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• **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

13/8 Kinetica Annual Users Meeting 2004. KAUM 2004: one-day event focusing on current innovations and future developments. Join us at the National Library of Australia, Canberra for to find out more about the Kinetica Redevelopment Project and the 2nd Annual Kinetica Innovation Award. Contact: Kinetica Helpdesk, ph 1800 026 155, kinetica@nla.gov.au. Agenda and registration: <http://www.nla.gov.au/kinetica/aum/aum04/aum04.html>

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• **9/6 NSW Children and Youth Services.** Pre-Book week extravaganza — Wollongong. The premier brainstorming event to prepare for children's book week, featuring professional storyteller Colleen Langan. Corimal Library, 4:30–8:00pm Cost: \$10.50 ALIA/ISLA members, \$15 non-members. Contact: Wilma Bancroft, ph 02 4227 7435, wbancroft@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

• **16/6 NSW Children and Youth Services.** Pre-Book week extravaganza. The premier brainstorming event to prepare for children's book week. New Strathfield Library, 4:30–8:00pm. Cost: \$10.50 ALIA members, \$15 non members. Contact: Mylee Joseph, ph 02 9330 6131, mjoseph@hurstville.nsw.gov.au

16–17/6 Web search and navigation. Ensuring that your website or intranet is easy to access, search and navigate is imperative. ALIA members receive a 10% discount. For a copy of the conference brochure and the full line up of speakers, please contact Suzie Stollznaw, ph 1300 550 662, sstollznaw@arkgroupasia.com

• **23/7 ALIA New Graduates Group.** Tour of James Bennett Library Suppliers. It will cover all facets of their service. Contact: Tony Brooks, ph 02 9886 7517, tonyb8228@yahoo.co.uk

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• **16/6–17/11 ALIA Top End.** General meeting, all library workers welcome. Great opportunity for networking, mentoring, and professional development. Different venues each month: 16/6, 21/7, 18/8, 15/9, 20/10, 17/11. Contact: Robin

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Selected reprints from newspapers and magazines in recent months

Call for members to promote library
Kalgoorlie Miner, 14 May, by Debra Hodges
Debra Hodges, acting city librarian at the William Grundt Library encourages readers to explore what is on offer in the library during Library and Information Week.

Libraries help jobseekers
Gosnells Examiner, 13 May

Gosnells, Kenwick and Thornlie libraries will be holding free workshops during May for jobseekers. The libraries have a wealth of material to assist jobseekers with writing applications, creating resumes, responding to selection criteria, as well as tips for interviews.

Mixed reaction to funding in budget
Australian Financial Review, 13 May, by Lyndall Crisp

Shadow Minister for the arts, Kate Lundy, said that the 2004 budget had not delivered to the arts. She welcomed the additional funding to the National Library of Australia, and the extension of the educational lending rights scheme she believes that the Coalition Government had not done enough to support the arts.

Funds run away to the circus, regions
Canberra Times, 12 May, by Helen Musa

Regional arts, and the National Institute for Circus Arts in Melbourne were the two big winners in the arts area in the 2004 federal budget. The National Library of Australia has received an additional \$9.9 million over four years for a purpose-built storage facility, which will also provide storage for other agencies like the National Archives.

Recruiting bookworms
Knox Leader, 11 May

A new program which aims to encourage children to explore the magic of books was launched in The Basin recently. The Bookworm program offers library membership to children, as well as a free library bag and a discount voucher for a book purchase.

Librarians' trivial pursuit
Heidelberg Leader, 11 May

Yarra Plenty Regional Library are participating in the Just Ask@your library program. Patrons are encouraged to visit their local library and 'stump' a librarian during May. Also part of the program is a competition called The Big Ask where patrons will be challenged to find the answers to a twenty-question quiz.

Kingston libraries in line for cash
Moorabbin Leader, 11 May

The extra \$8.5 million for libraries in the Victorian state budget is good news for the state's libraries. Kingston library service is hopeful that they will be able to apply for additional grant funding. However, in an article 'Extra library funds dismissed as not enough' in the

Ranges Trader Mail — Ferntree Gully Mail on 11 May, representatives from the Eastern Regional Libraries and Knox City council said that while the additional funding is welcome, more needs to be injected into library services.

