

# Making news...

Selected reprints from newspapers and magazine in recent months

## Books bring blokes together

*Denmark Bulletin*, 10 April,  
by Diane Wolfer

The Denmark Primary School and the Denmark Agricultural College have teamed up for the fourth year in a row to promote reading to boys. The program teams a year four boy with an older mentor to enjoy some quality reading time.

## The monitor

*Sydney Morning Herald*, 15 April,  
by Jenny Sinclair

The Centre for Community Networking Research study into the habits of people who use the internet in public libraries has found that half intended using it at the library indefinitely.

## Library users warned: three strikes and you're out

*Quirindi Advocate*, 16 April

The Quirindi Shire Library has adopted a library internet use policy which states that any user found to be accessing pornography, violent images and other unsuitable material via the library's public internet access terminals will be given one verbal warning, followed by a written warning. If the patron persists in accessing such material, he or she may be banned from using the libraries internet terminals, or even be banned from the library itself.

## Police investigate arrest link with library vandalism spree

*Sydney Weekly*, 16 April,  
by Nicole Azzopardi

A Potts Point man has been charged with stealing from Ryde and Gladesville libraries. The man is believed to have stolen pages from art books from the libraries. Police are investigating a link to similar cases of vandalism reported by libraries in other Sydney suburbs.

A later article in the *Sunday Telegraph* ('Library books ruined', by Clare Masters, 20 April) reports that at least fifteen libraries throughout Sydney have been effected by the theft, and the damage bill is in excess

of \$25 000. Many of the books damaged are now out of print.

The saga concludes in an article in the *Sydney Weekly* on 7 May titled 'Book bandit walks free' where it is reported that the man believed responsible for the vandalism has been found not guilty on mental health grounds, despite concerns that he may re-offend.

## Art plan to start in June

*Southern News*, 17 April,  
by Daniel Knowles

Demolition will start in June for the Millennium Arts Project to expand the State Library of Queensland and the Queensland Art Gallery in South Brisbane.

## Yadlamalka girl shaped Australian librarianship

*Age*, 18 April, by Brian McMullin

An obituary of Jean Primrose Whyte, emeritus professor, Graduate School of Librarianship, Monash University: 27 June 1923 – 18 March 2003.

The *Adelaide Advertiser* ran an obituary by Valmai Hankel on 26 April, 'Pages of life an inspirational read'.

## Museum looters even had keys to vaults

*Mercury*, 19 April

Art experts and historians have alleged that those responsible for the looting of libraries and museums in Iraq were so well organised that they had keys to the museum vaults. They also suspect that the looting was organised from outside the country.

The *Herald Sun* ran a similar story 'Museum an inside job' by Jocelyn Gecker, on 19 April.

## Treasure hunt

*Advertiser*, 19 April, by Rosalind Russell

The head of the UNESCO, has called for the creation of a 'heritage police' to try to re-claim some of the cultural material lost during the looting after the war in Iraq.

It is believed that the looting was co-ordinated from outside Iraq. Trafficking in Iraqi archeological items has thrived since the first

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Lawyers, 141 Queen Street, City, 12:30–2:00pm. Host: Helen Gambley, heg@hopgoodganim.com.au

## VIC

• **3/6 Vic Library Technicians.** *Committee meeting.* State Library of Victoria, meet us in the Swanston Street Foyer at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome, no charge, light supper provided. *RSVP's essential contact:* Tricia Murray, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

• **14/6–15/11 Schools Victoria.** *Committee meetings:* Santa Maria College Library, Northcote, 9:30am. All members are warmly welcome to attend. 14/6, 19/7, 16/8, 15/11. Contact: Anne Girolami, ph 03 9851 1525 or anneg@marcellin.vic.edu.au

• **1/7 Vic Library Technicians.** *Committee meeting.* State Library of Victoria, meet us in the Swanston Street Foyer at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome, no charge, light supper provided. *RSVP's essential contact:* Tricia Murray, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

• **5/7 Vic Library Technicians.** *Techs on tour Melbourne:* full-day of library visits. Guest speaker: Angela Bridgland discussing the importance of continuing professional development. Lunch: \$9.90 ALIA members, \$12.20 non-members (incl. GST). Contact: Kerrie Kelly for registration forms at kkelly@slv.vic.gov.au

