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• **21/9 Moving up the value chain:** a one-day workshop Presented by Information Edge in partnership with ALIA. Acacia Room, Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise, 2807 Gold Coast Highway, Surfers Paradise, 9.00am–5.00pm. After go straight onto the welcome reception and register for the ALIA Biennial Conference 2004. Costs: \$308 ALIA members, \$354 non-members [GST incl]. Contact: Information Edge, ph 02 9371 0300, info@infoedge.com.au

• **21/9 Forum on Purchasing Agreements and Licensing.** Bringing together purchasers and suppliers to discuss the issues of concern in the acquisition of online resources. Conference Room, Parliament House, Brisbane. ALIA member rate applies for QGLC, Qld TAFE Libraries and ALLG Qld members. Costs: \$100 ALIA members, \$135 non-members [GST incl]. Contact: Susan Magnay, ph 02 6215 8225, susan.magnay@alia.org.au

• **14/9 Qld OPAL General meeting.** Topic: Drugs in the workplace. Hosted by Alethea Hubley at Drug-Arm, 24 Hamilton Place Bowen Hills, 4:00–5:30pm. Contact: Alethea Hubley, ph 07 3620 8823, alethea@drugarm.com.au

• **8/10 ALIA Collection and Access Management.** Qld Building the digital library: the role of digital repositories. Full-day seminar, 9:00am–4:30pm, QUT Gardens Point campus, Brisbane. Seven speakers, eight vendor representatives presenting and demonstrating. Booking essential. Costs: \$80 ALIA members [GST incl]. Contact: Paul Jensen, ph 07 3875 6418, p.jensen@griffith.edu.au

• **20/10 ALIA Quorum. NER\*D — ALIA 2004 conference.** Come and hear from participants of the ALIA 2004 conference. Watch the aliaQLD e-list for details. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 0410 723 975, joy\_goldsmith@hotmail.com.

• **3/11 Qld OPAL General meeting.** Hosted by Kerri Nixon at Resource Options, Unit 6, 6 Qualtrough Street, Woolloongabba, 7:30–9:00am. 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

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

• **28/9 ALIA SA Monthly meeting.** Room 5.25, City West Campus, University of South Australia, 5:30pm for 5:45pm. Fourth Tuesday of every month, 28/9, 26/10, 23/11. All members welcome. Contact: Fairlie Sampson, ph 08 8240 0300, library@tauondi.sa.edu.au

• **1/10 ARCOM. Alive and clicking 2: Online learning explored ARCOM, RAISSA and**

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# Product news...

**Oliver — Softlink's versatile web-based library management system for all schools.** Oliver is Softlink's latest addition to its suite of library management solutions. Oliver is a fully web-based library management solution suitable for all schools with either single- or multi-campus libraries.

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For more information please contact Softlink 1800 777 037 or e-mail [oliver@softlink.com.au](mailto:oliver@softlink.com.au), <http://www.softlink.com.au>.

## Shirley Hughes wins her second CILIP Kate Greenaway medal

Shirley Hughes has won the 2003 CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal for her book *Ella's Big Chance: A Fairy Tale Retold*.

Shirley, one of UK's best-loved picture book creators won her first Kate Greenaway Medal in 1977 for *Dogger*, now an established classic.

The CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal, established in 1956 and named in honour of the distinguished illustrator, is awarded for 'outstanding illustration in a book for children and young people'.

For more information about the awards and background on Shirley Hughes and *Ella's Big Chance* visit <http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/press/press.html>.

## New literary phenomenon wins CILIP Carnegie Medal

*A gathering light* by Jennifer Donnelly has won the UK's most prestigious award for children's writing, the CILIP Carnegie Medal.

An American writer, Jennifer Donnelly is relatively unknown in the UK and has scooped the Medal ahead of Whitbread Book of the Year winner, Mark Haddon and Whitbread Children's Book of the Year winner David Almond.

The Carnegie Medal is awarded annually by CILIP for 'an outstanding book for children and young people'. Past winners include Arthur Ransome, CS Lewis, Eleanor Farjeon, Anne Fine and Philip Pullman.

## ProQuest and Fairfax alliance continues to strengthen

The alliance between ProQuest Information and Learning and leading publisher John Fairfax Holdings Limited continues to strengthen with a further five-year backfile added to key newspaper titles in *ANZ Newsstand* from September 2004.

*ProQuest Australia & New Zealand Newsstand* can be purchased on annual subscription and 30 day free trials can be arranged by contacting our ANZ sales office at [sales@anz.proquest.com](mailto:sales@anz.proquest.com).

## ProQuest acquires Serials Solutions

ProQuest Information and Learning has acquired Seattle-based Serials Solutions Inc, a leading provider of e-journal management and linking services.

