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services for young people. Guest speaker: Janine Schmidt, Queensland university librarian. Contact: Anne Spelman, ph 07 3214 3214, a.selman@slq.qld.gov.au

• **17/7 Quorum Group.** *General meeting.* Brisbane City Council Central Library Theaterette, 5:00pm for 5:30pm. A gold coin is requested to cover the costs of light refreshments. For more information, contact Joy Goldsmith, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

• **14/8 QULOC** *E-topia: everything you want from a single search,* QUT, Gardens Point Campus, 8:30am–4:45pm. \$77 incl GST, \$55 incl GST (student registration). Contact: Rae-Anne Locke, ph 07 3875 5684, fx 07 3875 5901, r.locke@griffith.edu.au.

• **16/9 QLD OPAL.** *General meeting.* The United Grand Lodge of Qld, 311 Ann Street, City, 12:30–2:00pm. Host: Ian Maddox iwmaddox@uglq.org.au

• **18/9 Quorum Group.** *General meeting.* Brisbane City Council Central Library Theaterette, 5:00pm for 5:30pm. A gold coin is requested to cover the costs of light refreshments. For more information, contact Joy Goldsmith, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

• **15/10 QLD OPAL.** *General meeting.* Hopgood Ganim Lawyers, 141 Queen Street, City, 12:30–2:00pm. Host: Helen Gabley heg@hopgoodganim.com.au

• **20/11 Quorum Group.** *General meeting.* Brisbane City Council Central Library Theaterette, 5:00pm for 5:30pm. A gold coin is requested to cover the costs of light refreshments. For more information, contact Joy Goldsmith, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

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

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

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• **5/9 National Acquisitions Group.** *Seminar: The acquisitions*

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Obituary

Jan Novak BA *Indiana*, GdipLibSci *WAIT*, AALIA

5 November 1941 – 27 May 2003

Jan Novak, former associate director, Library Services (Development) QUT died peacefully at home following a lengthy struggle with cancer. She is sorely missed by her colleagues and friends at QUT where she first joined the staff in 1987, at its predecessor institution — the Brisbane College of Advanced Education.

Jan was born in Chicago, Illinois and gained her BA from Indiana University. Jan was always a free spirit and in her spare time, gained her pilot's licence for single engine airplanes and enjoyed riding motor bikes. In 1970 she moved to Sydney with her husband and young daughters where she worked establishing libraries within architectural firms. A fine appreciation of art and architecture remained one of her life long pleasures. In 1975, Jan moved to Perth where she worked for council libraries and became the first Young Adult Librarian in WA. While in Perth, Jan completed her Graduate Diploma in Librarianship. In 1979, Jan moved to Canberra and joined the Australian National University Library as assistant to the university librarian. She later became the life sciences librarian. This was the beginning of her long and productive association with university libraries.

In 1987, Jan joined the Resource Centre of

the Brisbane College of Advanced Education as the manager of user services. When the College merged with QUT in 1991, Jan became an Associate Director of the Library. In addition to co-ordinating the Library's User Services, Jan played a leading role in developing the library's strong client service culture and its quality management processes. These remain a lasting legacy of her outstanding contribution to QUT.

On a personal level, Jan had a creative and lively mind. She frequently led her colleagues and friends to innovative insights on vexing problems. All of us here at QUT will miss her kindness, her vibrant personality and her delightful sense of fun. Jan was a devoted mother to her three daughters whom she raised mostly as a single parent. Between work, family and looking after her beloved acreage home at Samford, she had little time left to pursue other interests. However, she was always an avid reader and film goer.

Jan leaves behind her three much-loved daughters — Amanda, Jennifer and Sonder, and baby grandson Jesse.

Carolyn Young, acting director library services, Queensland University of Technology,

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