

Making news...

Selected reprints from newspapers and magazines in recent months

One in a million for the library

News — Mail (Bundaberg), 14 July

Bundaberg Library has just passed the 1 million loans for the year mark. Library staff plan to celebrate the milestone with a morning tea for the public.

Boy meets girl in tale of one city

Courier Mail, 14 July, by Sandra McLean

David Malouf and Rebecca Sparrow, the faces of the Brisbane City Council's One Book One Brisbane campaign, came together to launch the five-week campaign in July. The two authors, one well established with seven titles, and one 'novice', showed great composure through the controversy surrounding the selection of the featured books earlier this year. The campaign will feature library appearances, public readings and tours.

Satellite bus takes internet to mobile library users

Sunshine Coast Daily (Maroochydore), 14 July, by Belinda Warren

Caloundra Library is about to take delivery of the first mobile library in Queensland which offers satellite communication technology. Telstra Country Wide will provide the technology and cover two years of operational costs.

Library planning to cater for teenagers

Geraldton Guardian, 12 July, by Emma Shilling, Wayne Lwoy and Jodie Hancock

Following consultation with local school students, the Geraldton Regional Library will be creating a youth space in the library, complete with internet access, music and a vending machine. The hope is that the special 'chill out' space will help to attract young users back to the library.

Prestigious award

Bankstown — Canterbury Torch, 7 July

Canterbury City Library's youth programs have been recognised with a Local Government Cultural Award in the Library and Information Services category. Canterbury Mayor, Councillor Robert Furolo said that the library offers excellent facilities for residents, and that the free programs range from simple homework help to talks with authors.

Our mangled monikers

Herald Sun (Melbourne), 2 July, by Ross Brundrett

How many job titles are there for library workers? According to an American library enthusiast, a quick, non-comprehensive search has come up with 250 library job titles — everything from archivist to electronic initiatives librarian...

Library warms to cool idea

Hornsby Advocate, 1 July, by Lisa Muxworthy

The Hornsby Library uses most unusual air-conditioning system — the first of its kind in Australia. The system, developed in partnership with the CSIRO and funded by the Australian Greenhouse Office, delivers cooled air from waste heat. Electricity will be generated on-site by a gas-powered micro-turbine. The CSIRO will monitor the system and search for additional sites to install the technology.

Reading program in line for media arts award

Advertiser (Adelaide), 30 June, by Carla Caruso

The Big Book Club — a partnership between *The Advertiser*, Public Libraries of SA, ArtsSA and the Australia Council — is a finalist in the 2004 Australia Business Arts Foundation Awards, specifically the Australia Council Media Arts Award. The Big Book Club, and its associated events are promoted in *The Advertiser* and through the network of public libraries. Since April 2003, twenty-four literary events have been held.

Library books in SMS trial

Canning Community, 29 June

Curtin University students can now SMS queries to university library staff and receive a response via e-mail under a pilot project. Acting university librarian, John Frylinck has said that the early response to the trial has been positive, and students have found the service easy to use and cost-effective.

Library will cut spend on books

Colac Herald, 25 June

The Corangamite Regional Library Corporation will spend more on information technology, but less on books and audio books over the next year, despite an increase in state government funding. The biggest losers are the young adult and junior fiction collections and the junior fiction, non-fiction and picture books collections. ■



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• August ALIA Vic. *Technology Symposium, 25 years of the internet and...* a one-day seminar. Further details tba. Contact: Trevor Wakely, ph 03 9669 8137, aliaviccom@lists.alia.org.au

• 14/8–13/11 ALIA Schools Victoria. *General meeting*. Santa Maria College Library, 50 Separation Street, Northcote, entry from Wardrop Grove, 9:30am. 14/8; 23/10; 13/11. Contact: Anne Girolami, anneg@marcellin.vic.edu.au

16–17/8 PiCS: Managing virtual teams.

How to make working remotely a success. Presented by Dr John Gunndry 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>

• November ALIA Vic. *Christmas Party*. Join the ALIA Vic committee to celebrate the holiday season... Dates and further details: tba. Contact: aliaviccom@lists.alia.org.au

WA

• 4/8 WA Local Studies Group. *Volunteers and local studies — count us all in!!* Why, how, what: rationale for the use of volunteers in local studies. Cost: \$15 ALIA members, \$20 non-members [GST incl]. Contact: Barbara Hellriegel, ph 08 9400 4707, barbara.hellriegel@joondalup.wa.gov.au

• 5/8 ALIAWest. *CPD update: Marie Murphy*, ALIA manager, education, policy and research will be presenting an after work session on the benefits of participating in ALIAs CPD programme. The Brass Monkey Hotel, corner of James and William Streets, Northbridge. Contact: Jane Edinger, ph 08 9263 5610, jane.edinger@sog.com.au

• 14/8 WA Library Technician Group. *Advanced internet searching skills workshop n° 2*. Presenter: Judy Clayden, lecturer, ECU. Central TAFE, Room 5 219, Museum Street, Perth, 1:00pm–4:15pm, [room open 12:30pm]. Costs: \$33 ALIA members, \$44 non-members [GST incl]. *Limited numbers, payment by 6/8 to:* Judy Allan, ph 08 9275 2506, jallan@legalaids.wa.gov.au

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National

• 3/9 National Simultaneous Storytime 2004. *Promoting the value of reading and literacy, the value of books, and storytime activities in Australia. 11:00am AEST.* Online registration available at <http://alia.org.au/advocacy/storytime/2004/register.html>

20/9 RAILS seminar. *Research applications in information and library studies* on day prior to ALIA 2004 biennial conference. QUT Gardens Point Campus, Brisbane. Contact: Michael Middleton, ph 07 38642870, m.middleton@qut.edu.au. Online registration at <http://www.citi.qut.edu.au/news/raills.jsp>

29/9–1/10 Australian Law Librarians' Group (ALLG) Symposium. *Capitalising*

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