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• **14/5 Active ALIA.** *Happy hour: come and enjoy the Friday happy hour and music while you catch up with people and events. No formal meeting. Hotel Kurrajong, National Circuit, Barton. Contact: Jan Gordon, ph 02 6268 8122.*

25-28/5 Project Management for Government is aimed at the whole-of-government and will provide insightful case studies. ALIA members receive a 10% discount. To see the full course agenda contact: Suzie Stollznow, ph 1300 550 662, sstollznow@arkgroupasia.com

• **26/5 APSIG.** *Lunchtime library visit — Australian International Hotel School, Kurrajong Hotel, 12:30-1:30pm. Come and join members and colleagues in this specially organised lunch-time tour. Meet in the front foyer. A \$50 book voucher will be given away to one lucky attendee. Gold coin donation, no bookings required. Contact: Karen York, Karen.York@aihs.edu.au*

• **26/5 Library and Information Week 2004 Trivia Night.** *ACT Public Library Service invite you to a trivia night! All money raised will be sent to East Timor for the purchase of library books and literacy materials. Belconnen Library, 7:15pm. \$10 for dinner, BYO drinks, bookings essential! Contact: ACT library service, ph 02 6205 9000, library.customerinfo@act.gov.au*

• **27/5 National Library Technicians day — ACT celebrations.** *ACT Library Techs will be celebrating with breakfast at Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7:30am. Costs: Full \$24.00, Continental \$18.00, Express \$10.00. RSVP to: Beth Clary, ph 02 6162 6225, beth.clary@radford.act.edu.au or Lynn Bale, ph 6291 6687, richard_lynnbale@bigpond.com*

• **2/6 URLs at the University of Canberra Library.** *Anita Crotty, recently appointed university librarian at UC, will talk on developments within the library there. University of Canberra Library, 12:30pm. Contact: Nancy Clarke, ph 02 6209 1117, n.clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au*

NSW

4-5/5 Merit selection in the NSW Public Sector. *Learn about all aspects of merit selection and recruitment requirements for the public sector. Discounted rate for ALIA members. Contact: Andrew Sincek, ph 02 9228 5225, info@nsw.ipaa.org.au*

4-6/5 KM Intranet Site visits, 2004. *Visit the offices of Blake Dawson Waldron, NSW Police, Aristocrat Leisure Limited, Holroyd City Council and witness key developments through LIVE Knowledge Management Intranet demonstrations! ALIA members receive a 10% discount, quote SS-AL. Contact: Suzie Stollznow, ph 1300 550 662, sstollznow@arkgroupasia.com*

5-6/5 The policy process: *gain an understanding of policy-making structures and processes. Discounted rate for ALIA members. Contact: Andrew Sincek, ph 02 9228 5225, info@nsw.ipaa.org.au*

11/5 Speed reading: *unload your reading overload: a course for people with too much to read and too little time to read it in. Discounted rate for ALIA members. Contact: Andrew Sincek, ph 02 9228 5225, info@nsw.ipaa.org.au*

12/5 The power to influence. *Gain skills to influence key outcomes and prepare for high level communication. Discounted rate for ALIA*

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Making news...

Selected reprints from newspapers and magazine in recent months

Library facilities top priority for liberals
Stawell Times News — Ararat Advertiser, 26 March

The State Member for Western Province, John Vogels, has indicated that the Liberal Party is committed to improving library facilities in the Northern Grampians Shire. He said that the Liberal Party is committed to increasing library funding, in recognition of the vital service that libraries provide to rural communities.

Libraries may face closure
Hamilton Spectator, 27 March, by Brian O'Brien

A report to the Glenelg shire has recommended the closure of two library branches: Casterton and Heywood. The report suggests that the branch libraries could be replaced with e-libraries which would offer online services and reference books, but no lending facilities. The report also recommends changes to the bookmobile service. The report will need to be endorsed by both Glenelg and Southern Grampians shires before any recommendations were acted upon.

Rann's challenge: read all about it
Sunday Mail (Adelaide), 28 March

South Australian Premier, Mike Rann, has been thrilled at the initial response to his 'reading challenge'. So far, more than 50 000 students have signed up. The challenge is for each student to read twelve books before 10 September, including at least eight from the Premier's Reading Challenge book list.

