Libraries Program. The Upper Murray Regional Library will receive \$20 000 for the establishment of a 'roving collection' for people who have vision disabilities.

Toy library given grant

Springvale/Dandenong Times, 5 July

A new \$25 000 resources centre to provide toys and books for children from multi-cultural backgrounds is to open at Springvale early next year. Springvale Toy Library has been awarded a \$25 000 grant from the Federal Government under the Centenary of Federation Projects scheme. The grant covers the cost of renovating an empty garage at the back of the library in View Road, and buying the learning materials, toys and books to fill it.

Library cut-backs

Moree Champion, 27 June

A massive budget blow-out at Moree's Northern Regional Library has forced a cut-back in opening hours. The library will no longer open on Thursday nights and Saturdays. Moree Councillor John Tramby said because of unbudgeted expenses last financial year there was an over-run of \$122 000. The cut-back in opening hours comes as a staff restructure is being planned at the library.

Makin makes her mark in library service revolution

The Border Mail, 7 July, by Howard Jones

Lynne Makin, chief executive of the Upper Murray Regional Library has been recognised as a business leader in the 2000 Telstra Business Women's Awards. She was the only non-metropolitan public sector finalist in the Victorian corporate and local government section.



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and school librarians. Adelaide Convention Centre. Contact Bill Cations ph 08 8201 2103, bill.cations@finders.edu.au

18-22/9 IBBY 27th Biennial conference. *The new world for a new world: children's books for the new millennium.* Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, South America. Contacts: Juliana Bayfield, ph 08 8207 7260 or Ena Noel, ph 02 9363 5075.

15-18/10 LIANZA 2000 conference. *Exceeding expectations: Ka whia te pae-tawhiti.* Christchurch Convention Centre. NZ Law Librarians Conference and COM- LA Conference (18-20/10), same venue. A week not to be missed! For more information and registrations, go to <http://www.conference.co.nz/LIANZA2000/>

• **23/10 Australian Serials Special Interest Group.** *Serials 2005-future directions.* National Library of Australia. For more information contact: Jenni Jeremy, ph 08 8302 6720, jenni.jeremy@unisa.edu.au

27/10 CREATE Australia will hold a half-day workshop: *Implementing the library industry training package.* The workshop immediately follows the national ALIA conference to give delegates the opportunity to attend. For further details and registration contact: CREATE Australia, ph 02 9211 5342, create@createaust.com.au

Conference

• **23-27/10 ALIA2000, 6th Biennial conference.** *Capitalising on knowledge: the information profession in the twenty-first century.* National Convention Centre, Canberra. Conference organiser: Conference Solutions, Brigitte Gunn, ph 02 6285 3000, fx 02 6285 3001, alia2000.conference@alia.org.au URL <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/alia2000/>

• **16-18/1/2001 Information Online 2001.** *Tenth conference and exhibition.* Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. Contact: Online 2001 Secretariat, Tour Hosts Pty Ltd, ph 02 9262 2277, fx 02 9262 3135, online2001@tourhosts.com.au <http://www.csu.edu.au/special/online2001/>

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National Literacy Week 2000

Following the success of last year's Inaugural National Literacy Week, the second National Literacy Week will be held from 28 August to 1 September 2000. Victoria, however, will be celebrating National Literacy Week between 3 September to 10 September 2000.

National Literacy Week will help raise community awareness of the importance of all Australian students developing effective literacy and numeracy skills. National Literacy Week will showcase the significant work school communities are undertaking in this important foundation area.

State and Territory education authorities are invited to apply for grants from the \$1 million provided by the Commonwealth to promote National Literacy Week activities across all school sectors in their State or Territory. Support for National Literacy Week is also being provided by State and Territory education authorities, which are matching the Commonwealth Government's financial contribution.

What are National Literacy Week Awards?

The National Literacy Week Awards for Literacy and/or Numeracy Achievement are cash awards that are made to schools demonstrating excellence in teaching literacy and numeracy. The Awards are designed to recognise and reward Australian schools that have shown improvement in literacy and/or

numeracy through effective practice.

Seventy-one awards with a total value of \$170 000 are available for government and non-government primary schools across Australia.

Major awards: \$10 000 each

• Eight major national awards of \$10 000 each are available — one per State/Territory (*Government Schools Category*).

• Three national awards of \$10 000 each are available for non-government primary schools Australia-wide (*Non-government Schools Category*).

Other awards: \$1000 each

• Twenty-four other awards of \$1000 each are available for government and non-government primary schools — a guaranteed minimum of three per State/Territory.

• The remaining 36 other awards of \$1000 each are available nationally. These will be shared out in proportion to the number of primary school students enrolled in each State/Territory.

All schools that participate in the Awards will be provided with a Certificate of Participation in recognition of the effort being made to improve literacy and/or numeracy outcomes.

For more information on National Literacy Week or the awards check the website at <http://www.detya.gov.au/literacyweek>.