

## ACT

**25–28/5 Project Management for Government** is aimed at the whole-of-government and will provide insightful case studies. ALIA members receive a 10% discount. To see the full course agenda contact: Suzie Stollznov, ph 1300 550 662, sstollznov@arkgroupasia.com

• **27/5 National Library Technicians day — ACT celebrations.** *ACT Library Techs will be celebrating with breakfast* at Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7:30am. Costs: Full \$24, Continental \$18, Express \$10. *RSVP to:* Beth Clary, ph 02 6162 6225, beth.clary@radford.act.edu.au or Lynn Bale, ph 6291 6687, richard\_lynnbale@bigpond.com

## NSW

**1–2/4 Knowledge and Value Network Strategies.** Internationally acclaimed KM expert, Verna Ailee, will host a highly interactive and results-focused master class on how to exploit both knowledge and value networks to sustain a competitive advantage. ALIA members receive a 10% discount. Contact: Suzie Stollznov, ph 1300 550 662, sstollznov@arkgroupasia.com

• **23/4 ALIA New Graduates Group.** *Career development: navigating for success.* Participants can identify the latest issues and trends relating to employment; ask new graduates, recruiters and senior librarians questions about employment issues; complete a self reflection exercise and create a personal development plan. Contact: Tony Brooks, ph 02 9886 7517, tonyb8228@yahoo.co.uk

• **1–2/5 River of Opportunities III.** *Join the NSW and Victorian ALIA Library Technicians for this exciting weekend workshop.* Wagga Wagga. \$115 ALIA members, \$155 non-members, day registration \$66 [GST incl]. Wagga Wagga Country Comfort, Morgan Street. Contact Libby Brackenridge, ph 03 9244 3894, eab@deakin.edu.au, <http://alia.org.au/events/river.of.opportunities.html>

**4–6/5 KM Intranet Site visits, 2004.** *Visit the offices of Blake Dawson Waldron, NSW Police, Aristocrat Leisure Limited, Holroyd City Council.* ALIA members receive a 10% discount, quote SS-AL. Contact: Suzie Stollznov, ph 1300 550 662, sstollznov@arkgroupasia.com

• **21/5 ALIA New Graduates Group.** *Career development: interview skills.* Participants can define the elements of effective job interviewing and role play answering

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## Selected reprints from newspapers and magazine in recent months

**State Library celebrates its 150th birthday with another book to read**  
*Sunday Age*, 22 February by Bridie Smith

The State Library of Victoria is celebrating its 150th birthday by publishing a book. *Treasures of the State Library of Victoria* was launched in February. The library chose to commemorate the occasion with a book as it is a portable and accessible way to share the library's collection. The book contains more than 200 examples from the collection, many rarely seen by the public.

**More than a digital divide**  
*Australian Bookseller and Publisher*, February

This article looks at how rural and regional libraries are providing a dynamic service to their communities. It reminds readers that while information technology is an inextricable part of library service delivery, libraries are about much more than the technology they use and provide, and that technology alone will not solve all the information problems of rural and regional Australia.

**Guitars, drums disturb the sound of silence at the library**  
*Daily Advertiser (Wagga Wagga)*, 25 February, by Paul Enever

A review of the under-18s concert held at the Wagga City Library. The concert, featuring local bands Un-named, Moth and Jerbal, was the third in the Libraries Are Loud series, which is aimed at giving teenagers a safe and fun activity on Friday nights.

**No return: the \$100 m cost of missing books**  
*Daily Telegraph*, 26 February, by Simone Richards

It is estimated that non-returned library books are costing NSW councils up to \$100 million a year. One debt recovery agency estimates the annual national cost of non-returned library items to be \$250 million.

**Books a \$1.7 m tussle**  
*Australian Financial Review*, 27 February, by Terry Ingram

State and public libraries, and museums spent \$1.7m at a recent auction of historic Australian books and manuscripts. The National Museum of Australia, State Library of Victoria, and the State Library of New South Wales all made major purchases.

