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Conferences

- **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@fcconventions.com.au, <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/shllc/2003/index.html>
- **9–12/9 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
- **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 to: ildsconference@nla.gov.au
- **21–24/9/2004 ALIA 2004 Biennial Conference.** *Challenging ideas.* Gold Coast Convention Centre. Contact: alia2003@alia.org.au
- **12/2004 New Librarians' Symposium.** Adelaide.
- **6–9/9/2005 National Library Technicians Conference.** Sydney.

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Making news...

Selected reprints from newspapers and magazine in recent months

Library boost to primary producers

Baadesert Times, 21 May

Minister for Primary Industries and Rural Communities, Henry Palaszczuk launched an electronic library in May. The Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) library on the internet is a bonus for farmers and people living in remote and regional Queensland. The library provides research and information services to support Queensland government initiatives, with particular emphasis on food and fibre science, management, forestry, fisheries and amenity horticulture. The *Chinchilla News* and *Murilla Advertiser* also ran with the story on 22 May 'Online library for primary industries and rural towns'.

Radical and comprehensive

Campus Review, 21 May, by Alan Gilbert

Professor Alan Gilbert, chair of the Group of Eight Universities, believes that the tertiary education sector should support the reforms to the sector introduced in the 2003–4 federal budget.

The looming threat to Australian culture

Age, 27 May, by Thomas Keneally

An edited extract of Thomas Keneally's address to the 40th anniversary dinner of the Australian Society of Authors. In his address Keneally urges authors, and the society, to lobby the government to make sure that Australia's cultural integrity is not traded away for a better deal with the United States on farm produce. Keneally's address was also given coverage in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on the same day: 'When our culture is traded like so much maize'.

Research on the web

Australian, 27 May, by Sholto Macpherson

Sholto Macpherson looks at some of the growing number of online reference sites which are replacing their printed counterparts. While the online reference sites are excellent sources of information, users need to have a broadband connection to fully exploit the tools.

Search engines net success for writers

Australian, 27 May, by Ian Grayson

Ian Grayson looks at how the internet has changed the world of journalism. He likens the internet to having access to the largest library, bookshop, and newspaper archive on the planet, 24 hours a day, without having to move from your desk. He does conclude with the idea that while the internet can make research easier, journalists still have to provide context, insight and value to the information if they don't want to see themselves replaced by a search engine.

Don't believe all you see

Australian, 27 May, by Adrian Lynch

Elizabeth Swan and Anne Maree Whitaker

warn that you cannot believe everything you find online. Swan says that to guarantee the accuracy of information users should seek reputable sites, such as government agencies and universities, or better yet, learn how to research the 'invisible web'.

Boys are reading more, says author

Chronicle, 27 May, by Maree Fitzgibbins

According to award-winning children's author, James Maloney, encouraging boys to read is getting easier. He believes that there are more books now which cater to boys interests: cars, dinosaurs, fart jokes...

Library books on borrowed time

Merredin-Wheatbelt Mercury, 28 May, by Jessica Strutt

If Merredin Regional Library does not find a qualified librarian it could loose up to sixty per cent of its book stock. The library needs a qualified librarian to maintain its regional status. If its regional status is lost up to 6400 books could be removed from the library's shelves, and access to other services will be cut. Also, the library will not be able to choose its own bookstocks.

Porn filter my cut access

Canberra Times, 28 May, by Verona Burgess

An internet filter, reportedly costing \$50 000 per year has caused a bit of a stir in parliament house. Concerns have been raised that the filter in question was known to block access to legitimate sites, and also blocks other sites which parliamentarians may have a legitimate research interest in. There were concerns that researchers will not be able to work efficiently if the filter is installed.

Solid network for the future

Liverpool Champion, 28 May

The Liverpool Library is the host to an innovative project jointly run by the Liverpool Council and Cisco Systems Australia. The project, Liverpool Community Network Academy, should boost the employment chances within the IT sector for south-west Sydney residents.

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Bryce extols the power of one

Port Douglas & Mossman Gazette, 29 May, by Lauren Pratt

The Mossman Library invited Bryce Courtenay to speak as part of its visiting authors program. During his talk to the 114 guests, Courtenay said that the greatest gift other than love was teaching literacy.

