

Making news...

Selected reprints from newspapers and magazines in recent months

Literacy, numeracy in spotlight

Kalgoorlie Miner, 16 September,
by Megan Sadler

Goldfields educators spent National Literacy and Numeracy Week learning new skills to help boost literacy. A number of professional development workshops were held during the week to teach educators the skills to evaluate children's literacy and numeracy.

Books bonanza 'too little, too late'

Hamilton Spectator, 16 September

Liberal spokesman for Local Government in Victoria, John Vogels, described the Victorian government's 'Book Bonanza' funding as 'Too little, too late'. He said that under the Bracks Labor government, the state government had reduced direct funding to libraries, and had left councils to make up the shortfall.

Library turns new leaf

Wollondilly Advertiser, 14 September

Wollondilly residents are being given a chance to have their say about the future of public library services. Libraries Alive! are conducting a study of community wants and needs. Mayor Michael Banaskik said that it was about 'making sure that in the future we are providing the right library services to the right people'.

Word on libraries gets out

Newcastle Herald, 13 September,
by Neil Keene

Newcastle and Lake Macquarie residents borrow more books per capita than any other major town or city in New South Wales. Noelle Nelson, library and cultural development manager at Newcastle City Council, said that the Newcastle library had established a reputation for being an industry leader in making the collection attractive and enticing.

Award-winning literacy program

Mordialloc Chelsea Leader,
13 September

Chelsea Primary School has won an Achievement Award during Literacy and Numeracy Week in recognition of its efforts to boost literacy. The literacy co-ordinator at the school said that the school had been channelling funds and resources into boosting literacy levels, and the effort was beginning to be rewarded.

It's now up to Bracks

Wangaratta Chronicle, 10 September,
by Peta Carlyon

The Federal Government has allocated

\$550 000 from its Regional Partnerships program to kick-start an ambitious \$2.5 million public library complex for the Wangaratta region. The Council, and the Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE have each provided \$500 000 to the project, with the remaining \$900 000 expected to come from the Victorian Living Libraries and Community Support Fund programs. The proposed library complex will combine the existing community and TAFE libraries.

Library is the favourite spot

The Mornington-Southern Peninsula Mail, 9 September

The new Mornington Library has won the 'Year of the Built Environment 2004 — My Favourite Place' competition. Members of the public were asked to nominate their 'favourite place', many entrants highlighted their appreciation of the spacious new building, and others bragged about the collection, the staff and the new facilities.

New chapter for libraries

Warrnambool Standard, 9 September,
by Vanessa Burrow

Moyne Shire libraries are about to be the subject of a major review. Opening hours, book stock levels, and the mobile library service have all been examined. A 2003 review has found that the Corangamite Regional Library Corporation, of which Moyne is a part, rated well below average compared to nineteen similar rural services. The council will consult with the stakeholders affected by the proposed changes to the library services.

Funding breakthrough

Glen Innes Examiner, 9 September,
by Lisa Williams

The Glen Severn Learning Centre has received a Federal Government grant of \$309 000 under the Regional Partnerships program. The funding provides the final funds required to commence construction of the centre. The new centre will include a learning library with high-tech equipment, a University of New England Access Centre, multi-function rooms, conference facilities, art gallery and public spaces.

Oh baby, here's a good read

Campbelltown-Macarthur Advertiser,
8 September, by Rebecca Senescall

Campbelltown Council is considering a proposal under which each new baby in the region would be given a children's book and library membership application form. The aim of the scheme is to encourage literacy. Councillor Aaron

Rule said that this was a 'way of welcoming the new-born into our community and reinforcing the value that council and community place on reading and learning.'

Bigger library plan

Manningham Leader, 8 September

Manningham Council has applied for the library to be moved to a prime location in the expanded Westfield Doncaster Shoppingtown. If the plans are approved, the library would move to a prime location near the cinemas, restaurants and recreation area. The size of the library would increase by thirty-two per cent.

Library funds petition

attracts wide support

Merredin-Wheatbelt Mercury,
8 September

Almost 18 000 people have signed a petition calling for increased funding for Western Australian public libraries. The petition was launched in April to facilitate community input into the campaign, and to provide a voice for Western Australian library users who want the state government to adequately fund the public library service.

Learning is fun at library

Riverine Herald, 8 September

Campaspe Regional Library hosted a 'Life is Learning' campaign during September. The campaign was designed to highlight the array of resources available to the community at Victorian libraries.

Booking a place in national awards

South Coast Register, 8 September,
by Amanda Beadman

Nowra teacher-librarian, Cecily Trevillion, was recently selected as the New South Wales nominee for the 'Australian Teacher-Librarian of the Year Award'. Ms Trevillion was nominated by her school principal and other staff members in recognition of her passion and devotion to her chosen career. The national winner of the award will be announced on International School Library Day, Monday, 25 October.

State library now easier to access

Sunshine Coast Weekly, 8 September

The State Library of Queensland recently launched a revamped website: <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au>. Extensive staff and public input from client groups, surveys and interviews assisted in helping to create the improved website. The new website features clearer navigational structure with an emphasis on helping users find the information they want quickly.