• **10/7 Vic Specials Libraries.** *The National Child Protection Clearinghouse and the Stronger Families Learning Exchange Communications Projects.* Talk by the Australian Institute of Family Studies, 300 Queen Street, Melbourne. *RSVP by 8/7 to:* Tania Barry, ktb@netspace.net.au

• **5/9 National Acquisitions Group.** *Seminar: The acquisitions librarian as a collaborator.* State Library of Victoria Theatre. 9:00–5:00pm. For more information contact Carolyne Cohn, ph 03 9386 0024 or Robert Elson, ph 08 8204 0487, robert.elson@courts.sa.gov.au

• **25/10 Schools Victoria.** *Committee meeting* following the PD activity organised for that day. Santa Maria College Library, Northcote, 9:30am. All members are warmly welcome to attend. Contact: Anne Girolami, ph 03 9851 1525 or anneg@marcellin.vic.edu.au

## SA

**14/6–13/7 State Library of SA** will be closed for one month while we return to the redeveloped building. There will be no public access to collections during this time or to the Royal Geographical Society, but an information service and reference service will continue to be provided by telephone, fax, e-mail and internet. The Institute and Jervois Buildings will be closed for refurbishing from 14/6 until November (approximately), and there will be no access to the Bradman Collection during this time. For

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**21–22/8 Kinetica Annual Users' meeting** will be held at the Stamford Grand Adelaide. Contact the Kinetica Helpdesk, ph 1800 026 155, kinetica@nla.gov.au, <http://www.nla.gov.au/kinetica/aum/aum03.html>

**17–20/9 Australian Society of Archivists. ASA conference: 'GLAM' Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums.** How does, and can, the sector work together to develop strategies for success? Hilton Hotel Adelaide SA. Contact: kylie.percival@adelaide.edu.au, ph 08 8303 5830 or Edwards.June2@saugov.sa.gov.au, ph 08 8207 7200

## WA

• **4/6 WA Library Technicians. Brochures without tears workshop.** Workshop will show how to use Microsoft Word to produce flyers and tri-folds. Perth Central TAFE, 5:30–7:00pm. Cost: \$15.00 ALIA members, \$22.00 non-members. Contact: wendy.morris@ecu.edu.au

• **10/6–9/12 ALIA West. General meeting.** Room 2.9, Alexander Library Building, 5:30pm. 10/6, 8/7, 12/8, 9/9, 14/10, 11/11, 9/12. Contact: Belinda Grayson, ph 08 9383 8977, bgrayson@cambridge.wa.gov.au

## Conferences

**7–8/7 ANZIL (Australian and New Zealand Institute for Information Literacy) is hosting the first in a series of symposiums.** Queensland University of Technology, Gardens Point Campus. Details at: <http://www.anzil.org/events/meetings/symposiumseriesone/overview.htm>

• **24–28/8 10th Asia Pacific Special Health and Law Librarians conference. celebrate the future.** Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide. Contact: Festival City Conventions, ph 08 8363 1307, fx 08 8363 1604, librarians@fccconventions.com.au, <http://conferences.alia.org.au/shllc2003/>

• **9–12/9 12th National Library Technicians conference. Bridging services: embracing reality.** Brisbane Qld. Contact: Organisers Australia, PO Box 1237, Milton Qld 4064, ph 07 3369 7866, fx 07 3367 1471, mail@orgaus.com.au, <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2003/>

**28–31/10 IFLA Interlending and document supply international conference: Breaking barriers: reaching users in a digital world.** National Library Canberra, Australia. For more information see <http://www.nla.gov.au/ilds/index.html> Inquiries at: ildsconference@nla.gov.au

**21–24/9/2004 ALIA 2004 Biennial Conference. Challenging ideas.** Gold Coast Convention Centre. Contact: alia2004@alia.org.au

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## Making news continued...

Gulf War, thanks to growing international demand, and an economic crisis in Iraq.

**Ashes to ashes, books to dust**  
Age, 19 April

Many of the one million rare books held in the Iraqi national library have been reduced to dust after widespread looting. 'How can we build a new Iraq after this?' asked Saib al Suhaib, a librarian. 'We can buy computers, we can make new buildings. But we can't buy a museum, or these books, or history.'