Library claims denied

Northern Territory News, 1 June

Northern Territory Local Government Minister, John Ah Kit, has denied reports that seven libraries used by government agencies were going to be scrapped. He said that the government was looking at ways of getting better efficiency from the libraries.

Wal is the state's best

Swan Hill Guardian, 2 June

Wal St Clair, mobile library operator for Swan Hill District Library has been named Victorian Operator of the Year. The Country Public Libraries Association of Victoria made the presentation at a recent conference. Wal's career has been varied: he has been a butcher, meat inspector, and worked in hotel security. He started working with the Swan Hill District Library in 1998 and says that it is the best job in the world.

Ambition

Australian, 3 June, by Paul Broekhuyse

Janette Wright is the new director of RMIT Publishing. Wright has extensive experience in the knowledge industry: most recently she was managing director of Rowecom Australia, and previously she has held senior management positions at Waverley Council and the State Library of New South Wales. RMIT Publishing is one of Australia's leading e-publishers, publishing more than sixty journals, monographs, conference papers and guides on its Informit Library site.

Conference checks out virtual library

Daily Mercury, 3 June, by Jessica Hall

Delegates to the Queensland Public Libraries

conference looked at ways to better meet the needs of a rapidly diversifying population. The 'virtual library' is meeting some of the needs of customers, but the physical library will be needed for decades to come.

Top award for 'dynamic' Jane

Caboolture Shire Herald, 3 June

Jane Cowell, library services manager for Caboolture Shire Council has received the Queensland Library Achiever of the Year award during Library and Information Week. Jane has been manager of the library service since 1999, and is also the head of the Queensland Public Libraries Association.

Kiwis start conversation

Australian, 4 June, by Jim Buckell

With the passage of the *National Library Act*, which extends the legal deposit laws to digital material, New Zealand may have gone further than any other country to promote digital archiving. The National Library of New Zealand will begin negotiations with publishers to gain access to digital material, then it will move on to examine its collection responsibilities elsewhere.

Dome sweet dome

Herald Sun, 7 June

Some great literary works have been written in the Domed Reading Room of the State Library of Victoria. Ray Lawler wrote *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll* there, Helen Garner wrote *Monkey Grip*, Frank Hardy completed *Power without glory*, just to name a few.

Mechanical genius

Age, 7 June, by Mary Ryllis Clark

The Ballarat Mechanics Institute was the grandest institute in the goldfields in the 1850s. The people of Ballarat are now working to preserve both the building and the purpose for which it was built. Much of the Institute's original collection still survives, making the Ballarat Mechanics Institute library collection the most important in Victoria. It has one of the few surviving full-run archives of *The Argus*, as well as the *Ballarat Star*, the *Ballarat Times*, the *Ballarat Evening Echo* and *Ballarat Punch*, all dating from the 1850s.



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International

7-11/7 32nd International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) Conference *School libraries: breaking down barriers*, Durban, South Africa. Mpume Mbatha, iasl-elits@kznedu.kzntl.gov.za

1-9/9 69th IFLA Council and general conference *Access point library: media — information — culture*. Berlin, Germany. Christoph Albers, ph 0011 49 302 655 88, ifla2003secr@sbb.spk-berlin.de

22-26/9 LIASA Sixth Annual Conference *Tsoga o itirele: Libraries as agents of change*. Rustenburg, South Africa. Naomi Haasbroek, naomi@tlabs.ac.za

25-26/9 Creating Knowledge III (CKIII) 3rd Information Literacy Conference. Akureyri, Iceland, Astrid Margrét Magnúsdóttir, astrid@unak.is

7-10/10 The Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA) Conference 2003 *Oceans of opportunity: whakawhitihia te moan.*, Napier, New Zealand, Conferences and Events Ltd, ph 0011 62 3 546 6022, lianza@confer.co.nz, <http://www.confer.co.nz/lianza2003/>

19-23/10 The Twelfth Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL XII) *Information resources empowerment: enhancing knowledge heritage*. Berakas, Brunei. CONSAL XII Secretariat, ph 673 2 222 135, consal2003@ubd.edu.bn

20-23/10 American Society for Information Science and Technology Annual Conference *Humanising information technology: from ideas to bits and back*. Long Beach, California, ASIST, asis@asis.org

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