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Roping them in for LIW...

Natalie Rose and Pam Dawkins

The BRIT Library was telling everyone to 'Get down and loaded' this year, in celebration of 2004 Australian Library and Information Week. BRIT Library chose to celebrate Library Week this year in the Wild Wild West — 'Tomestone Town' to be precise!

Those who entered the library sauntered through its saloon doors and were greeted by Madam Lulu and her girls. BRIT Library staff were on hand to help individuals venture into the new library website and the online databases wilderness, and into the new cyber frontier!

BRIT staff, students, regional library colleagues and the public were invited to celebrate with BRIT and participate in re-creating a piece of the Wild West. A morning tea was held on Tuesday 25 May, accompanied by 'Line dancing in the library'!

The highlight of this years' Library Week was the Saloon bar set which was built by BRIT



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Back: Amanda Steen, Marion Cagney, Pam Dawkins, Jenny McIntyre, Natalie Rose, and Lindy Phegan;
Front: Narelle Stone, Michala Underwood, Rosemary Rogers, Kathryn Launer, and Carolyn Anderson

construction students and painted and aged by BRIT painting and decorating students.

BRIT Library staff enjoyed another successful Library and Information Week and the value of LIW as a promotional tool was once again recognised.

A first for Alzheimer's Australia

Willoughby City Library has become the first public library to benefit from Alzheimer's Australia's new program to provide information to the community through public libraries. In April, the library received a collection of books and videos on dementia supplied by Alzheimer's Australia NSW. The Gordon Social and Recreational Club donated the collection through the Community Development Support Expenditure Grant Scheme, 2003.

During Australian Library and Information Week on 27 May, a celebration was held in the library to thank the Gordon Club for its generosity.

Approximately thirty invited guests and library visitors attended the function.

The mayoress, Mrs Beth Reilly, representing the mayor, councillor Pat Reilly, presented a certificate of appreciation to the Gordon Club and launched the dementia collection.

Willoughby Council's general manager John Owen also spoke, commending the Gordon Club and Alzheimer's Australia NSW for the work that they do in the community. He highlighted the importance of the library as a community resource, mentioning that more than two thousand people use the library every day.

Representatives from Alzheimer's Australia briefed

the invited guests and library visitors about dementia and Alzheimer's Australia's role in informing, assisting and supporting those with Alzheimer's and their carers. Alzheimer's Australia also spoke about their plans to provide further information through public libraries after this initial phase.

'Willoughby City Library is delighted to have received the library resources,' said library service manager, Frances Sims. 'The collection will help fill a real community information need. We hope that Willoughby Library can in future work with Alzheimer's Australia to provide quality information to the community about dementia, and expand the collection.'

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