

Making news...

Selected reprints from newspapers and magazine in recent months

More to libraries than just books

Townsville Bulletin, 15 November

A very brief (and somewhat simplistic) article about the many facets of information work. Although the article does state that you will need more than a love of books to work in the profession.

Boys are getting to read again

Northern Territory News, 13 November

Just disgusting is the favourite Australian book for kids in the Northern Territory in 2003. The *Too cool* series was also very popular. And what do the two have in common? Humour. Humour and adventure are pulling boys back into books for leisure reading, thanks to the outstanding efforts of Australian authors. The article finishes with the words: 'Free, satisfying, absorbing, leaving you wanting more, best describes a trip to your local library'. Here, here...

Enlightening form

Sydney Morning Herald, 12 November, by Colin Menzies

Zauner Construction Pty Ltd, won the MBA Excellence in Construction award in the category for best educational building up to \$5 million, for the new library building at LaTrobe University's Albury/Wodonga campus. The new library houses both a hard copy library, but electronic libraries, an IT centre, teaching rooms and video and film screening rooms. Les Parlane, Zauner's project manager on the job discusses some of the more challenging aspects of the job.

Welcome to History 2.0

Bulletin with Newsweek, 11 November, by Steven Levy

Amazon.com launched its 'search inside the book' service in October which allows users to search the full-text of 120 000 books for a particular name or phrase. The service is limited to registered Amazon.com users, and 'only' 120 000 books so far have been digitised. Users can view two pages on either side of the citation and cannot print the results.

Levy says that the advances being made by Amazon.com and others, such as Google, are 'harbingers of a new kind of history, where the world's information is not only more plentiful and diverse, but astonishingly accessible.'

New chief to join library

Heidelberg Leader, 11 November

An announcement of the appointment of Christine McKenzie to the position of chief executive of Yarra Plenty Regional Library. Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service has eight branches and caters for more than 300 000 people. Christine will take up the post in January 2004.

Literacy first step to freedom

Ipswich Advertiser, 11 November

Bremer TAFE community liaison officer, Narrella Simpson, has become the first indigenous person in Australia to receive an award during National Literacy and Numeracy Week. Narrella was recognised for her exceptional services to literacy. Narrella has spent ten years as a volunteer community liaison officer, and has been responsible for a number of innovative literacy initiatives in the Ipswich region.

Have a chat for top help

Courier Mail, 8 November, by Belinda Weaver

Belinda gives some tips for finding information after you have done a search and have come up with nothing (or too much). She profiles the AskNow service offered by the national, state and territory libraries in Australia. The service is open for about ten hours a day.

Multi cultural

Sydney Morning Herald, 8 November, by David Dale

'Only geeks got to libraries...' if that's the case, there are 6.1 million geeks in Australia. David Dale examines the cultural activities of the Australian population based on the results of the ABS survey report *Attendance at selected cultural venues and events*.

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SA

• **2/12 CIAN.** *CISA Infosearch — teach others to use it.* Forum designed to show you how to teach colleagues and volunteers to use the Infosearch database. CISA, Level 3, 33 King William Street, 10:00–11:30am. Latest copy of the Common Knowledge available at <http://www.cisa.asn.au/cgi-bin/wf.pl>. Contact: Patricia Foster Jones, ph 08 8406 8533, pfosterjones@salisbury.sa.gov.au

• **8/12 ALIA Special Libraries (SA).** *AGM, come along and have a say in your professional association!* State Library of SA, 1st floor, check in bags at security then approach reference desk and ask for the Big Bray Study Room, 5:30pm. Then join us for dinner at Amalfi's Restaurant, 29 Frome Road. *RSVP by 5/12 to:* Kate Sinclair, kate.sinclair@flinders.edu.au

• **10/12 ALIA SA.** *Christmas at the Chapel.* The Chapel Café, Kintore Avenue, 5:30–7:30pm. Cost (includes GST): \$10 ALIA members, \$15 non-members (to be paid on the night). *RSVP by 5/12 to:* Fairlie Sampson, ph 08 8240 0300, library@tauondi.sa.edu.au

VIC

• **4/12 Vic Library Technicians'.** *End of year celebrations*, everyone is welcome to join us for dinner at 6:00pm at the Cricket Club Hotel, 435 Clarendon Street, South Melbourne. *RSVPs essential:* Tricia Murray, ph 03 9925 3110, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

• **2/2/2004 ALIA Forum on Purchasing Agreements and Licensing Melbourne.** *Bringing together purchasers and suppliers to discuss current developments in licensing, services, user requirements and business models for acquisition of online resources.* \$100 ALIA/VALA members, \$135 non-members [GST incl]. Contact: Susan Magnay, ph 02 6215 8225, susan.magnay@alia.org.au

• **2/2/2004 ALIA-ACOC seminar.** *Revolution or Evolution? The impact of FRBR.* Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre. Registration/ sponsorship enquiries to: ALIA National Office, ph 02 6215 8235. Contact: Robert Walls, ph 02 6262 1657, rwalls@nla.gov.au, <http://www.nla.gov.au/lis/stdnrdsg/grps/acoc/acocseminar2004.html>

• **3/2/2004 Vic Library Technicians'.** *Committee meeting.* State Library of Victoria, meet in the Swanston Street Foyer at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome, no charge, light supper provided. *RSVPs essential:* Tricia Murray, ph 02 9925 3110, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

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• **21/2/2004 Vic Library Technicians'.** *Mornington Peninsula Library.* Meet at 10:30am for a tour of the Hastings Branch and a presentation on public libraries and their role in social capital. Lunch to follow (delegates own expense). Everyone is welcome. Contact: Tricia Murray, ph 03 9925 3110, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

• **19/3/2004 Vic Library Technicians'.** *Hot off the press: following the work of technical services.* Full day presentations on publishing, acquisitions, the work of a supplier, cataloguing and processing. Cost [GST incl] \$24.20 ALIA members/student/concession, \$33 non-members, includes BBQ lunch hosted Raeco and Coach travel. Contact: Tricia Murray, ph 03 9925 3110, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

WA

• **6/12 ALIA West.** *General meeting.* Room 2.9, Alexander Library Building, 5:30pm. Contact: Rose Hockley, ph 08 9383 8977, rose.hockley@wmc.com

National

• **12-18/5/2003 Library and Information Week 2003.** More information in future months!