**For bibliophiles, a timely reminder but first check your hands**  
*Age*, 27 February, by Chee Chee Leung

When the Melbourne Public Library opened 150 years ago, there was only one member of staff — a porter who checked for dirt under visitors fingernails — and a collection of 3846 volumes. The State Library of Victoria now employs 324 full-time staff and contains almost two million publications.

**Rugby stalwart gets behind reading day**  
*Cowra Guardian*, 27 February

Ross Chivers has been invited to read to thousands of picnicking primary children at Cowra's first whole-town reading day — 'The great big enormous turn-up reading picnic' — to be held on 2 April.

**Virtual library opens doors**  
*Mid-West Times (Geraldton)*, 3 March

The City of Geraldton has launched its Virtual Library services. The online library means that anyone with internet access and a library membership can open a huge online library of information any time of the day or night. The virtual library was created when the City subscribed to three major online databases.

**State library promotes literacy, creativity on line**  
*Sunshine Coast Weekly (Maroochydore)*, 3 March

The State Library of Queensland has launched its latest online resource: *Dive into a book*. The *Dive into a book* reading program has been developed to promote children's literacy through fun and challenging activities and to encourage parents and carers to share activities with children. The *Dive into a book* website is supported through Queensland public libraries, and provides reading picks for ages 3 to 16, an opportunity for contributors to publish their own writing and artwork, and includes a variety of word puzzles, mazes and games. *Dive into a book* is funded by OPAL (Online Public Access in Libraries), a Queensland State Government initiative.

**Reflecting the Australian culture**  
*Canberra Times*, 3 March

The National Library of Australia is the largest library and one of the most important research centres in the country. It is not only a place for researchers, its reason for being is to share the Australian journey with every-one. Through the internet, exhibitions and publications, services provided by expert staff and new technologies, the National Library of Australia ensures its treasures are available to all Australians.

**Questionnaire shows library is well used**  
*Southern Riverina News (Finley)*, 3 March

The Jerilderie Shire council recently surveyed residents to prompt community input into the local library service. Of the 1000 surveys distributed, 113 were returned. Unsurprisingly, book loans were the most used service, with reference books and videos or DVDs coming second. Sixty-two per cent of residents were in favour of relocating the library to a more central position.

**Community library online 24 hours**  
*Hilston Ivanhoe Spectator*, 3 March

Members of the Western Riverina Community Library with internet access can search the

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library's catalogue online, thanks to a major software installation at the Griffith City Library. Library users can search the catalogue, check their loan status, and now also search, view and print 1400 digitally scanned local historical photographs.

### Sharing stories at library *Kimberley Echo*, 4 March

The Kununurra Community Library has launched the 'Sharing our stories' program which is aimed at community harmony and reducing racism. The program, funded by the Department of Immigration and Multi-cultural and Indigenous Affairs, Living in Harmony Initiative, aims to create a positive forum for indigenous storytellers to share their contemporary stories.

### The drums beat

*North Coast Advocate* (Ballina), 4 March

Ballina Library's first 'Loud in the Library' event was a drumming workshop. Chinta Reis, from Rhythm Konnections, passed on some drumming tips, as well as some of the history of drumming. The 'Loud in the Library' program is run by Ballina Youth Service in partnership with Richmond-Tweed Regional Library Service.

### A day to be concerned about: subliterate Australians, old and young *Canberra Times*, 5 March, by Christopher Bantick

On World Book Day, Christopher Bantick examines the federal Opposition's Book-start policy. Under the policy, every baby would be given books to assist its early literacy. It promises \$80 million over four years — 500 000 books a year to babies. While Bantick applauds the ALP's commitment to encouraging children to read, he says that more worrying is the fact that forty-eight per cent on Australian adults were struggling to be functionally literate. He suggests that addressing adult literacy, together with children's literacy, is the key.

