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• **17/11 Vic School Libraries section.** *Annual general meeting.* Santa Maria College Resource Centre, 50 Separation Street, Northcote, 9:30am. All members are welcome.

## WA

• **13/11 WA Library Technicians section.** *General meeting.* Mid-West Room, Mezzanine Floor, Library and Information Service of WA (LISWA), Alexander Library, Perth Cultural Centre, Perth, 5:30 for 5:45pm start. *RSVP secretary:* Brenda Ellen, [bellen@liswa.wa.gov.au](mailto:bellen@liswa.wa.gov.au)

**19/11 Beyond Boolean:** *exceptional internet research.* 3 hour seminar by noted speaker and internet research pioneer David Novak of the Spire Project. WA State Library Theatre, 9–12:30pm. Cost: \$200. Read more & reserve a seat at <http://SpireProject.com> or call 08 9225 5909.

• **21/ ALIA WA Forum CPD Committee.** *Leadership seminar: Managers do things right, leaders do the right things.* Cottesloe Beach Hotel, 1:30pm registration. Cost: to be advised. Contact: Ruth Schofield, [schofield.ruth@stirling.wa.gov.au](mailto:schofield.ruth@stirling.wa.gov.au)

## National

**20–26/5/2002 Library and Information Week 2002.** Theme: *Powering our future: contribute to the information agenda.* LIW 2002 will coincide with the ALIA 2002 biennial conference, being held in Sydney from 20–22 May. See page 26 of this issue for additional information.

## Conference

• **7–9/11 14th National ALIA Cataloguing conference.** *Seachange: cataloguing in a dot com world.* Deakin University, Geelong Waterfront Campus. Conference chair: Ebe Kartus, ph 03 5227 8228, [kartus@deakin.edu.au](mailto:kartus@deakin.edu.au)

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# Making news around Australia

Selected reprints from newspapers and magazines in recent months

## Bugs eat their way through history

*The Australian*, Tuesday 18 September, by Dalya Alberge

The British Library has organised a conference to discuss the damage being done to historic manuscripts and other objects by beetles, worms and lice. Countless collections have been damaged or destroyed by pests which thrive on organic matter. The extent of the damage is unknown as public collections tend to keep quiet about such damage. Around 150 conservators, curators and archivists from libraries, museums and historic houses in Europe, South America and Australia will attend the three-day conference – A pest odyssey: no collection is safe from pest attack — at the British Library.

## Library broadens horizons

*Mordialloc Chelsea Leader*, 17 September

Chelsea Library recently unveiled their new collection of material in languages other than English. The collection has been developed over the last three years with money from the Department of Infrastructure and is the work of librarian Anne Richardson, who saw a need in the community for the collection. The launch co-incident with Adult Learners Week and Literacy Week Victoria.

## Focus falls on testosterone and books

*Narrogin Observer*, 12 September

East Narrogin Primary School has recently run a 'Real men read books' program to encourage reluctant boy readers to pick up a book and read. Fathers, friends and men from all walks of life read to students of the school as part of the program.

## Courtenay tops with borrowers

*Daily Telegraph*, 26 September

A report on the nation's most borrowed books has Bryce Courtenay novels taking the top four places. Number one was *Tommo & Hawke*, followed by *The potato factory*, *Jessica* and *Solomon's song*. Australian authors receive payments for their borrowed books at the rate of \$1.27 per copy, while publishers receive 31.75c. Australian public libraries hold more than 31 million books registered for the Public Lending Right.

## Forum told Australia must advance new technologies

*The Canberra Times*, 27 September, by Daniel Landon

Productivity Commission chairman Gary Banks, who delivered the keynote address to the Communications Research Forum, said that information communications technology, in particular computers and the internet, had the potential to raise a country's economic performance. He encouraged Australian companies to utilise ICT to improve efficiency.

## Librarians meet for regional conference

*Murray Pioneer* (Renmark) 11 September

The use of online facilities such as the Australian Bureau of Statistics data to enhance the resources of libraries is just one of the major issues discussed at the SA Regional Libraries Conference in Berri.

## Start of new university library 'brings relief'

*The Border Mail* (Albury Wodonga)

Construction has begun on La Trobe University's Albury-Wodonga campus' new library. The new library will have five times as many books and be five times the size of its predecessor.

## Libraries give top-shelf access to information

*Sunshine Coast Daily* (Maroochyodre)

20 September, by Hayley Gillespie

Access Maroochy Libraries is a project which aims to improve access to all library facilities throughout the Maroochy shire for those with disabilities. Workstations at Maroochyodre, Nambour and Coolumbur libraries now offer easy access features such as enlarged screens for patrons with vision loss and height adjustable desks for wheelchair access. Kurzweil software has also been introduced.

## Cash awards for state's top volunteer projects

*The Mercury* (Hobart) 21 September

Friends of the Launceston Library and the Tasmanian Conservation Trust have received a CommunityLink Volunteer Awards for their penguin jumpers appeal (see story p32 of this issue).

## The passionate circumnavigator

*The Australian*, 21 September,

by Jonathan King

A secret letter written by explorer Matthew Flinders to fellow navigator George Bass has been purchased by the State Library of New South Wales. The letter has been in a private collection for almost 200 years, and the purchase price was \$350 000.

