

Making news...

Selected reprints from newspapers and magazines in recent months

Australia's most treasured

Herald Sun, 8 October, Nicolette Burke

Some of Australia's most treasured artifacts, including Ned Kelly's helmet, Sir Donald Bradman's favourite cricket bat and Azaria Chamberlain's hospital card, will go on display in a national exhibition tour. The National Library of Australia's 'National Treasures from Australia's Great Libraries' was launched yesterday. The exhibition will tour every capital city throughout next year and 2007. The director of Exhibitions, Nat Williams, hoped that the free entry would encourage many Australians to visit. (Similar stories in most other papers.)

South Australians book their place at head of the nation

Advertiser (South Australia), 6 October, Xanthe Kleinig

South Australians are the biggest bookworms in the nation, with 60 per cent members of libraries. SA readers For the past six years South Australians have been ranked the most consistent library users by the Council of Australian State Libraries. SA Councils combined spent \$50 million on public libraries in the last financial year, compared with the government's \$13 million.

Off the shelf

Advertiser (South Australia), 6 October, Maria Moscaritolo

No talking, no eating — no more. The public libraries of yesterday have evolved into community centres where books are only part of the picture. Case in point is Playford Library at Munno Para Shopping City. Lynne Makin, executive director of Public Libraries Australia, says if the Government is committed to a 'knowledge economy' it can't financially sideline libraries. The selling point would be that in return for federal funds, libraries would help disseminate government information, now done through mailouts and media advertisements. Looking to the future, she says libraries will increasingly devote less floor space to books, and more to computer terminals to cater for life-long learning.

Sharing Dagmar's vision

Manly Daily (NSW), 5 October

Penninsula women featured prominently in the recent Telstra NSW Business Woman of the Year awards. Seaforth resident Dagmar Schmidmaier, CEO of the State Library for the past decade, was among the finalists for the community and government award after achieving the first stage of her quest to position the institution as one of the world's best online research libraries.

Graphic-packed novels

Whitehorse Gazette, 5 October

For young readers who find a weighty novel such as JRR Tolkien's *The Hobbit* a bit daunting, why not read it in comic book format? The Whitehorse Manningham Regional Library last week launched its graphic novel collection for teenagers, with more than 2000 books that tell stories in the form of pictures and speech bubbles. They are already attracting plenty of readers and even drawing new members to the library through word-of-mouth.

Library plan for Yahoo!

MX (Australia), 4 October

US internet giant Yahoo! today unveiled plans to take on arch-rival Google with the launch of a controversial online library of tens of thousands of classic books. The announcement came after Google unveiled similar plans in December to set up a digital library, but suspended them amid fierce opposition from publishers and traditional libraries worried about copyright infringement. In a bid to stave off the outcry sparked by Google's plans, the company stressed the virtual library would focus on 'providing open access to content while respecting the rights of copyright holders'.

Australians Win Nobel Prize... and credit librarians

New York Times, 4 October, Lawrence K Altman

Two Australian scientists who upset medical dogma by discovering a bacterium that causes stomach inflammation, ulcers and cancer won the 2005 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine yesterday. The winners were

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• **3/11 APSIG** *After the tsunami: the National Library's books for Aceh project.* APSIG lunch-time talk, Amelia McKenzie from NLA, will describe the book donation program for libraries in Aceh. NLA Conference Room, 12:30–1:15pm. No bookings required. Refreshments provided. Gold coin donation. Contact: Amelia McKenzie, ph 02 6262 1519, amckenzie@nla.gov.au

• **4/11 Active ALIA** *Jobs and skill gaps: what the market is looking for.* Panel discussion: Anna-Maria Swiatko (One Umbrella), Megan Curlewis (Informed Sources) and speaker tba (Zenith). AGLIN/ALIA Joint Information Sharing Session. NLA, Conference Room, 4:00–5:00pm Contact: Karna O'Dea, ph 02 6121 6310, karna.odea@dewr.gov.au

9/11–7/12 I need more time! *5 teleconferences for busy library professionals to improve time and priority management skills.* Be ready to tackle 2006. Weekly, Wednesdays, 8:00–9:00am AEDT. You will need a comfy armchair, a private phone, notepad and sense of humour. PD points: 10. Cost: \$250 ALIA members, \$300 non-members [GST incl]. Contact: Geraldine Barkworth, ph 02 6685 1917, geraldine@boldwomenbigideas.com.au

• **24/11 Active ALIA** *Risk management: theory and practical application in a library context.* Speakers Paul Longley (DEWR) and Margerita Moreno (NLA). AGLIN/ALIA Joint Information Sharing Session. NLA, Conference Room, 12:30–1:30pm. Bring your lunch, but RSVP for tea/coffee catering purposes to: Karna O'Dea, ph 02 6121 6310, karna.odea@dewr.gov.au

• **13/12 APSIG** *Christmas lunch.* Griffith Vietnamese Restaurant, 6B Barker Street, Griffith, 12:00pm for 12:15pm. Cost \$20 (BYO corkage \$1pp). Bookings essential by 10/12 to: George Miller, ph 6295 1439. Contact: Marie Sexton, ph 02 6247 7795, msexton@netspeed.com.au

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• **30/11 NSW Mentoring Group** *Library folk in the pub.* Come and join us for our regular informal gathering. Chat about work, the profession or whatever. All library-types welcome! 1st floor bar, Agincourt Hotel, corner Harris and George Streets, Railway Square, from 6:00pm. Contact: John Elias, ph 02 9463 9235, jeliass@mla.com.au

