

10–4pm. Cost: ALIA members \$50, non-members \$60, includes lunch. *RSVP:* Julie Zuvella, ph 08 9330 5537, jzuvella@ozemail.com.au

• **4/9 WA Library Technicians section.** *Guest speaker: Linda Welsh, psychologist, on internet addiction.* The Chandelier Room, Ocean Beach Hotel, Cottesloe, 6 for 6:30pm start. Cost (incl. GST): ALIA members \$5.50, non-members \$8.25. *RSVP to:* Lothar Retzlaff, ph 08 9346 6287, fx 08 9346 6255, retzlaff@ramsayhealth.com.au

• **6/9–6/12 WA Children's & Youth Services section.** *General meeting.* The more the merrier! Brass Monkey in Northbridge, 6:30pm. 6/9, 4/10, 6/12. Contact: Hilary Hatfield, ph 08 9411 3494, fx 08 9411 3493, hilaryh@cockburn.wa.gov.au

• **11/9–12/11 WA Branch Council.** LISWA, Room 2.9, 11/9; 9/10; 12/11. Contact: Tracy Gerritsen, ph 08 9272 1267, tracg@eon.net.au

• **12/9–12/12 WA Public Libraries section.** *General meeting, all members welcome!* Morley Public Library, 7 Dewar St, Morley, 4pm. 12/9, 10/10, 12/12 (second Tuesday of each month). Contact: Judi Willmott, ph 08 9354 5327, fx 08 9354 5953, jwillmott@canning.wa.gov.au

• **12/9 WA Special Libraries section.** *Author talk: Emma Ciccosto & co-author Michal Bosworth on Emma — A recipe for life.* 485 Fitzgerald St (corner Menzies St), North Perth, 5:30pm. ALIA members \$13.40, non-members \$16.50, on the day \$22.00, wine/cheese. *RSVP by 5/9 to:* Natarsha Larmont, ph 08 9325 2955, fx 08 9221 9848, n.larmont@mineralswa.asn.au or <http://www.party.onwa.net/alia1209.htm>

• **13/9 WA Library Technicians section.** *Meeting and tour of Battye Library of WA History, LISWA building, Perth Cultural Centre, 5:30 for 5:45pm start. Please collect a visitor's pass at the security desk before heading for level 3 Enquiry Desk.* *RSVP to:* Brenda Ellen, bellen@mail.liswa.wa.gov.au

**25–26/9 CAVAL** *Information audit workshop — Perth.* This two-day workshop provides the practical skills needed to conduct an information audit in an organisation. LISWA Alexander Building, Perth. Cost: CAVAL/ALIA CPD members \$687.50, non-members \$720.50. Contact: Sue Henczel, sueh@caval.edu.au

• **25/9–27/11 WA Special Libraries section.** *General meeting.* Cafe at LISWA, 25/9; 23/10; 27/11. Contact: Pauline Sawyer, psawyer@agric.wa.gov.au

• **4/10 WA Public Libraries section.** *Quiz night — new date.* Book your tables of 6 with Evelina Dobrowolski, ph 08 9375 1766. *Write this date in your diary now!*

• **6/10 WA Public Libraries section.** *Annual General meeting, this will be a breakfast meeting, all members welcome! Further details tba.* Contact: Judi Willmott, ph 08 9354 5327, fx 08 9354 5953, jwillmott@canning.wa.gov.au

• **16/10 WA Library Technicians section.** *General meeting.* Deacons Lawyers, Boardroom, Level 31 Boardroom, Bankwest Tower, 108 St Georges Terrace, Perth, 5:30 for 5:45pm. Contact: Sandra Wilson, wilsons@boris.curtin.edu.au or Sharon Beccaria, ph 08 9426 3254.

• **27/10 WA Local Studies section.** *Local Studies program at ALIA conference.* Guided tours of Old Parliament House, the National Archives of Australia, the NLA (Special Collections), and the National Portrait Gallery; and the Local Studies AGM. Venue: Canberra. Contact: Jan Partridge, ph 08 9266 7712, fx 08 9266 3152, jan@biblio.curtin.edu.au

• **11/11 WA Children's and Youth Services section.** *Annual General meeting.* Venue: tba.