## A novel find: we're still reading

*The Sydney Morning Herald*, 21 September, by Peter Gotting

Three-quarters of Australian adults read books for pleasure according to a ACNielsen national telephone poll of 1500 adults for the Australia Council. The government arts body is researching reading habits in preparation for its Books Alive campaign. Half those surveyed said they read both fiction and non-fiction, with mysteries, crime novels and biographies the most popular categories. Those that did not read were likely to be

young, male and of a lower socio-economic status.

#### Librarians address change

*Temora Independent*, 14 September

Member for Riverina Kay Hull told the biannual Country Public Libraries Association of New South Wales South-west Zone meeting that public librarians must change their traditional staid and formal image to one in line with their creative and energetic role.

#### Armidale library gets the thumbs up

*Armidale Express Extra*, 13 September

Patrons of the Armidale Dumaresq War memorial Library have given the facility the thumbs up. A survey of customer satisfaction found that the Armidale library is meeting user needs at a rate generally higher than the state average.

#### Library welcomes six thousand to its centenary party

*The Canberra Times*,  
24 September, by Frank Cassidy

The National Library of Australia held its first open day in eight years in September, attracting almost 6000 visitors. The library put on tours, talks and treasure hunts with the help of authors, cartoonists, story-tellers and 200 staff.

#### Tmba librarian speaks for Aust

*The Chronicle* (Toowoomba), 28 September

Toowoomba electronic services librarian, Sue Hutley, will represent ALIA at an international conference on the Gold Coast. The International young Professionals Summit will see 300 delegates tackle issues relating to the environment, poverty, sustainability, and social capital. Ms Hutley will address the summit on 'the digital divide'.

#### Library relocation a model for others

*Temora Independent*, 25 September

Temora library's relocation was such a success that it could be used as a model for improving other rural and regional libraries.

#### Old challenges, new twists

*Australian Bookseller and Publisher*,  
1 September, by Tracey Crisp

Tracey Crisp examines some of the complex and intricate concepts in developing a digital library. She also looks at why some libraries are more suited to digitisation than others. She cites the John Curtin Ministerial Library as an example of a collection suitable for digitisation as it has a clearly defined collection focus, is relatively small, and is well documented.

#### Old books restrict library satisfaction

*Portside Messenger*, 26 September

While the level of satisfaction with the Port

Adelaide Enfield Council's library service was quite high, a recent survey revealed that patrons still had concerns over operating hours, extra car-parking space and updated materials. Only thirty-nine per cent of respondents to the survey though that the library's collection was up-to-date.

#### Under new management

*Pyrenees Advocate*, 14 September

The Beaufort Community Resource Centre was opened recently by the Minister of Local government, Mr Bob Cameron. The new centre will bring together library services, community information, adult education, information technology training and tourist information. The Bracks Government was pleased to support the Pyrenees Shire Council with a \$95 000 grant from the Living Libraries program to help establish the centre.

#### Beyond books

*Courier Mail*, 4 October,

by Sandra McLean

A profile of new Queensland State Librarian, Lea Giles-Peters. Giles-Peters is the first female to take the top job at the State Library of Queensland in its 99-year history, replacing the recently retired Des Stephens who held his position for twelve years. Lea comes to the State Library of Queensland after six years as director of the Northern Territory Library and Information service.

#### Sneak preview of Egypt's reborn giant

*The Age*, 3 October, by Neil MacFarquhar

The New Library of Alexandria has been temporarily opened to the public. The building is set to officially open in April. The library, which has the capacity to hold four million books, but only has a few hundred in its collection at the moment. Library director, Mr Serageldin, has ruled that the library should focus on building formidable collections in three areas: about the ancient library itself, about Alexandria and about Egypt. ■

- **12-16/11 Public Libraries national conference.** *2001 The conference: Endless possibilities!* Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre Vic. Conference secretariat: Conference Consultants Australia, ph 03 9690 3933, fx 03 9690 3944, alia@conferenceconsultants.com.au, http://www.conferenceconsultants.com.au/alia/.

- **16/11 National Acquisitions conference.** *The printed book is dead, it's all gone electronic.* The State Library of Victoria, Melbourne. Cost: \$99 ALIA members, \$120 non-members and \$66 students. Contact: Jenni Jeremy, secretary, ph 08 8302 6720/0318, fx 08 8302 0280, mob 0412 563 125, jenni.jeremy@unisa.edu.au.

- **4-5/2/2002 ALIA Distance Education Special Interest Group (DESIG) national conference.** *Your time, your place, your off-campus library.* Monash University, Caulfield Campus, Melbourne.

- **19-22/5/2002 7th ALIA Biennial Conference.** *Powering our future: contribute to the information agenda.* Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Sydney Conference organiser: Tour Hosts Pty Ltd, ph 02 9262 2277, fx 02 9262 3135, alia2002@alia.org.au.

#### International

**10-12/12 4th International Conference of Asian Digital Libraries (ICADL 2001).** Digital Libraries: Dynamic Landscapes for Knowledge Creation, Dissemination and Management. University of Mysore and Indian Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore, India. For further details contact: Secretariat ICADL2001, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Mysore, Manasagangotri, Mysore 570006, India, ph +91 821 514699, office@icadl2001.org, http://www.icadl2001.org.

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