Serials Solutions' products and services, Article Linker, Journal Linker, an advanced A-Z title list service and MARC records delivery, provide e-journal management and access solutions for academic, public, government, and corporate libraries around the world. The company has products installed in 1300 libraries worldwide.

More information about the Serials Solutions product line is available at <http://www.serialssolutions.com>.

## Declassified documents lift the lid on terrorism and presidential directives

The *Digital National Security Archive* (DNSA), published by ProQuest Information and Learning, enables researchers to find evidence to counter such risks, verify official statements, catch lies, and explode mischaracterisations.

Two new collections have just been added to the *Digital National Security Archive: Terrorism and US Policy, 1968–2002* and *Presidential directives on national security, Part II: From Harry Truman to George W. Bush*. The collections' debut dovetails perfectly with current events and the upcoming US Presidential election.

DNSA is available by subscription or by permanent access. Free trials are available. Libraries may receive more information by e-mailing [marketing@proquest.co.uk](mailto:marketing@proquest.co.uk).

## Study reveals weak correlation between self-citations and impact factor

The Thomson Corporation released a new study entitled, *Journal self-citation in the Journal Citation Reports (JCR) — Science Edition 2002*. The study examined all 5876 journals covered in the 2002 Science Edition of JCR, and concluded that journal self-citations are a minor component of the overall citation pattern of most titles.

Publishers, editors, librarians, and authors eagerly await the annual release of journal Impact Factors to see how particular journals are ranked in comparison to others of similar content.

For a copy of the complete study, contact Rodney Yancey, [rodney.yancey@thomson.com](mailto:rodney.yancey@thomson.com).

## News reporting from hard-to-monitor countries added to Dialog Newsroom

Dialog has added in-depth news covering Europe and hard-to-monitor countries to its Dialog NewsRoom service.

Dialog NewsRoom is an online database that aggregates news reports from around the world, with editorial materials continuously added from more than 8000 global sources, including newspapers, newswires, specialty newsletters, trade media and scholarly journals, drawn from nearly 80 countries in English and 13 other languages.

Among the highlights of recent content additions to Dialog NewsRoom are news reports

culled from local media based in such hard-to-monitor countries as China, Cuba, India, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Pakistan and Serbia.

### SwetsWise Online Content welcomes new 2004 publishers

Swets Information Services announced today that it has recently succeeded in signing seven new publishers to SwetsWise Online Content. SwetsWise is the web-based, modular service for the procurement, access and management of subscriptions and online information. SwetsWise now carries a total of 8325 full text e-journals from 309 publishers, with more than 90 per cent of the top STM publishers participating.

### Enhanced technology coverage now available through Factiva

Factiva continues to enhance its coverage of the information technology and telecommunications industries, with a number of new US titles recently added to its content collection: *Technology Research News* (US), *Wireless Week* (US), *Broadcasting and Cable* (US), *TWICE* (US), *CED* (US), *Video Business* (US), *MSI* (US), *netConnect* (US), *Telecommunications International* (US), *Technology Daily PM* (US).

In Australia and New Zealand, Factiva carries technology publications such as: *Australian PC*, *Australian Reseller News*, *APC Magazine*, *CIO* (Australia), *Computerworld Australia*, *Electronics News*, *MIS*, *MIS New Zealand*, *PC World*.

### RefTracker Version 3 now shipping to customers worldwide.

A host of new features streamline the processes required to deliver responses to questions so that less staff time and less keystrokes are used, and staff do less running around!

RefTracker was designed from the outset to improve the management of library request services allowing this new release to deliver staff time savings for research libraries that cannot be ignored, and control and flexibility that deliver valuable rewards for every type of library.

See how your library can save staff time, whilst improving request service delivery, at the Altarama stand 84 at ALIA 2004. For more information visit <http://www.altarama.com.au>.

**TFPL publishes**  
**Joined-up Knowledge Strategies report**  
TFPL Ltd in partnership with Dialog have published *Joined-up Knowledge Strategies* — the executive report of TFPL's Chief Knowledge

Officer's summit for the public sector that took place in April 2004.

The CKO Summit is a unique, highly practical event where twenty of the leading knowledge executives from the public sector spend two days debating key issues and working together to formulate new knowledge strategies.

The report is available in printed format or as a PDF download free of charge from: [http://www.tfpl.com/thought\\_leadership/cko\\_summits.cfm](http://www.tfpl.com/thought_leadership/cko_summits.cfm). For printed copies and further information, please contact Carmel Boland, [carmel.boland@tfpl.com](mailto:carmel.boland@tfpl.com).

