

# Making news

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- **August Special Libraries (Vic).** *Cheap eat.* Further details: tba.

**21/8 ACER Information Literacy.** *Workshop 1: Information literacy and searching.* Camberwell Vic. Cost: \$132 per session (inclusive GST), 10% discount for ALIA members, must mention the ad, see <http://www.acer.edu.au/promo/Seek&%20YouShallFind.pdf> or phone 03 9835 7403.

- **21/8–20/11 Specials Libraries (Vic)** *General meetings.* Swets Blackwell, 4 Bennetts Lane, Melbourne, 5:30pm. (21/8, 18/9, 16/10, 20/11) *RSVP:* Traci Webb, [twebb@au.swetsblackwell.com](mailto:twebb@au.swetsblackwell.com)

**28/8 ACER Information Literacy.** *Workshop 2: Writing, abstracting and referencing for journal articles and reports.* Camberwell Vic. Cost: \$132 per session (inclusive GST), 10% discount for ALIA members, must mention the ad, see <http://www.acer.edu.au/promo/Seek&%20YouShallFind.pdf> or phone 03 9835 7403.

- **October Special Libraries (Vic).** *Special Library visit.* Further details: tba.

- **16/11 Schools Victoria.** *AGM and committee meeting.* Santa Maria College Library, Northcote. AGM starting at 9am. All ALIA members are warmly invited to attend. For further information contact: Maree McDonagh, convenor, ph 03 9334 0012, [maree.mcdonagh@overnewton.vic.edu.au](mailto:maree.mcdonagh@overnewton.vic.edu.au)

- **December Special Libraries (Vic).** *End of year/Xmas drinks and dinner.* Further details: tba.

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**8/7 CAVAL training activities.** *Book indexing: led by Max McMaster.* The Center for Business Solutions, 140 Royal Street, East Perth, 9:30–4:30pm. Cost: \$396 CAVAL/ALIA members, \$440.00 non-members. Contact: Eve Cornish, [evvec@caval.edu.au](mailto:evvec@caval.edu.au), register online at [http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego\\_form.html](http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html)

**9/7 CAVAL training activities.** *Database/pictorial indexings.* The Center for Business Solutions, 140 Royal Street, East Perth, 9:30–4:30pm. Cost: \$396 CAVAL/ALIA members, \$440.00 non-members. Contact: Eve Cornish, [evvec@caval.edu.au](mailto:evvec@caval.edu.au), register online at [http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego\\_form.html](http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html)

- **20–22/7 ALIA Local Studies (WA)** *are planning a visit to Geraldton for weekend.* Bus leaves Perth Saturday am, lunch at Dongara, visiting historic sites, arriving Geraldton pm. Visits will include tours to lighthouse, art gallery, museum, Geraldton Local Studies Collection, Northampton. Return to Perth Monday, visiting Greenough Hamlet en route. Please register interest by e-mail to [jzuvella@iinet.net.au](mailto:jzuvella@iinet.net.au) or ph 08 9330 5537.

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## Selected reprints from newspapers and magazines in recent months

### Libraries feel funding pinch

*Warrnambool Standard*, 14 June,

by Krista Hamblin

Inadequate state government funding is putting library services at risk. Adele Kenneally, chief executive officer of the Glenelg Library Corporation said that areas with declining populations were receiving less funding for services, including libraries. Ms Kenneally suggests that state governments should increase funding by three to four per cent, not the 1.5 per cent increase given to the corporation.

Ms Keanneally said that budget allocations did not take into account growing demand for the more expensive electronic and digital information.

### Money booked for libraries

*Wynnum Herald*, 12 June, by Amanda Lewis

\$3 million will be granted to libraries to help promote a smart and prosperous city. The spending almost doubles last years allocation. An additional \$275 000 has been allocated for internet training at the libraries.

### Report slams net censor

*The Australian*, 11 June, by Caitlin Fitzsimmons

A report from the NSW Standing Committee on Social Issues has concluded that the regulatory scheme, which would be put in place by the ratification of the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Enforcement Amendment Act 2001*, would undermine the right of adults to see and hear what they want and recommends that sections of the law on internet regulation be repealed. The Act would make it illegal to post R-rated material on a website without a restricted access system. Irene Graham, executive director of Electronic Frontiers Australia is delighted at the committee's recommendations. She said: 'Finally, at least some politicians are beginning to understand what the internet is.'

