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• **19/10 Vic Library Technicians.** *Job seekers forum:* half-day workshop covering resumes and interview skills. Margie Anderson from One Umbrella will present news on the current job market. State Library of Victoria. Cost: \$5.50 ALIA members; \$7.70 students; \$11 non-members. To join the mailing list for brochures contact: Clare Bristow, rees@deakin.edu.au

• **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

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

WA

• **14-15/9 WA Library Technicians.** *Libraries looking out: a south west forum.* Sanctuary Golf Resort Bunbury. For a registration form and information pack contact: Brenda Ellen, bellen@sro.wa.gov.au Further details can be found at: <http://groups.alia.org.au/libtwal>

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• **16/10 WA Library Technicians.** *General meeting.* Venue: tba.

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

National

• **4/9 National Simultaneous Storytime** will talk place during Literacy and Numeracy Week. The picture book, *Mrs Wilkinson's chooks*, will be read simultaneously in libraries throughout the country at 11am AEST. Register your library's participation online at: <http://www.alia.org.au/advocacy/storytime/>

• **29-30/11 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, tx 08 8302 6756, marilyn.fraser@unisa.edu.au

Conferences

• **6-7/12 ALIA Quroum.** *New Librarian's symposium.* Personal and professional development for new

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Making news

Selected reprints from newspapers and magazines in recent months

Industry tests law to block offshore sites

Australian Financial Review, 19 August,

by Amy Harmon

A group of record companies have asked a United States judge to block access to a website offering free music downloads. The case is the first to test the *Digital Millennium Copyright Act* which allows a court to order internet providers to take limited steps to block offshore sites that violate United States copyright laws. While the technologically exists to block access to such sites, the probability that the site would re-emerge at a new URL is high. ISPs argue that the resources needed to keep track of these addresses could divert resources from running regular web traffic.

Small readers, big stories

The Age, 17 August, by Judith Ridge

The winners of the Children's Book Council of Australia awards have been announced and, according to Judith Ridge, the nominations highlight the lack of quality reading material for 8 to 12 year olds. While teenagers and younger children are well catered for, Ridge believes that the gifted 12 year olds, wanting a challenging read, but not ready for the content of young-adult literature, are not.

New \$5m library on the cards

Morning Bulletin, 14 August

An independent review has suggested that a new library in South Rockhampton would draw people back into the central business district. The new library would be larger than the existing facilities, would have to have improved technology and would need to accommodate weekend services.

Library service for HSC students

Wollongong Advertiser, 14 August,

by Alex Darling

Resources for HSC students are now available at Wollongong City Library, and are being established at the Dapto, Corimal and Warrawong district libraries. The information includes study and subject guides, literature critiques and examination tips. The collections will be kept up-to-date to reflect changes in the syllabus. To compliment the hard-copy collections, the library has established a website with links to support material for students, parents and teachers [<http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/library/weblinks/hsc.html>].

Community support

saves libraries' refugee display

The Canberra Times, 16 August,

by Catriona Jackson

A display removed from the Tuggeranong Public Library will be shown at the Canberra Theatre, the ACT Legislative Assembly, Queensland schools and a Brisbane festival.

ACT cultural spending decline

at odds with other states

The Canberra Times, 11 August,

by Luke Richmond

Australian Bureau of Statistics figures show that funding on cultural activities in the ACT declined

by nine per cent in 2000-2001. Funding for cultural activities and services in other states increased over the same time. Nationally, \$4.5 billion was directed towards cultural funding, a rise of 9.8 per cent from the previous year.

Papua's treasures launched on web

The Canberra Times, 12 August, by Wendy Levy

Collaboration between the State University of Papua, the Bird of Paradise State University and the Australian National University has produced a website which contains a wealth of rare and hard to access material about the Indonesian province of Papua. It is the first time much of the material has been made available. The information will also be available on CD-ROM to ensure that people in Papua without good internet access can still use the information.

Hostility brings down refugee display

The Canberra Times, 10 August,

by Catriona Jackson

A display depicting the plight of children in Australian detention centres has had to be removed when library staff were threatened and harassed. A spokesperson for the library said that it was a very difficult decision to make to remove the display, however staff safety had to come first. The display featured artwork by local ACT students, and had previously appeared in both the Belconnen and Dickson Libraries.

Other articles about this story include 'Exhibit removed after outcry' in the *South Side Chronicle* on 13 August.

Tribes library boost

Innisfail Advocate, 10 August

The State Library of Queensland will open thirty-one indigenous knowledge centres as part of its plan to improve access to information resources for indigenous Queenslanders. The new centres will be more than the traditional library and will offer more than books. They will be established in communities throughout Cape York and the Torres Strait. The State Library will consult and negotiate with local communities to develop the infrastructure to provide training programs, help to preserve local history, ensure the centre is a community meeting place and provide employment opportunities. As part of the three-year plan, the State Library of Queensland will also provide an advisory and training service to support public libraries in developing culturally appropriate collections and services, and develop and employment and training strategy to improve public library employment and training opportunities for indigenous Queenslanders.