Fury at FTA copyright extension
Australian Financial Review, 11 May, by Rachael Osman-Chin

A joint submission from the Australian Digital Alliance and the Australian Libraries Copyright Committee has attacked the free-trade agreement with the US, and has argued that the extension of the copyright term will cause 'serious public harm' due to the increased cost it will bring to libraries, cultural and educational institutions.

Arts popular in the West
Comment News, 11 May

Recent statistics released by the West Australian Arts Minister, Sheila McHale, confirm that West Australians highly value arts and culture. A statewide survey found that sixty-nine per cent of West Australians believed that arts had an important role in making us look at our own way of life. Libraries were the second most used cultural venue, with forty-three per cent having visited a library.

Libraries battle to keep up with readers
West Australian, 10 May, by Katherine Fleming

Lack of funding has led to long wait times on popular novels. President of the WA Local Government Librarians Association, Patricia Walker, says that ongoing funding is required to restore public library collections to an acceptable level. There are waiting periods of up to a year to borrow the latest John Grisham novel. Libraries received an additional \$10.3 million funding in the state budget (making the total \$42.2 million).

On-line services to mark Library Week
Wangaratta Chronicle, 10 May

Wangaratta Library will be celebrating Library and Information Week with something for everyone. Library catalogue classes will provide useful tips on searching for items in the library. Behind the scenes library tours will give patrons to see parts of the library they have never seen before, and genealogy workshops will demonstrate the Victorian genealogy births, deaths and marriages indexes on CD-ROM.

Revamping fashions
North Coast Advocate (Ballina), 6 May

The latest offering from the 'Loud in the library' program at Ballina Library is 'Fashion revamps — the total package for anyone interested in the fashion scene'. A fashion design student demonstrated how to create a good look on a simple budget.

Reading aloud to win a place in the Guinness Book of Records
St George and Sutherland Shire Leader,
 6 May, by Kathryn Barton

Six shire librarians are gearing up to beat the world record for the number of hours spent reading aloud. Amy White, Kristy Wright, Brian Jones, Michael Dahl, Georgina Konstanta and Jeanette Dean will begin the 80-hour marathon on Monday 24 May. The group is attempting to beat the current record (75 hours) by at least five hours to make the record harder to break next time. Each librarian will read aloud in hourly shifts and will have to abide by the rules of the *Guinness Book of Records*. All books read will be by Australian authors.

Book in for bawdy tales
Comment News, 4 May

An adults-only storytelling session will be held in Westfield Library in May. The session will include bawdy medieval tales and is being held as part of Medieval Month at the library. A children's storytime, featuring less raunchy tales, will also be held.

When is a library a think-tank?
Canberra Times, 4 May,
 by 'a collection of librarians'

A 'collection of librarians' write in answer to Derek Woolner's article 'When is a library not a library?' (*Canberra Times*, 6 April). The authors question Woolner's understanding of what a library is, and refute his claim that the parliamentary library is a 'think-tank which develops intellectual property for the parliament'. They also question why Woolner believes that a qualified librarian would not be able to provide skilful and innovative leadership.

One of city's best-kept secrets come to light
Western Advocate (Bathurst), 4 May,
 by Lisa Gervais

A collection of 2050 books at the Bathurst City Library is about to be added to the State Heritage Register. The books came from the Bathurst School of the Arts and include novels, foreign language publications, text books and social publications — published from the 1700s to the 1950s. John Cumberford said that the books are a 'snapshot of what Bathurst was reading at the turn of the century'. There are hopes that once the collection is added to the register it will be digitised and catalogued.

Books bring breath of fresh air to hospice site

Canberra Times, 3 May, by David Seale

The National Museum Research Library has recently re-opened in the ACT hospice building in Acton. The library's collection supports the work of the National Museum staff. It is the rare collections, specialising in subjects

such as ornithology, steam engineering, early platypus and thylacine anatomy that generate the most interest.

New library to assist scholars
Campus Review, 28 April, by Geoff Maslen

La Trobe University is one of the first universities in Australia to adopt the Fretwell-Downing Informatics VDX (Virtual Document eXchange) software. The software, developed over the last ten years as a result of an Australian Vice-Chancellors Committee project, allows scholars to obtain books and documents more quickly from their own library or libraries around the world.