Books as youthful bond

Community News — Moreland,
7 September, by Robert Fedele

Brunswick Library's LARFF — Lots of reading for fun — bookclub is still going strong. Developed to promote reading to teenagers, the focus of the bookclub is books, but it is also about fun, friendship and interaction with other young people.

Storytime for tiny tots

Ferntree Gully Mail, 7 September

The Eastern Regional Libraries have launched a 'Read with me' program. Under the program, each child born in Knox, the Yarra Ranges, and Maroondah will receive a new book. The project was partly funded by a \$40 000 state government grant. The project also aims to encourage new parents to take an active interest in reading to their children. The story also featured in the Maroondah Leader, 'Literacy starts with young'; and in the Maroondah-Yarra Ranges Journal 'Starting them young'.

The clever way to get kids reading

West Australian, 4 September,
by Heather Zubeck

What is the secret to getting children interested in non-fiction books? Well, according to Heather Zubeck, the trick is to offer them visually exciting illustrations alongside gory and hilarious stories from history.

Library seminars

confront serious learning problems

Noosa News, 3 September

The Noosa Library is hosting free information seminars for people with learning problems in October. The program is designed for people with learning problems such as audio processing disorder, dysphonetic dyslexia, dyspraxia, reading comprehension, reading disorder, scoptic sensitivity syndrome, visual perceptual deficit and visual processing disorder.

Youth rules, ok?

Cooma Monaro Express, 2 September

The Cooma Library recently opened its young adults' section. The opening was celebrated by Youth Rule, a youth night featuring music, prizes, food and drinks and which will also give young people the opportunity to choose the direction that the young adult section takes.

National Simultaneous Storytime

The response to National Simultaneous Storytime was tremendous this year. Too many articles appeared to list each one, but here are a select few...

Fun in middle of muddle

Wollondilly Advertiser, 14 September

More than 200 children, teachers and parents crowded into Picton Mall for a reading of Mike Dumbleton's children's book *Muddled-up farm*. Dancing singing and craft accompanied the storytelling.

No muddle over book launch

Springvale Dandenong Leader,
13 September

Muddled-up farm is a hit with local youths

Bayside Star, 8 September

Children flock to library

Hunter Balley News, 8 September

"Muddled up" for all the right reasons

Bunyip, 8 September

Reading queue

Camden Advertiser, 8 September

Clare Primary students

join national literacy event

Northern Argus, 8 September

Animal sounds at the libraries

South Gippsland Sentinel Times,
7 September

Discovering in the magic of reading

Cowra Guardian, 6 September

Books, books and more books

Cootamundra Herald, 6 September

Get muddled with National Storytime

Cowra Guardian, 30 August

ACT

• 12/10 APSIG lunchtime seminar.

Born digital: future challenges for heritage conservation. NLA Conference Room, 4th floor, 12:30–1:30pm. Three speakers: Prof A Galla, ANU; Kevin Bradley, NLA; plus another NLA expert will report on latest developments. Contact: Marie Sexton, ph 02 6247 7795, msxton@netspeed.com.au

• 13/10 ACTive ALIA. Library visit:

tour the new National Museum of Australia library. Learn about NMA library services and collections, how it supports the work of NMA. Lawson Cres, Acton Peninsula, NMA Administrative Annexe (ex hospice — long white building), enter via ramp 4:30pm. *RSVP (for catering purposes)* by e-mail to: Sherrey Quinn, ph 02 6257 9177, sherrey.quinn@alianet.alia.org.au

• 15/11 APSIG visit to the Pacific

Manuscripts Bureau, ANU Visit the HQ of the PMB followed by a talk by Prof Brij Lal, ANU, on Pacific researches and use of the microfilm produced by PMB. Meet in the foyer, Coombes Building, ANU, 4:30pm for 5:00pm. Refreshments. Contact: Deveni Temu, ph 02 6273 1040, dtemu@csu.edu.au

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14/10 Australian Training Products.

Free workshops for VET librarians and content creators in TAFE, schools and registered training organisations. Getting your materials published by ATP, 8:00–9:00am and Librarians: finding materials for staff, 10:00am–12:00pm. Cliftons, Level 2, 200 George Street, Sydney. Seats are strictly limited. Contact Australian Training Products, ph 03 3965 5060, events@atpl.net.au

• 27/10 NSW New Graduates

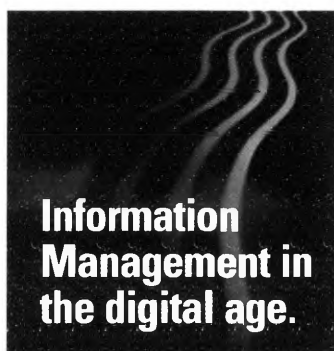
Group. Librarians 'n the Pub Come and join the NSW Mentoring Group for our regular informal gathering. All library-types welcome! Chat about work, the profession, or whatever. 1st floor bar, Agincourt Hotel, corner Harris and George Streets at Railway Square, from 6:00pm. Contact Alyson Dalby, ph 02 9256 5413, alyson.dalby@racp.edu.au

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• 8–9/10 2nd ALIA Top End

Symposium. Switching Tracks: new roles for Library and Information Workers. Charles Darwin University, Palmerston Campus, NT. Contact: Dianne Wilcox, ph 08 8988 2723, dianne.wilcox@cdu.edu.au

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