We should all pay for a good education

The Age, 10 August, by Janet McCalman

Janet McCalman puts into print something that we cannot argue — the problems in Australia's higher education system can only be fixed by greater public funding. Expecting students and their families to pay more for education is, in her words, 'taking from the future in order to evade the responsibility

ties of the present. If we want Australia to prosper ... we must sacrifice and work for it now. We must invest in the coming generations.' She argues that spending has to be in 'scholarships for students, salaries for more staff, funding for research and equipment, and cash for libraries.'

Net use warning to firms

The West Australian 10 August, by Susan Hewitt
Schools and businesses may be forced to introduce blocking software to their internet access if certain pressure groups have their way. Australian libraries have a policy of monitoring, rather than blocking access as they are places of learning and research where people need to access all kinds of information.

Cultural funding up \$14m

The Mercury (Hobart), 8 August

Total state government funding for cultural activities jumped by \$14 million in the 2000–2001 financial year according to figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Most of the increased funding was directed towards nature parks and reserves. The state's total funding for the 2000–2001 year, including libraries and museums, was \$51 million. The per-person funding in Tasmania was \$118.85, above the national average of \$100.78.

Dispute chapter reopens

Canning Community, 6 August

Staff of the City of Canning library are threatening more industrial action over wages, conditions and services to ratepayers. The City of Canning plans to extend library opening hours with no extra staffing, expects the staff to work Sundays for less pay, and wants to introduce split shifts, according to Michelle Sheehy, Australian Services Union industrial organiser. Ms Sheehy also said that library workers were appalled by the council's plan to introduce charges for services such as storytime and the senior's book clubs.

Spam bans won't work, say NOIE

The Australian, 6 August, by Selina Mitchell

A draft report of the National Office for the Information Economy (NOIE) inquiry into spam has suggested that legislation making spam illegal would be ineffective due to difficulties in identifying spammers, the internet's global nature and the competing enforcement priorities of regulatory authorities. NOIE's interim report recommends that a strategy to reduce spam should include a balance of regulatory, self-regulatory, technical and consumer awareness approaches. The report also highlights the fact that, at present, there is no precise definition of spam.

Don't let library's fate be a rhetoric of empty words

South Coast Register, 5 August

Public libraries are one of the greatest community assets, however, government spending does not seem to reflect this. According to author and commentator Phillip Adams, speaking at the Country Public Library Association's conference in Batemans Bay, in New South Wales government spending on libraries does not seem to be a priority. He called on librarians across the state to band together to make their voices heard.

Librarians book in a campaign

South Coast Register, 5 August

Two well-known commentators, Phillip Adams and Hugh Mackay have called on libraries to be more vocal when calling for additional funding. Speaking at the Country Public Libraries Association's conference both highlighted the importance of public libraries in communities. Hugh Mackay said that regional areas have an opportunity to capitalise on making libraries a centre of interaction in a community, like they were in the 19th century.

TAFE to send books to East Timor

Riverina Leader, 31 July

The TAFE NSW Riverina Institute Wagga Wagga campus library is exploring options to lend its support to the East Timor Education Fund which aims to assist in establishing a resource base for schools and technical colleges in East Timor.

Conference present and conference future

Australian Bookseller and Publisher, August, by Tracy Crisp

A generally favourable review of the ALIA biennial conference held earlier this year in 2002. Tracy explores the new conference models, including the New Librarian's Symposium being held in Brisbane later this year.

Dump research and faculties, unis told

The Age, 31 July

Australian universities may be forced to close faculties and stop research projects to specialise in certain areas of teaching — this is one of a number of options contained in the latest higher education discussion paper. Rationalisation of courses has been suggested, as has the option of universities catering for a specific group of students, for example international students. It has also been suggested that universities move away from research and direct more funding towards teaching.

Why bother with a library?

Warracknabeal Herald, 30 July

In our consumer society what need is there of libraries? When you can just pop down to the shops and purchase a copy of a new book, why maintain a community library? These are questions likely to be asked at a review into the future of the Warracknabeal library. Libraries are the seat of learning for all ages, not just school children. It is the resource centre for communities — there may be some who never use it, but they would feel the results if the library was lost.

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• **23–24 January 2003 The IFLA Internet Manifesto workshop.** Presenters: Susanne Seidelin, director IFLA/FAIFE committee and Alex Byrne, chair IFLA/FAIFE committee. University of Technology, Sydney Building 10. Sponsors: ALIA, IFLA/FAIFE, UTS Library. Further information on the Manifesto can be found at: <http://www.ifla.org/III/misc/im-e.htm>. Registration information: Sandra Reid, ph 02 6285 1877, sandra.reid@alia.org.au, <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/ifla.manifesto/>

• **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. Event co-ordinator: Organisers Australia, PO Box 1237, Milton Qld 4064, ph 07 3369 7866, fx 07 3367 1471, mail@orgaus.com.au

International

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