Conferences

• **5/12 ALIA New Librarians Symposium 1.5.** *ALIA NLS1.5* Join us again for a day of personal and professional development for new librarians — and celebratory cocktail party. \$125 ALIA members, \$165 non-members, \$110 student/concession [GST incl]. Carlton Crest Hotel, Brisbane, Contact: Robyn Gattera, ph 07 3403 2592, twq@brisbane.qld.gov.au, <http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2003/>

• **2/2/2004 ALIA Forum on Purchasing Agreements and Licensing Melbourne.** *Bringing together purchasers and suppliers* to discuss current developments in licensing, services, user requirements and business models for acquisition of online resources. \$100 ALIA/VALA members, \$135 non-members [GST incl]. Contact: Susan Magnay, ph 02 6215 8225, susan.magnay@alia.org.au

• **21-24/9/2004 ALIA 2004 Biennial Conference.** *Challenging ideas.* Gold Coast Convention Centre. Contact: alia2003@alia.org.au, <http://conferences.alia.org.au/alia2004/>

• **3-4/12/2004 New Librarians' Symposium.** If you loved the New Librarian's Symposium in 2002 then

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Power of one and deception

Torres News (Thursday Island), 7 November, by Mark Bousen

Bousen discusses how one librarian helped ensure that a book made it into print. The librarian, Ann Sparanese, and the book *Stupid white men*, by Michael Moore. The message is that one person really can make a difference.

Getting funky at the library

North Coast Advocate (Ballina), 6 November

The Ballina Library's 'Loud in the library' youth program is proving popular. In November, DJ Nathan 'Deep' Fryer and rapper Andrew Hay were strutting their stuff. Deep Fryer demonstrated some of his scratching and mixing techniques, while Andrew Hay took to the floor for a freestyle rap session. The 'Loud in the library' program is organised by the Ballina Youth Service in partnership with the Richmond-Tweed Regional Library service.

Museum is dripping with pride

Australian Financial Review, 6 November, by Terry Ingram

A fun article highlighting some of the more unusual (or unexpected) pieces in the National Museum of Australia collection. Included are a tin of beef dripping, a Hills Hoist, and kitchen utensils.

Libraries more than just a collection of books

Portland Observer, 5 November

An interview with Adele Kenneally, Glenelg Regional Library chief executive officer who recently returned from a study tour of the United Kingdom and Canada. Adele was able to take the tour thanks to a scholarship from the State Library of Victoria. Adele spent six weeks visiting libraries in all sorts of communities. She says that understanding the different uses of libraries in different communities was very important for library planning and management.

Databases sure to improve research

Redcliffe & Bayside Herald, 5 November

An article exploring the new online databases available through the Redcliffe City Library. The databases are made available through the State Library of Queensland, and provide information on a wide range of subject areas.

Library earns law award

Inverell Times, 4 November

The Inverell Shire Library recently received the Legal Information Access Centre, centre of excellence award. The library won the award for its twelve-week shop-a-docket campaign. The shop-a-docket told people about the free legal information that is available at the library. The award of \$1000 will go towards expanding the legal collection of the library.

Literacy program stumbles

Australian Financial Review, 3 November, by Cherelle Murphy

Literacy is an area in which a lot of people need assistance. The commonwealth government, through the Department of Education Science and Training provides funding for literacy programs. Unfortunately, many training providers will have to cut back on staff, and the courses offered because of the high demand, and lack of funding. The Department has decided to target areas with high unemployment with the rest of the funds.

Cinema still the place to relax

Advertiser (Adelaide), 1 November, by Tom Richardson

In South Australia a visit to the cinema was the most common cultural activities (sixty-six per cent of the adult population went to the movies at least once); followed by a visit to the library (forty-four per cent), according to the latest figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Larapinta librarian inspires colleagues

Centralian Advocate, 31 October

A profile of Ruth Jones, from Larapinta Primary School in Alice Springs, who won the Australian School Library Association's Citation Award. Ruth has been an inspiration to many Territorian teacher librarians. Ellen Varley, principal of the school said that 'it is her ability to support and encourage other teacher librarians that sets her apart...'

Library's advice on terrorism

Lithgow Mercury, 30 October

The State Library of New South Wales has tried to remove the confusion about terrorism by providing a clear definition, outlining the controversy surrounding the war on terror, explaining the role of the United Nations and outlines Australia's legal response to September 11. All this information is contained in 'Hot Topics 42: Terrorism' produced by the State Library's Legal Information Access Centre and available in all public libraries in New South Wales.

Trainees to run remote libraries

Cairns Post, 30 October

As part of their Certificate II in Library and Information Services, ten indigenous knowledge centre staff gathered in Cairns for a week-long training session. The training was provided as part of the indigenous knowledge centre program of the State Library of Queensland where conventional library services compliment the oral and visual traditions of indigenous cultures.

East Timor trip for council librarian

Western Times, 28 October

Patti Manolis, library services manager for the Maribynong Council has been awarded the Margery C Ramsay Scholarship from the State Library of Victoria. The \$15 000 prize will assist Ms Monolis to go on a study tour of public library and community-building activities in East Timor. ■