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# Making news

## Selected reprints from newspapers and magazines in recent months

### Waiting for an education budget

*Campus Review*, 21–27 June 2000, by Colin Steele

Colin looks at moves in the UK to create an education system that combines diversity with excellence, and finds that, in comparison, Australia's efforts in the sector are lacking.

### Library funding boost welcomed

*Tatura Guardian*, 4 July

The Campaspe Shire has welcomed a \$28 000 funding boost to enhance regional library facilities. The funding, which has been made available through the Special Projects Grants for Rural Libraries program, will go towards upgrading resource material in library depots and the Tongala branch library; purchasing new computers for the Echuca Library; and funding multi-cultural events across the shire.

### Library service future clouded

*Hamilton Spectator*, 4 July, by Ben Houston

The future of the Glenelg Regional Library Corporation is in doubt with the library's board endorsing a deficit budget for 2000–2001. The library board had two choices: either endorse a deficit budget, illegal under the Local Government Act, or cut services. At the same meeting a report was tabled which indicated the Glenelg Regional Library Corporation was not viable under its current structure. The board agreed that a joint council workshop be held in August/September to discuss the issue and that representatives of the Local Government Division and the State Library of Victoria be invited to attend.

### Asbestos in State Library

*Metro News*, 5 July, by Ingrid Svendsen

What is believed to be the biggest asbestos decontamination project ever in Melbourne is taking place at the State Library of Victoria. An estimated 300 tonnes of asbestos-contaminated plaster is being removed from the State Library's domed reading room. The project will take up to twelve months and involve as many as thirty specialist asbestos removalists.

### Library gets \$35 000 grant

*Glen Innes Examiner*, 13 July

Glen Innes and Severn Library has received \$35 300 grant, from the Library Development Grants Scheme, to set up new services for people with disabilities. The funds will be used to modify the building, provide a new wheel chair ramp, automatic doors and an

awning for disabled access. It will also provide adaptive technology and literacy kits for children with learning disabilities.

### Arts industry booms on our \$25-a-week habit

*The Age*, 13 July, by Raymond Gill

Results of a survey by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and Arts Victoria show that each Victorian household spends about \$25 a week on cultural pursuits. Topping the list of cultural activities is popular music, attracting almost twenty-five per cent of those surveyed, followed by art galleries, musicals and opera, theatre, museums, dance and classical music. In 1997–98 Victorians made 24.6 million visits to local libraries, and borrowed 43.1 million items.

### Library chief wins travel scholarship

*Daily Advertiser* — Wagga, 15 July

Robert Knight, director of the Riverina Regional Library, was recently awarded the Albert Mainerd Scholarship for 2000. The scholarship is awarded by the New South Wales Local Government and Shires Association. Mr Knight will use the scholarship to study the role that public libraries are playing in regional and rural communities overseas where the same decline in population and withdrawal of services evident in Australia is also occurring.

### Council bans primitive view of Aborigines

*Courier Mail*, 18 July, by Lachlan Heywood

A history book which compares the demise of Tasmanian Aborigines with the extinction of animals has been taken off the shelves of Brisbane City Council libraries, leading to calls of censorship in Brisbane libraries. The book was removed in response to a complaint from the Nundah Reconciliation Group, but council opposition says that it is not up to council to dictate the reading material available to Brisbane residents. A council spokesperson says that the book was removed because it contained dated, inaccurate or misleading information and was in poor condition. She said most public libraries in Australia have already withdrawn the work in question. A council report on the issue said that older, out-of-date items in the collection were continually being replaced to ensure holdings reflect current thinking.

### Libraries thrive in growing web

*Canberra Times*, 19 July, by Emma Macdonald

inCite's regular columnist, Belinda Weaver, explains why librarians will always be needed to help users find and evaluate infor-

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• **14/11 WA Library Technicians section.** Meeting/dinner. LISWA, 5:30 for 5:45pm. Contact: Sandra Wilson, wilsons@boris.curtin.edu.au

## National

**15–18/10 LIANZA 2000 conference.** *Exceeding Expectations: Ka whaia te paetawhiti.* Christchurch Convention Centre. NZ Law Librarians Conference and COMLA Conference (18–20/10), same venue. A week not to be missed! For information and registrations <http://www.conference.co.nz/LIANZA2000/>

**17–21/9 LETA 2000 [Learning Environment Technology Australia].** *Making lifelong learning a reality for all.* Speakers include Mark Latham, Andrew McDonald (UK), university, public, TAFE and school librarians. Adelaide Convention Centre. Contact: Bill Cations, ph 08 8201 2103, bill.cations@flinders.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.

