

What's new in ITC

Digital management rights

The Australia Interactive Multimedia Association (AIMIA) led consortium has won a contract to develop a digital rights management (DMR) guide. The DMR will identify ways in which the intellectual property framework in a digital environment can be made more efficient and less expensive for digital content producers. It will provide best practice information on licensing, contracting, acquisition and management of digital material. It is expected that the DMR will be completed later this year.

Organisations with relevant interests and experience are encouraged to submit contact details for potential inclusion in the research and consultative stage of the DMR project by e-mail to: intellectual.property@dcita.gov.au or facsimile to 02 6271 1633.

Public Lending Right

The Federal Minister for Arts and Sport, Senator Rod Kemp has announced recent appointments to the Public Lending Right (PLR) Committee. The chairman, Mr John Shipp has been reappointed for three years. Mr Shipp is past president of ALIA (1998) and CAUL (1992-1996) and has been chairman of PLR since 2000. He is currently the university librarian at the University of Sydney.

Mr James Maloney has also been reappointed to the PLR committee as the Australian authors representative. Mr Clive Newman, managing director of Fremantle Arts Centre Press, has been appointed for two years as the Australian publishers representative.

ICT Centre for Excellence

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Richard Alston, and the Minister for Education, Science and Training, Dr Brendan Nelson, have announced that National ICT Australia (NICTA) was the preferred applicant to establish and operate the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Centre of Excellence.

The \$129.5 million Centre of Excellence is the ICT cornerstone of *Backing Australia's Ability*, announced in January 2001. The Commonwealth's \$129.5 million contribution to the Centre is jointly funded by the Australian Research Council and the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio.

NICTA will become a national landmark institution that takes Australia's ability to create and commercialise information and communications technologies to a new level. It will be a world-class and world-scale ICT research institute that will raise the standard of ICT research and post-graduate training in Australia.

A consortium of six leading organisations and two key sponsors from universities, the private sector and state governments developed the NICTA proposal. The National ICT partners will contribute some \$96 million in cash and in-kind to the Centre over its first five years. The NSW and ACT governments will each contribute \$20 million. The Australian National University, the Universities of NSW and Sydney, the venture capital firm Allen & Buckeridge, Redfern Photonics and Bovis Lend Lease will also contribute.

The inaugural board will be chaired by Mr Neville Roach AO, chairman, Fujitsu Australia. Professor Brian Anderson AO, director, Research School of Information Sciences and Engineering and Professor of Systems Engineering at the Australian National University, will be the interim CEO.

NICTA will establish major research and training nodes in Sydney and Canberra. The Sydney node will comprise headquarters at the Australian Technology Park plus a facility adjacent to the University of New South Wales. The Canberra node will be located adjacent to the Australian National University. ■



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seminar is to explore both the theories behind pre-reading and early reading activities and to look at practical examples of programs for preschoolers. Date: tbc. State Library NSW. For more information contact: Mylee Joseph, ph 02 9777 7900, mylee.joseph@willoughby.nsw.gov.au

QLD

• **2/7-3/12 RAIS Qld.** *General meeting.* Library services meeting room, 14th Floor, BAC (Brisbane Administration Centre) building, 69 Ann Street, 5:15-6:45pm. 2/7; 6/8; 3/9; 1/10; 5/11; 3/12. For further information contact: Kirsty Hamilton (secretary), ph 07 3237 6636, khamilton@sppcpm.com

• **5/7 Children's and Youth Services (Qld).** *Essential Connections*, free seminar for teacher/public librarians. Guest speaker Alan Bundy followed by workshop and practical booktalking session. *RSVP 21/6 to:* Denise O'Connor, ph 07 3214 3214, d.oconnor@slq.qld.gov.au *Postal address must be included in RSVP for pre-conference questionnaire.*

19/7 CAVAL training activities. *Introduction to metadata.* Central Library, City Plaza Ann Street, Brisbane, 9:30-12:30pm. Cost: \$110 CAVAL/ALIA members, \$132 non-members. Contact: Eve Cornish, evc@caval.edu.au, register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

19/7 CAVAL training activities. *Hands-on metadata:* led by Bruce McLeod of Spirit Consulting. Central Library, City Plaza Ann Street, Brisbane, 1:30-4:30pm. Cost: \$198 CAVAL/ALIA members, \$220 non-members. Contact: Eve Cornish, evc@caval.edu.au, register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

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• **August Queensland OPALs.** *General meeting.* Host: Susan Oag. (3rd week: date/time tbc) Criminal Justice Commission Level 3, Terrica Place, 140 Creek Street, Brisbane. Contact: Susan Oag, ph 07 3360 6060, susan.oag@cjc.qld.gov.au

12/8 CAVAL training activities. *Book indexing:* led by Max McMaster. Cairns, venue tba, 9:30-4:30pm. Cost: \$396 CAVAL/ALIA members, \$440.00 non-members. Contact: Eve Cornish, evc@caval.edu.au, register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

13/8 CAVAL training activities. *Database/pictorial indexing:* led by Max McMaster. Cairns, venue tba, 9:30-4:30pm. Cost: \$396 CAVAL/ALIA members, \$440.00 non-members. Contact: Eve Cornish, evc@caval.edu.au, register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

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