The *Canberra Times* also ran a story by Robert Fisk on 19 April 'Iraq's heritage has been smashed to pieces' and a piece by Sasha Grishin, 'A catastrophe of global proportions'.

**New library tells rich story at its core**  
*Weekend Australian*, 19 April,

by David King

The newest library in Western Australia doesn't have many books. The Perth Core Library in Carlisle will store cylindrical pieces of stone that tell the story of the state's vast mineral wealth. The library houses cores from the mineral exploration and petroleum exploration industry.

**Moviegoers figure well in arts survey**  
*Sunshine Coast Daily*, 22 April

The Australian Council for the Arts survey data shows that eighty-five per cent of all adults attended a cultural event or performance in 1999–2000, compared to only thirty per cent who attended football matches (all codes). A trip to the movies was the top scorer, with sixty-seven per cent, followed by libraries at thirty-eight per cent.

**Sport v books**

*Morning Bulletin* (Rockhampton), 25 April, by Frazer Pearce

Rockhampton may have to choose between a new library or a multi-purpose sports oval as the State government will not be able to provide funds for both projects. The editorial in the same edition also looked at this issue ('Sport or library? People to decide').

**Shelf life**

*Sydney Morning Herald*, 26 April, by Gerard Windsor

Gerard Windsor and Sally McNerney interview some of the owners of personal libraries in Australia. He ponders the fact that although librarianship is a profession dominated by women, only one in ten private collections has been accumulated by a woman.

**Master of Knowledge Management provides competitive edge**

*Canberra Times*, 6 May, by Trish Milne

A profile of the Master of Knowledge Management course offered by the University of Canberra. The course was been developed with input from the industry. The course is one of the most successful of the fully online, flexible delivery postgraduate courses that the university offers.

**Library's secrets will be revealed**

*Mercury*, 6 May, by Tim Martain

As part of Heritage Month in May, the State Library of Tasmania will open the Allport Collection to the public. The Allport Collection contains almost 3000 art works, some dating back to 1820.

**Creative vision puts money where the art is**

*Age*, 7 May, by Gabriella Coslovich and Robin Usher

The arts were the big winner in the Victorian state budget. \$5.4 million will be used to boost the premier's Literary Awards and improve the quality of books in public libraries. The National Gallery of Victoria and Museum Victoria received an additional \$127.6 million to cover recurrent spending.

**Bookworms read millions**

*Albert & Logan News*, 9 May

In the nine months to May, Logan City residents had borrowed more than 3.2 million books from the council's five libraries, and more than 600 000 members had used the library's services. The council estimates that more than 4.2 million books will be borrowed and more than 800 000 members would visit the libraries by the end of the twelve-month period.

**Integrating India**

*Western Weekender — Blacktown City Guardian*, 9 May

Blacktown City Library has recently launched a Punjabi Collection. The collection includes books, magazines and living skills information. The collection was established with a State Government grant aimed at extending the range of languages held by the library.

**Library and Information Week 2003**

Articles have appeared in papers throughout Australia celebrating Library and Information Week 2003. Articles included: 'Raising profile of library and information services', in the *Daily Liberal* (Dubbo) on 9 May; a two page spread in the *Canberra Times* on 12 May including articles 'Library and Information Week', 'Book in some serious fun', and 'Ask ADFA'; 'Libraries keeping pace: changing face of information for community', in the *Cairns Post*, 12 May by Philip Henderson; 'Libraries build mind power', the *Daily Mercury* (Mackay), 12 May; 'Library Week plans', *Diamond Valley Leader*, 7 May; 'Huge book sale', *Geraldton Guardian*, 7 May; 'Cambridge library spreads its wings', *Subiaco Post*, 10 May; 'Kelly country explored', *Morning Bulletin*, 15 May; 'Test your trivia skills', *Armidale Express*, 14 May; and 'Brit empowers young minds', *Bendigo Advertiser*, 14 May.

**Fears in arts circles confirmed**

*Canberra Times*, 14 May, By Helen Musa

The National Archives of Australia have been hardest hit in the cuts to the arts released in the federal budget.