### Job areas dominated by women need recognition

*The Canberra Times*, 25 May

Many professions traditionally dominated by women, like teaching, nursing, and social welfare, have salary levels below the norm for the qualifications and responsibilities involved. Whilst librarians in New South Wales public sector have recently won significant pay increases, more work needs to be done to provide recognition for those working in these fields. If this doesn't happen, Australia will be ill-equipped to deal with the post-industrial society we are becoming.

### Untangling the web of librarians

*The Age*, 22 May, by Anne Armstrong

Anne Armstrong, librarian with the Monash Public Library Service looks at the people we call librarians. She has come up with some new names that reflect the diverse range of tasks undertaken by librarians: cybrarian; digital librarian; informania; information broker; information navigator; inter-

net librarian; knowledge broker; readers' adviser; shifted librarian; and webarian.

### Appraisal time for e-learning

*The Australian*, 22 May, by Patrick Lawnham

A Department of Education, Science and Training report on online education shows that twenty-three Australian universities are now offering fully online courses. But the take-up of online learning methods is patchy. Management and commerce, education, information technology and health are the disciplines that offer most online courses and units.

The report finds online access to university libraries is high — ninety-five percent allow access to the library catalogue via the internet, ninety percent provide access to online journals and monographs, and 82.5 per cent to online reservation of books.

The report, *Universities online*, surveyed forty tertiary institutions from August to December last year.

### Superhero

*The Australian*, 22 May, by Jim Buckell

Libraries now have more pull than cinemas in Singapore. When a new regional library opened twelve months ago, 100 000 people visited on the first day. Almost one in two people are library members. But it wasn't always like this. When Christopher Chia took over as chief executive of the National Library Board in 1995, there were queues of up to an hour just to get material checked in or out. In this feature, Jim Buckell profiles Christopher Chia who was in Australia recently to attend the Colloquium on Research Library Futures at the State Library of NSW and also to speak at the ALIA 2002 conference.

### \$10 000 for librarian

*The Advertiser* (Adelaide), 22 May

Janice Nitschke has won the \$10 000 Jim Crawford Award for Innovation in Libraries. Ms Nitschke is the director of library and information services for Wattle Range Council, was presented with her award during Library and Information Week. The award recognises outstanding contributions by individuals and groups associated with public libraries, and is named after the late Jim Crawford, AO who helped to modernise South Australia's library system.

### Cup of tea and a new book

*Maroondah Leader*, 21 May

Ringwood Library released its new books in conjunction with a cancer fundraiser during Library and Information Week. Australia's Biggest Morning Teas were held all over the country, and the library used the occasion to highlight the services and facilities available to patrons.

### Library proves a place of intrigue

*Waverley Leader*, 21 May,

by Cathy Heycock

Profile of reference librarian, Anne Armstrong from Monash Public Library Service as part of the

library's Library and Information Week celebrations. Ms Armstrong is quoted: 'I've always been interested in research. It's the thrill of the chase, hunting down information. There's a satisfaction in finding information and helping people'.

### Library Week morning tea

Stawell Times News 21 May

The Stawell Library also combined Australian Library and Information Week with Australia's Biggest Morning Tea by holding a Mad Hatter's Tea Party during storytime at the library. Donations from both events went to the Cancer council of Victoria. The library also mounted a display depicting the 'Libraries change lives' theme featuring books of inspiring stories.

### Exciting times at library

Albany Advertiser, 21 May

Albany Library was a hub of activity during Library and Information Week. Jenni Flottmann, manager of library services, said that the library was celebrating the role the library plays in adding value to people's lives. This is an exciting time for the Albany Public Library. With valuable funding from the University of Western Australia, renovation and extension work will start soon.

### Help at hand for kids at library

Western Advocate, 18 May

Bathurst Library now has a homework help desk. A staff member with teaching training is available to help students with assignments. The centre will operate from Monday to Wednesday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.