### Nielsen BookData New Zealand Booksellers' Choice Award 2004

New Zealand Booksellers were asked to nominate then vote for the book they most enjoyed selling during the year. On this year's shortlist were four very different titles with one strong similarity — they all celebrate the New Zealand spirit.

The winner of the Nielsen BookData New Zealand Booksellers' Choice Award 2004 is: *The Penguin History of New Zealand* by Michael King, published by Penguin Books NZ.

Geoff Walker, Michael King's publisher, commented on the win: '... Michael was always acutely aware of the role booksellers played in the success of his books. He'd have been delighted with this choice. It's such a tragedy that his death in March means he isn't with us to bask in the success of this magnificent book.'

### news@nature.com: Nature Publishing Group's science news website

Nature Publishing Group (NPG) is delighted to announce the launch of [news@nature.com](http://www.nature.com/news/) (<http://www.nature.com/news/>), a science news website drawing on all the resources of NPG. [news@nature.com](mailto:news@nature.com) will be a mixture of free and paid-for content.

[news@nature.com](http://www.nature.com/news/) brings together daily news and interactive multimedia features, as well as blogs, opinion, columns and all the news and features from *Nature*, the world's leading weekly journal of science, and NPG's specialist monthly titles, *Nature Medicine*, *Nature Biotechnology*, and *Nature Reviews Drug Discovery*, as well as the group's careers news service for Naturejobs and BioEntrepreneur, a website directed at those interested in venture businesses in biotechnology. ■



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INFOSCI present this seminar which explores the concept of online learning and its use in education and libraries. It features presentations from school, post secondary and tertiary sectors. Costs: \$55 ALIA members, \$75 non-members (GST incl). Contact: Janetta Mascilongo, ph 08 8201 2063, [janetta.mascilongo@flinders.edu.au](mailto:janetta.mascilongo@flinders.edu.au)

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

• **26/10 ALIA SA Monthly meeting.** Room 5.25, City West Campus, University of South Australia, 5:30pm for 5:45pm. Fourth Tuesday of every month, 28/9, 26/10, 23/11. All members welcome. Contact: Fairlie Sampson, ph 08 8240 0300, [library@tauondi.sa.edu.au](mailto:library@tauondi.sa.edu.au)

• **22/11 SALT Monthly meeting.** Fasta Pasta, 131 Pirie Street, Adelaide, 6:00pm for 6:30pm. All welcome. Contact: Fairlie Sampson, convenor, ph 08 8240 0300, [library@tauondi.sa.edu.au](mailto:library@tauondi.sa.edu.au)

• **23/11 ALIA SA Monthly meeting.** Room 5.25, City West Campus, University of South Australia, 5:30pm for 5:45pm. ALIA SA meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month, all members welcome. Contact: Fairlie Sampson, ph 08 8240 0300, [library@tauondi.sa.edu.au](mailto:library@tauondi.sa.edu.au)

### VIC

• **23/10 ALIA Schools Victoria.** General meeting. Santa Maria College Library, 50 Separation Street, Northcote, entry from Wardrop Grove, 9:30am. 23/10; 13/11. Contact: Anne Girolami, [aneg@marcellin.vic.edu.au](mailto:aneg@marcellin.vic.edu.au)

• **November ALIA Vic Christmas Party.** Join the ALIA Vic committee to celebrate the holiday season... Dates and further details: tba. Contact: [aliviccom@lists.alia.org.au](mailto:aliviccom@lists.alia.org.au)

• **13/11 ALIA Schools Victoria.** General meeting. Santa Maria College Library, 50 Separation Street, Northcote, entry from Wardrop Grove, 9:30am. Contact: Anne Girolami, [aneg@marcellin.vic.edu.au](mailto:aneg@marcellin.vic.edu.au)

### 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](mailto: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 on the Law. University House, Australian National University, Canberra. Contact: Amanda Magnusson, ph 02 6283 2301, [amanda.magnussen@ipaustalia.gov.au](mailto:amanda.magnussen@ipaustalia.gov.au)

**9-11/11 International Conference on Archiving Web Resources.** National Library of Australia, Canberra. Contact: Margaret Phil-

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### RAILS Research Seminar September 20<sup>th</sup>, Brisbane

- A seminar on Research Applications in Library and Information Studies will be held at the Gardens Point campus of QUT on the day prior to the ALIA Biennial Conference on the Gold Coast.
- Academic speakers will present a number of papers describing research projects and methods, and there will be commentary on these by library practitioners.
- Details and registration information are at <http://www.citi.qut.edu.au/news/raills.jsp>

Further information from: Michael Middleton, [m.middleton@qut.edu.au](mailto:m.middleton@qut.edu.au), 07 3864 2870

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