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

• **16/11 National School Libraries section.** *AGM by teleconference, 8pm EST.* Principal agenda item: the role of the national section in the future, and specifically, plans for 2001. Members are also urged to bring to the committee's attention, any matter of concern or interest. Any member who would wish to take any part in the committee is urged to contact either a state-based member of the committee or Maureen Nimon, maureen.nimon@unisa.edu.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 URL <http://www.csu.edu.au/special/online2001/>

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• **bullets indicate activities organised by ALIA Divisions**

mation, even in the age of the internet. Belinda says that 'librarians are partly responsible for making the internet usable. Really good sites are mostly compiled by librarians... Librarians have built these big gateways and subject-specific sites'.

### Library users fear for service as opening hours reviewed

*Sydney Morning Herald*, 19 July, by Geesche Jacobsen

The State Library of New South Wales is reviewing its opening hours after cutting staff numbers by fifteen per cent. While the library management is adamant that the reduction in staff will not effect core services, regular users of the library say they have already noticed a drop in service. A spokesman for the library said that opening hours were still being discussed. He also indicated that the number of people visiting the Macquarie Street buildings had dropped by twenty-one per cent in the past three years, while web access has increased more than 16-fold.

### \$10 000 donation to library

*Reporter*, 19 July

The Logan North Library has received a \$10 000 grant from Com Tech Communications. The grant will be used to purchase a new computer featuring the latest screen reading technology software enabling people with a sight disability to access the internet.

### Four State Library fund-raisers to resign

*Sydney Morning Herald*, 20 July, by Geesche Jacobsen

Four members of the State Library Foundation's board have quit after two members had raised concerns that its fund-raising activities had ground to a halt. Former chairperson of the board, Alice Oppen, wrote to the state librarian saying the board's ability to fulfil its duties was 'severely compromised by bureaucratic restraints'.

### Library closes the book on treasures few want to open

*Sydney Morning Herald*, 28 July, by Geesche Jacobsen

The library of the NSW Parliament is disposing of more than half of its rare 19th century book collection to make room for new volumes. About sixty per cent of the library's collection is to be disposed of. The books were first offered free to the State Library and the Powerhouse Museum, what they do not want will be sold through internet bookseller, Alibris. Books valued at ap-

proximately \$366 000 have been given to the State Library and the Powerhouse Museum.

### Straight to the core data

*The Age*, 25 July, by Jenny Sinclair

Finding information on the internet should be made easier by improvements to the global metadata system known as the Dublin Core with new qualifiers released in July. The Victorian Education Channel is one of the first sites to use it.

### Library wins in QMBA awards

*Daily Mercury*, 31 July

The North Mackay Library has taken out the Regional Project of the Year award at the Queensland Master Builders Association Housing and Construction Awards.

### Cybraries will gather no dust

*The Australian*, 2 August, by Malcolm Gilles

What is the future for academic libraries? A recent British survey suggests that by 2004 most scholarly journals will be in electronic form, with access to the journals via subscriptions which raises questions about access and ownership. But libraries, in their bricks and mortar form, will continue to fill an important role in the scholarly community: as long as they adapt to the requirements of group learning as well as enhanced electronic access.

### Charges over art book scam

*West Australian*, 3 August by Vivienne Stanton

The theft of hundreds of books worth approximately \$44 000 has been uncovered in Fremantle. Police allege that a man removed the bar codes, date slips and loan pockets from 884 glossy art books, ripped out library-stamped pages, and sold the books to second-hand bookshops in the Fremantle area. The man was charged with fraud and 884 counts of stealing.

### City girding up for a host of smart babies

*Moreland Sentinel*, 7 August by Gosia Kaszubska

Moreland Council libraries have produced 2300 bookstart kits that will be given to every baby born in the area in the next year. The kits include a colourful picture book for babies, a booklet on the best ways to develop children's reading skills and a list of recommended books for babies and toddlers. Maternal and child health nurses will distribute the kits when they visit new parents in Moreland. ■