Once you start censoring, you just can't stop
Sydney Morning Herald, 29 March, by Paola Totaro

There has been controversy over a new exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum. Titled, *Thrills, Spills and Social Ills*, the exhibition was to showcase the nation's love affair with games of chance, bookies, poker machines and casinos. However, it has been revealed that senior bureaucrats from the NSW Department of Gaming and Racing have 'sanitised' the exhibition, removing reference to the social cost of gambling, the state's role in receiving revenue from it, and by removing historical mention of national political figures associated with gambling.

The page turns for local libraries
Weekly Times (Victoria), 31 March, by Laura Cochrane

Laura Cochrane talks to Lynne Makin, chair of Public Libraries Australia, Skye Price, a library consultant to the Glenelg Shire, and Anna Cook from East Gippsland Council about the changing face of libraries. All agree that libraries are more than just lenders of books, and that serious consideration must be given

to the level of funding provided, at local, state and national levels.

\$1m pledge for libraries
Cranbourne Leader, 31 March

Victorian Opposition Local Government spokesman, John Vogels, has pledged to increase per capita funding if elected. He said that his party would provide \$4 extra per person over its first term to improve library services (the State Government currently provides \$4.70 per person).

This story was also covered in the *Oakeleigh Monash Leader* on 12 April under the headline 'Liberals promise more', and in the *Lilydale and Yarra Valley Leader*, 12 April under the headline 'Libs: increase library funding'.

Memories writ large
Age, 3 April, by Leon Gettler

The Makor Jewish community library in Caulfield is six years into its 'Write your story' program. The program was developed to encourage elderly people to contribute to the community. Since its inception, the centre has published forty-two books, plus two anthologies. The library archives all the books, creating a primary source storehouse for scholars researching the social history of Melbourne's Jewish community.

Aussies book in for Bryce
Sunday Herald Sun (Melbourne), 4 April, by Tony Rindileisch

Bryce Courtenay is the most popular Australian author in Australian libraries. The statistics, announced by the Public Lending Right, part of the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, show that Courtenay has seven of the ten most commonly held fiction books in libraries. Paul Jennings has four of the most popular library books since 1974.

The story was also covered in the *Sunday Tasmanian* on 11 April, with the headline 'Courtenay king of library shelves'.

Control the wrong word for books
Mercury (Hobart), 5 April, by Christopher Bantick

The issue of censorship of children's literature has been raised again with complaints about *Dear Miffy*, an explicit book dealing with suicide, being available in school libraries. Christopher Bantick argues that censoring the books available to children is the wrong approach — the restrictions could just make the taboo book desirable — and believes that children should be able to read what they like, and discuss it with parents and carers.

When is a library not a library?
Canberra Times, 6 April, by Derek Woolner
Derek Woolner argues that the decision to only allow a qualified librarian, who holds

membership of a recognised professional association to the position of parliamentary librarian is an assault on Australian democracy. He argues that as the Parliamentary Library is not a library in the traditional sense, but more a think-tank or research service which develops intellectual property for the parliament, it requires skilful and innovative leadership, and restricting the leadership field to qualified librarians will not be in the best interests of parliament or the Australian people.

Community Heritage Grants

Buloke Times, 6 April

A call for applications for the 2004 Community Heritage Grants, co-ordinated by the National Library of Australia. Applications close on 30 June, and further information can be obtained from the co-ordinator, Community Heritage Grants, National Library of Australia, phone 02 6262 1147 or e-mail chg@nla.gov.au.

Love of books sinks seaman

Daily Telegraph, 8 April, by Viva Goldner

A man who stole more than \$200 000 worth of rare books, mainly on military history, has had no conviction recorded even though local magistrate Ryan Maloney found the offence proven. When police raided Michael Szwesky's Ryde home, they found more than 1000 books, many from the collections of the Royal United Services Institute library and the Naval Historical Society of Australia.

Learn how to surf the internet safely

Kilcoy Sentinel, 8 April

Caboolture Shire Libraries have developed an innovative 'Safe surfing workshop to help educate parents and children on how to remain safe using the internet. The workshop is aimed at young people between six and seventeen and their parents.

Community to help in push for better library service

Bullsbrook Bindoon Gingin Advocate, 8 April

Residence of Bullsbrook and Ellenbrook are being encouraged to contact their local

member to express their concerns about the lack of funding for local libraries. Residents can contact the Bullsbrook and Ellenbrook libraries for details about the campaign.

