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• **22/7 ACT Library Technicians.** *Dinner at Antigos*, Petrie Plaza, 6:00pm. Banquet \$25 or a la carte. Partners, friends, work colleagues, etc welcome. *RSVP by 21/7 to:* Glenis Matheson, glenis.matheson@canberra.edu.au

28/7 Knowledge management and the Information Professional. *One-day seminar.* National Library Auditorium. Speakers from the Public and Private Sectors, Consultants and Academia are included. Bookings can be made on the AGLIN website. 10% discount for ALIA members. Contact: Kim Farley-Larmour, kim.farley-larmour@abs.gov.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>

NSW

• **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

19–20/8 PiCS: Managing virtual teams. *How to make working remotely a success.* Presented by Dr John Gundry International expert in Virtual topics. Melbourne 16–17/8; Sydney 19–20/8; Perth 30–31/8. Contact PiCS Pty Ltd, ph 03 9835 8900, pics@bigpond.com <http://www.pics.com.au/>

NT

• **21/7–17/11 ALIA Top End.** *General meeting*, all library workers welcome. Great opportunity for networking, mentoring, and professional development. Different venues each month: 21/7, 18/8, 15/9, 20/10, 17/11. Contact: Robin Hempel, convenor, ph 08 8999 6376, robin.hempel@nt.gov.au

• **8–9/10 2nd ALIA Top End Symposium.** *Switching Tracks: new roles for Library and Information Workers.* Charles Darwin

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Selected reprints from newspapers and magazines in recent months

Library and Information Week

Libraries around the country celebrated Library and Information Week in May. Following are just some of the stories which made the news highlighting the role of library and information services.

Library Week is sizzling

Daily Advertiser (Wagga Wagga), 8 June

The TAFE NSW Riverina Institute Wagga campus student association held a barbecue and tour of the library to celebrate Library and Information Week. The event was aimed at getting as many students as possible into the library to show how libraries have changed over the years.

Libraries still alive and well

Canberra Times, 5 June, by Ron Cerabona

Ron Cerabona talks to Merrilee Pigram, the general manager of the ACT Public Library. Merrilee discusses how the library selects the collection — including community consultation and suggestion — and outlines some of the other services available from public libraries in the Australian Capital Territory.

Surf's up at your libraries!

Leader (Barossa Valley), 2 June

Barossa libraries held a 'Surfers @ your library' month during May. There were 'search and locate' internet surfing session's, 'Surfing for seniors' and a 'Reference wipeout' — any patron who could stump the library staff during the 'wipeout' was awarded with a prize and a certificate. Also part of the Library and Information Week celebrations were events marking the 21st birthday of Mem Fox's children's story Possum magic.

The magic of library week

Fairfield City Champion, 2 June

The 21st birthday of Possum magic was celebrated during Library and Information Week at Fairfield public libraries. Mem Fox, Julie Vivas (who illustrated the story), and Grandma Poss all paid a visit to Fairfield library for the celebrations. [See p15 of this issue for the full story.]

Enjoying libraries' week

Chelsea Independent, 1 June

Kingston Libraries celebrated Library and Information Week with storytime, a seminar by television writer Hugh Stuckey, and book review sessions. The libraries chose the theme 'Celebrating Australian Culture' for their celebrations and held a 'page-turners' program which gave patrons the chance to discuss novels by Australian authors with library staff in an informal relaxed atmosphere.

Library Week discoveries

Singleton Argus, 1 June

Singleton Library invited students from all the pre-schools throughout Singleton to attend special storytime sessions during Library and

Information Week. As well as the 'pre-school storytime' sessions, Singleton Library also runs 'Bedtime storytime' sessions.

Reading aloud at Leongatha Primary

Star (Leongatha), 1 June

Federal Member for McMillan, Christian Zahra, visited the Leongatha Primary School Library during Library and Information Week. Mr Zahra read *Grandpa and Thomas*, by Pamela Allen to the students. During the visit, Mr Zahra said that 'Libraries play a really important role in making sure that everyone has equal access to books and other sources of information'.

Library supports East Timor

City Chronicle, 1 June

An article about the ACT Public Library Service's fundraising activities during Library and Information Week. The library service raised \$1600 which was donated to Australian Volunteers International for the Xanana Gusmao Reading Room.

Finding answers at the library

Macleay Argus (Kempsey), 1 June

Kempsey Shire Library held an open day to celebrate Library and Information Week. The library tried to target people who were not registered members of the library. The library wanted to demonstrate the fact that the library's role is to help people to find answers to their questions, not just to hand out books.

