

LIS sector watch

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'Metropolitan broadband blackspots program'

Discussion Paper

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts <http://www.dcita.gov.au/tel/mbbp>

The discussion paper is the first stage of the consultation process for the Metropolitan Broadband Blackspots Program and will give stakeholders and internet service providers an opportunity to provide input on how the program will be designed and administered.

The importance of ICT for small and medium businesses in Australia

Three reports were released by Senator Coonan, highlighting the importance of information and communications technology for small and medium businesses in Australia.

ICT production in Australian SMEs by Sensis

http://www.dcita.gov.au/ict/ict_industry_information/ict_production_in_australian_smes

Digital factories: the hidden revolution in Australian manufacturing by Howard Partners for DCITA

http://www.dcita.gov.au/ict/ict_industry_information/ict_in_australian_manufacturing

Smart internet 2010 by the Smart Internet Cooperative Research Centre <http://www.smartinternet.com.au>

Taking care of spyware

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts <http://www.dcita.gov.au/spyware/> (brochure and the discussion paper submissions)

<http://nospyware.net.au>

(Internet Industry Association)

The Taking care of spyware brochure tells consumers how they can identify spyware on their computers and remove it, or protect their computers against it. The Government has also released submissions received in response to a recent Government review on spyware. In addition, the Internet Industry Association's national anti-spyware campaign will complement the brochure and provide a valuable resource for members of the general public who use the internet, giving detailed information on spyware and links to anti-spyware tools available free or for a trial period.

Community ICT transformations: next steps

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts http://www.dcita.gov.au/ie/community_connectivity

A report on submissions received in response to DCITA's

discussion papers 'ICT transforming the non-profit sector' and 'the role of ICT in building communities and social capital'. It provides a summary of the main findings of the discussion papers and a summary of the key issues and main recommendations drawn from the submissions received.

Marketing strategy for public libraries in England April 2005–March 2008 (UK)

Museums Libraries and Archives Council http://www.mla.gov.uk/documents/fff_Marketingstrategy_final.doc

The marketing strategy uses research, analysis and creative thought to identify a practical program of activity that will deliver against the marketing objectives. There are five interlinked parts to the public libraries marketing plan and these include product development, external communication, consumer promotion, internal communication and advocacy.

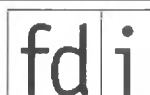
Impact and analysis of law enforcement activity in academic and public libraries (US)

Goodrum, Abby and Chair, Velma for the American Library Association <http://ala.org.oitp>

The report provides a summary of the first comprehensive study of the impact and analysis of law enforcement activity in academic and public libraries. The study sought to understand how the law is affecting the policies, management, and use of libraries, as well as the behaviour of librarians and library patrons in the post-September 11 environment. A national survey distributed to academic and public librarians, as well as some 50 in-depth interviews with librarians and national library leaders provides a number of insights regarding libraries' roles and activities related to law enforcement activities. The results of the study are intended to inform the policy debate about law enforcement activity and laws such as the Patriot Act and their impacts on academic and public libraries.

USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 (US)

The bill adds to the USA PATRIOT Act many of the safeguards for library and reader privacy that have been sought by the library community since the passage of the law in 2001, including tougher requirements for searching library records under Section 215. Section 215 allowed the FBI to obtain library records of anyone whenever they were 'relevant' to a counter-terrorism or counter-espionage investigation. ■



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