Web-based service

a boost for university postgraduates

Bendigo Advertiser, 13 April

La Trobe University is one of the first universities in Australia to launch a new inter-lending and document delivery system. The new system is a result of an Australia Vice-Chancellors' Committee project. The service enables access to the university's library catalogue, as well as catalogues of the National Library of Australia and the Library of Congress, via a single web page.

Library achieves high rating

Whittlesea Leader, 13 April

An annual poll of users of the Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries has revealed that the library has an overall satisfaction rating of 8.5 out of ten. More than 2000 people were surveyed across seven Victorian library regions. Yarra Plenty was ranked third on the list of seven. Casey Cardinia was top of the list, followed by Central Highlands.

Hollywood confidential

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, 17 April

Dolly Parton has joined other artists, writers, entertainers, activists, filmmakers, physicians, sports figures and public servants when she received the 'Living legend' award from the Library of Congress recently.

Open all hours

Sydney Morning Herald, 17 April,

by Steve Meacham

What is behind the current library 'renaissance', asks Steve Meacham. He believes that rather than being the death of libraries, the internet has helped to re-define them. He says that, thanks to the internet, 'Australians are peering beyond the bricks and mortars, seeing libraries and museums for what they always wanted to be — citadels of ideas, repositories of human knowledge.'

members. Contact: Andrew Sincek, ph 02 9228 5225, info@nsw.ipaa.org.au

14/5 IPAA NSW State Conference 2004.

Citizens government — getting results. Secure online registration available. Contact: Andrew Sincek, ph 02 9228 5225, info@nsw.ipaa.org.au

18/5 Costing government services: learn

how to develop a detailed understanding of costing terminology and techniques used in the NSW government context. Discounted rate for ALIA members. Contact: Andrew Sincek, ph 02 9228 5225, info@nsw.ipaa.org.au

18/5 Facilitation skills. Gain skills in

facilitating groups and meetings within the organisation, interagency forums and community consultations. Discounted rate for ALIA members. Contact: Andrew Sincek, ph 02 9228 5225, info@nsw.ipaa.org.au

19-20/5 Effective contract management.

Gain skills to ensure successful contract outcomes as well as to deal effectively with contractors. Discounted rate for ALIA members. Contact: Andrew Sincek, ph 02 9228 5225, info@nsw.ipaa.org.au

• 21/5 NSW Children and Youth Services.

The chosen ones NSW CBC Judge Heather Fisher discusses the 2004 Children's Book Week Shortlist. Hutley Hall, North Sydney Council, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney, 10:00am-1:00pm. Contact: Yasmin Greenhalgh, ph 02 9936 8423, greysa@northsydney.nsw.gov.au

• 21/5 ALIA New Graduates Group Career

development: interview skills. Workshop is conducted over 2-2.5 hours, concluding with a wine and cheese function sponsored by the UNSW Staff Development Centre. Contact: Tony Brooks, ph 02 9886 7517, tonyb8228@yahoo.co.uk

25/5 Get picked not flicked: job application

and interview skills. Program includes, writing a targeted resume, addressing selection criteria and other interview techniques. Discounted rate for ALIA members. Contact: Andrew Sincek, ph 02 9228 5225, info@nsw.ipaa.org.au

26-27/5 Expand your leadership capacity.

Gain confidence in decision-making and managing staff including poor performers through a practical look at leadership. Discounted rate for ALIA members. Contact: Andrew Sincek, ph 02 9228 5225, info@nsw.ipaa.org.au

27/5 Community engagement: consultation

and participation in the public sector. Learn how to constructively engage with communities across a wide range of settings. Discounted rate for ALIA members. Contact: Andrew Sincek, ph 02 9228 5225, info@nsw.ipaa.org.au

27-28/5 Building successful and durable.

Foundations for Intranet and Website Development. Vikki Marshall will share her knowledge and best practice experience in the field of design and planning for your intranet and/or website. ALIA members receive a 10% discount. Contact: Suzie Stollznow, ph 1300 550 662, stollznow@arkgroupasia.com

1-2/6 Culture change and complexity.

Based on conceptual models developed in practice over the last decade. Liberally illustrated with case material. ALIA members receive a 10% discount. Contact: Suzie Stollznow, ph 1300 550 662, stollznow@arkgroupasia.com

• 9/6 NSW Children and Youth Services.

Pre-Book week extravaganza — Wollongong. The premier brainstorming event to prepare for children's book week. Corrimall Library, 4:30-8:00pm

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