### Technology threatens old school ties *Australian Financial Review*, 8 March, by Bill Pheasant

This is an in-depth look into some of the issues faced by the scholarly publishing industry, and the users of that information. The Public Library of Science (PLOS) has jointed

BioMed Central to address the growing unease about the control of research data. A British parliamentary science and technology committee was told, by Elsevier and Blackwell Publishing, that heading down the open access path would damage academic research, end the peer review system and mean more costs for universities to subsidise their researchers. Vast sums are paid by university and public libraries for access to electronic collections. Many universities are trying to stem this spending by encouraging faculty to withhold articles from certain publishers, and operating free internet publication services.

### Librarianship offers range of challenges

*Morning Bulletin* (Rockhampton), 8 March

A profile of local special services co-ordinator at Rockhampton Municipal Library, Anne-Maree Dyer. Anne-maree said that she developed a love for the local library at a young age and wanted to become involved with this dynamic and essential service which has a huge impact on people's lives.

### Book your place now for a job in a Victorian public library

Age, 13 March, by Trevor Robbins

Victorian public libraries held a 'Your future@your library' campaign during March. The aim of the campaign was to remind the public that libraries are modern, dynamic community centres for learning, information and entertainment. They also offer potential careers for a range of skills. Possible careers in Victoria's 270 local libraries include specialists in web design and desktop publishing, marketers, IT support and information experts and multi-cultural librarians.

### The cyber library

*Courier Mail*, 13 March, by Belinda Weaver

A review of Bartelby (<http://www.bartelby.com>), an online reference service which includes all kinds of reference tools. Tools include encyclopedias, thesauruses, books of quotations, a gazetteer for geographical information, the *World Factbook* and *Gray's Anatomy*. Most of Bartelby's offerings can be searched or browsed and navigation around the site is easy. ■



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interview questions. Workshop is conducted over 2–2.5 hours, concluding with a wine and cheese function sponsored by the UNSW Staff Development Centre. Contact: Tony Brooks, ph 02 9886 7517, tonyb8228@yahoo.co.uk

• **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

### QLD

• **15/4 Access services with attitude:** *transforming technical services in libraries seminar*, 1:30pm–4:30pm, Queensland College of Art, South Brisbane. Four speakers. Cost: \$25 ALIA members, \$33 non-members, \$10 full-time LIS students. Contact: Paul Jensen, ph 07 3875 6418, p.jensen@griffith.edu.au

• **27/4 ALIA Quorum.** *General meeting.* Meet at Toscanis, Little Stanley Street South Bank, 5:00pm for 5:30pm. *To RSVP and request an agenda contact:* Joy Goldsmith, ph 07 3846 1813, joy\_goldsmith@hotmail.com

• **6/5 Qld OPAL.** *General meeting.* Sinclair Knight Merz, 369 Ann Street, City, 12:00pm–2:00pm. Hosted by Melissa Porritt. Contact: Melissa Porritt, ph 07 3244 7100, mporritt@skm.com.au

• **24/5 ALIA Quorum.** *Trivia night: celebrate the start of Library and Information Week* with a trivia night and the presentation of the Library Achiever of the Year Award. Venue and details tba. Watch the ALIAQLD e-list for more information. Contact: oy Goldsmith, ph 07 3846 1813, joy\_goldsmith@hotmail.com

• **25/5 ALIA QLD Library Technicians.** *Annual dinner and presentation of the QLD Library Technician of the Year (Recent Graduate) Award.* Skyline Restaurant, Southbank CO-TAH, corner Merivale and Tribune Streets, South Brisbane, 6:00pm. \$33 ALIA members, \$40 non-members [GST incl]. *Send cheque/money order to:* Helen Trochoulis, PO Box 289, Morningside, 4170, ph 07 3875 6248, h.trochoulis@griffith.edu.au

**29/5 O'Donovan Library Open Day** *Queensland Parliament website — history of buildings Queensland Parliamentary Library.* A unique once-a-year opportunity to visit the heritage 19th century O'Donovan Library. Parliament House, George Street, Brisbane, 10:00am–4:00pm, entrance free. Contact Judith Barker, ph 07 3406 7290, judith.barker@parliament.qld.gov.au, <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/Parlib/History/>

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