150 years serving Prahran
Stonnington Leader, 26 April,
 by Natalie White

The Prahran Mechanics' Institute and Circulating Library recently celebrated its 150th anniversary. The Institute began as Prahran's first library service and a community meeting place. The collection survives as a specialist in Victorian and local history.

Cracks in the halls of learning
Age, 26 April, by Margaret Cook

Margaret Cook examines the worrying shortage of teacher-librarians in Victoria's public schools. She talks to Mary Carroll and Sue Reynolds from the School Library Association of Victoria, and Fred Ackerman, the president of the Victorian Primary Principals Association. She cites the work of Ross Todd and Carol Kuhlthau which has highlighted the importance of well stocked and staffed school libraries to students academic performance.

'No one seemed afraid...'
Sydney Morning Herald, 23 April,
 by Tony Stephens

The diary of Archibald Barwick is one of almost 400 World War I diaries held in the State Library of New South Wales. The collection is now becoming available for the public to view. The collection reflects the foresight of William Herbert Ifould, the principal librarian, who advertised for diaries from 1918 to 1922.

Democracy? Not likely, says council
Courier Mail, 21 April,
 by Rosemary Sorensen

The One Book, One Brisbane literary event is supposed to be a celebration of reading and literature. Not this year. Controversy has raged over the council's decision to ignore the popular vote and select another book. *The girl most likely*, by Rebecca Sparrow, received the most votes, followed by *Johnno* by David Malouf — council decided to select *Johnno*. However, council decided, after some vocal protest, that this year's event would be a one-off Two Books, One Brisbane program. ■

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QLD

• **15/6 ALIA Quorum.** *General meeting.* Meet at Toscanis, Little Stanley Street South Bank, 5:00pm for 5:30pm. *To RSVP and request an agenda contact:* Joy Goldsmith, ph 07 3846 1813, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com *Note new date.*

• **30/6 Qld OPAL.** *General meeting.* Kristina Williams from Softlink will present a seminar on Marketing your library using technology. BCC Theatre, Central City Library, Lower Level City Plaza, corner George and Adelaide Streets, 5:30–7:00pm. Contact: Kristina Williams, ph 07 3801 4111, kristina.williams@softlink.com.au

• **10/8 Qld OPAL.** *General meeting.* Hosted by Denise Cadman at Brisbane Catholic Education Centre, 243 Gladstone Road, Dutton Park, 4:00–5:30pm. Contact: Denise Cadman, ph 07 3840 0433, dcadman@bne.catholic.edu.au

• **21/9 Qld OPAL.** *General meeting.* Hosted by Alethea Hubley at Drug-Arm, 83 Castlemaine Street, Milton. Time: tbc. Contact: Alethea Hubley, ph 07 3368 3822, alethea@drugarm.com.au

• **3/11 Qld OPAL.** *General meeting.* Resource Options, Unit 6, 6 Qualtrough Street, Woolloongabba, 7:30–9:00am. Hosted by Kerri Nixon. Contact: Kerri Nixon, ph 07 3391 3499, info@resource-options.com.au

• **23/11 ALIA Quorum.** *General meeting.* Venue: tba. Watch the ALIAQLD e-list for more information closer to the date. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 07 3846 1813, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

SA

• **21/6 SALT.** *Monthly meeting.* Fasta Pasta, 131 Pirie Street, Adelaide, 6:00pm for 6:30pm. Third Monday of each month: 21/6, 19/7, 16/8, 20/9, 18/10, 22/11. All welcome. Contact: Fairlie Sampson, convenor, ph 08 8240 0300, library@tauondi.sa.edu.au

• **22/6 ALIA SA.** *Monthly meeting.* Room 5.25, City West Campus, University of South Australia, 5:30pm for 5:45pm. Fourth Tuesday of every month, 22/6, 27/7, 24/8, 28/9, 16/10, 23/11. All members welcome. Contact: Fairlie Sampson, ph 08 8240 0300, library@tauondi.sa.edu.au

• **19/7 SALT.** *Monthly meeting.* Fasta Pasta, 131 Pirie Street, Adelaide, 6:00pm for 6:30pm. Third Monday of each month: 19/7, 16/8, 20/9, 18/10, 22/11. All welcome. Contact: Fairlie

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