### New world

Riverine Herald, 17 May  
by Annette Gregson

Annette Gregson encouraged local residents to check out their local library, suggesting those that people who say they were not readers could be in for a big surprise. She said: 'Libraries offer you what you often can't afford... They provide a chance to delve into realms of fantasy and fact, which rarely sit on the bookshelves at home.'

### What's in the week?

Macedon Ranges Guardian, 17 May

State Education Week and Library and Information Week co-incided in Victoria in May. State Education Week is dedicated to celebrating the valuable role state schools play in our communities, and Library and Information Week celebrates the central role of libraries in communities, and particularly in education.

### Library corporation to benefit from state funds

West Gippsland Trader, 16 May

West Gippsland Regional Library corporation will receive an additional \$45 000 in state government funding. The corporation will also receive an extra \$4000 in recognition of the additional costs placed on libraries in rural and regional areas. The focus for the funds will be on the provision of books for children and teenagers.

### Library makes a difference

Port Macquarie Express, 15 May

The Hastings Library invited patrons to document how a library has made a difference in their life to help celebrate Library and Information Week. A competition was held, with a prize for one lucky patron. A second competition for school children was for a poster design on the theme 'libraries change lives'.

### Alice Springs library improves indigenous access

National Indigenous Times, 8 May

To address the specific needs of indigenous library users, Alice Springs Town Council has co-ordinated a pilot program — the Indigenous Access Project. Some initiatives from the project include: progressively marking non-fiction titles with Aboriginal content to easily identify them; establishing a 'drop-in' holiday program; approaching Aboriginal communities to expose them to locally produced library resources; developing relationships with the Toy Library and students on CDEP Childcare course; developing internal library policies on acceptable behaviour; negotiating with education institutions to operate a 'pick-up' service for school-age children from the library to school during term time; finalising a grant to create and furnish an area in the library to house specific resources for Indigenous patrons; and finalising a grant for the position of part-time officer to co-ordinate the project in future.

### Pay equity for librarians

Australian Business News, 1 May,  
by Carolyn Moore

Commentary on the recent pay equity enquiry decision in New South Wales. While the case will only directly effect between 250 and 1000 workers in New South Wales, the increases were significant and will presumably create pressure in other states. The decision has also highlighted work value inequities in other sectors such as childcare and youth services. ■

- 20/8–16/10 WA Library Technicians. *General meeting.* (20/8, 16/10) Venue: tba.

- September WA Library Technicians. *General meeting/weekend workshop.* Date and venue: tba.

- 25/11 WA Library Technicians. *General meeting & end of year function.* Venue: tba.

### National

29–30 November University of South Australia Library in association with ALIA present *The Vital Link 3: staffing library and information services in the 21st century.* City West Campus, University of South Australia. Contact: Marilyn Fraser, University of South Australia Library, Holbrooks Road, Underdale 5032, ph 08 8302 7040, fx 08 8302 6756, marilyn.fraser@unisa.edu.au

### Conferences

- 6–7/12 ALIA Quroum. *New Librarian's symposium.* Personal and professional development for new librarians in the Australia-Pacific Region. Carton Crest Hotel, Brisbane. Register your interest and find out more details at <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/newlibrarian/> Contact: Robyn Gattera, ph 07 3403 2592, twg@brisbane.qld.gov.au

- 21–23/1/2003 ALIA Information Online 2003: *11th exhibition and conference.* For more information, please contact: Conference Action, ph 02 9437 9333, fx 02 9901 4586, online.2003@alia.org.au <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/online2003/>

- 24–27/8/2003 10th Asia Pacific Special Health and Law Librarians conference. *celebrate the future.* Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide. Contact: Philip Keane, ph 08 8222 3224, philip.keane@imvs.sa.gov.au, <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/shllc/2003/index.html>

- 9–12/9/2003 12th National Library Technicians conference. *Bridging services: embracing reality.* Brisbane Qld. Organisers Australia, PO Box 1237, Milton Qld 4064, ph 07 3369 7866, fx 07 3367 1471, mail@orgaus.com.au

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