The magic of a much-loved children's classic

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, 29 May,

by Matthew Thomas

Gold Coast City Libraries hosted 21st birthday celebrations for Possum magic, by Mem Fox and illustrated by Julie Vivas during Library and Information Week. Robina Library branch librarian, Tatjana Koczanowski said that part of the reason for Possum magic's continued popularity is because it is so 'delightfully Australian'.

Library week

Deniliquin Pastoral Times, 28 May

Students at Riverina TAFE in Deniliquin took part in a cyber quiz during Library and Information Week. The TAFE Library was transformed into an internet café, with tea, coffee and chocolate biscuits on offer throughout the week.

Log onto libraries and win a laptop

Coolum Advertiser, 28 May, by Katrice Pearce

Jenny Hayne from Maroochy Shire Libraries took library promotion to the community for Library and Information Week. Her mission was to inform those residents who didn't know what facilities were available in the library. An added incentive was an online competition where library users could win

a laptop computer by using *Encyclopaedia Britannica Online* and answering a number of questions.

Celebrate the magic of Library Week

Tamborine Times, 27 May

Possum Magic's 21st birthday was the focus of Library and Information Week celebrations at Beaudesert Shire Libraries. Other features were internet classes for beginners, and the 'Great reads competition' where patrons could submit a list of books to take on a desert island holiday.

Library planning

big week of fun for special week

Narramine News & Trangie Advocate, 26 May

An amnesty on overdue books, free BHP Billiton internet course, a screening of 'Silent Cells' short films, storytime, and a display of new material available in the library were just some of the events hosted by the Narramine library during Library and Information Week.

Library week celebrations

take in popular annual book sale

Advertiser (Cessnock), 26 May

The Cessnock and Kurri Libraries celebrated Library and Information Week with a sale of ex-library stock, a special Possum magic storytime and a special morning tea. The Miles Franklin exhibition, on loan from the State Library of New South Wales, was also a feature of the celebrations.

READiscover books

in Australian Library Week

Border Mail (Albury Wodonga), 25 May,

by Kristy Grant

The Albury Wodonga libraries started their Library and Information Week celebrations with a pre-loved book sale. Also during the week were hands-on displays on how to use the internet and other multi-media equipment, and a special reading of Possum magic. John Marsden also visited and attended a 'meet the author' dinner.

Celebrating information overload

Daily Examiner (Grafton), 25 May

The Clarence Regional Library set up a display in a local shopping village to promote the services available at the library. The library hoped to raise awareness of the library service, and to give the community the opportunity to recognise the vital role that libraries and information agencies play in research and education.

Bookworms are hooked

Stonnington Leader, 24 May,

by Suvi Mahonen

Stonnington residents are well supplied with library services. The Stonnington library services incorporates four branches; the Vision Australia Foundation library, which houses the largest Braille collection in the Southern Hemisphere, is also located in Stonnington; as is the Prahran Mechanics' Institute. During the month of May, Stonnington libraries ran a 'Big ask' trivia challenge, and a training seminar to help patrons trace their family tree. A winter reading program for children was also held.

Also in the *Stonnington Leader* on 24 May were the articles 'A capacity for queries that keep on coming' and 'Ah, the serenity books bring in calm surrounds'.

Our lively library

Geraldton Guardian, 21 May

Geraldton Regional Library combined three worthy occasions into one big event. Grant Woodham presented a special reading of Possum magic, the library held a morning tea as part of the Cancer Council's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, and Library and Information Week was launched.

SMS program launch

Kiama Independent, 19 May

Two new services for young people were launched at Kiama Library to help celebrate Library and Information Week. The Homework Help Centre will be available to students of both primary and secondary age on Mondays to Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:00pm. A new 'SMS info@your library', a service aimed at high school students with mobile phones, was also launched. ■

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QLD

• **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

• **19/7 SALT.** *Monthly meeting.* Fast 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 Sampson, convenor, ph 08 8240 0300, library@tauondi.sa.edu.au

• **27/7 Acquisitions SA.** *Luther Seminary Library Tour.* Lohe Memorial Library, Australian Lutheran College, 104 Jeffcott Street, North Adelaide, 4:30pm. Gold coin donation on day. Contact: Robert Elson, ph 08 8204 0487, robert.elson@courts.sa.gov.au

• **27/7 ALIA SA.** *Monthly meeting.* Room 5.25, City West Campus, University of South Australia, 5:30pm for 5:45pm. Fourth Tuesday of every month, 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

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

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