28–29/8/2006 Digital Asset Management Conference. *DAMAP 2006* This conference the first of its kind in Australia and is designed to explore the current state-of-the-art and future capabilities of Digital Asset Management solutions as well as current users' experiences and the issues critical to industry adoption... Contact: Peter Jack, ph 03 9576 0277, info@damap.com.au, <http://www.damap.com.au/>

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• **23/11 Top End. Tour:** Northern Territory Open College, Crisp Street, Rapid Creek, 5:00pm. General meeting: Asian Gateway Thai Restaurant, 58 Aralia Road, Nightcliff, 6:00pm. Contact: Jayshree Mamtara, ph 08 8946 7881, jayshree.mamtara@cdu.edu.au.

QLD

• **3/11 Qld OPAL.** General meeting. Hosted by Susan Nelles, Red Cross. Venue/time: tba. Contact: Susan Nelles, snelles@arcsb.redcross.org.au

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• **10/11 ALIA Quorum. NER*D — EBL 2005, Cochrane Colloquium.** Participants of the EBL and Cochrane Colloquium conferences will talk about the key themes and ideas from the conference. Further details will be published to the ALIA QLD e-list closer to the date. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 0410 723 975, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

10-11/11 Implementation of eDRMS in Queensland Government Agencies and Utilities. The Forum examines the practicalities involved in implementing eDRMS in Queensland Government. The Workshops examine project managing eDRMS implementation from both the business and technical perspectives. Contact: Alan Moor, ph 03 9835 8900, pics@bigpond.com. For further information and brochure download: <http://www.pics.com.au/>

• **6/12 ALIA Quorum.** Meeting to review the past year and plan the 2006 launch party. Further details will be published to the ALIA QLD e-list closer to the date. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 0410 723 975, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

SA

• **8/11 ALIA SA.** General meeting. All SA ALIA members welcome! State Library of South Australia, Staff meeting room, 5:30 for 5:45pm. Meet on ground floor next to ACC Lending Library, North Terrace branch, in front of Flinders Uni Art Museum. Contact: Kate Sinclair, ph 08 8201 2577, kate.sinclair@flinders.edu.au

3-8/11 JSA South Australian library innovators tour. South Australia is a state famed for its wineries, festivals, gourmet food ... and now libraries. Join JSA on a study tour that is guaranteed to challenge and reinvigorate you. For full tour details contact: Jason Wallis, jason@johnstanley.cc

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Dr Barry J Marshall, a gastroenterologist from the University of Western Australia in Nedlands, and Dr J Robin Warren, a retired pathologist from the Royal Perth Hospital.

Dr Marshall said that information he obtained from the National Library of Medicine, a part of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md, aided his discovery. While in training, Dr Marshall worked in a hospital in Port Hedland. A librarian in Perth sent him bundles of references. He said the librarian 'pulled up a whole lot of literature showing that many patients with ulcers had gastritis that the ulcer experts in the 1980s had forgotten about.'

Council puts library back on the shelf
Geelong Advertiser, 29 September, Peter Begg

Newtown Library in Shannon Avenue will be sold off once its collection and staff are moved to Chilwell Library. Geelong city councillors narrowly voted on Tuesday night to 'merge' Newtown Library with Chilwell Library, and continue operations at Chilwell. The meeting was told that the closure of Newtown Library to merge with Chilwell would see a saving of only \$57 000, which was a small amount for the wealthiest council in the state.

Library runs from its Crown moment

The Australian, 27 September, Richard Kerbaj

In the end it was a gamble that just didn't pay off for Melbourne's City Library. After flirting with corporate sponsorship from Crown Casino, including possibly stamping books with the company logo, the city library yesterday retreated from the plan, reassuring readers there would be no deal with the nearby Kerry Packer-owned casino. The Library's committee members abandoned their plans when local councils and library members expressed their outrage at the money-raising scheme.

'Bum' author in politicians' bad books
ABC Premium News, 22 September

A popular children's author is in the bad books with two South Australian Liberal MPs. Vicki Chapman told the SA Parliament yesterday that *Bad Book* by Andy Griffiths is available in state primary school libraries and depicts children and adults being cruel, violent and disgusting. Her colleague, Liz Penfold, added that it sets a poor example to young children. Education Minister Jane Lomax-Smith says educators decide which books are selected for school

libraries, but will check on the suitability of Andy Griffiths titles.

ECU's Joondalup work starts with \$35m library

The West Australian, 21 September, Lee-anne Petchell

Western Australia's Edith Cowan University has started a \$A150m building program in Joondalup. Plans for a \$40m health and wellness building that will house the School of Nursing and Public Health at the northern campus are progressing, and work has started on the construction of a new \$A35m library and technology centre. The four-storey library will include computer laboratories, a book store, a coffee shop and an internet cafe. The library building has been designed by Jones Coulter Young, and the building contract was awarded to Perth company Doric Constructions

Jobs shrink for unskilled workers

The Australian, 19 September, David Uren

Unskilled workers are being left behind by the nation's record growth in employment, with almost every position created in the past year going to people with university or TAFE education. While the booming jobs market created almost 40 000 management roles in the past year, a similar number of jobs were stripped out of the unskilled manufacturing workforce. Two-thirds of the new jobs went to managers, professionals and semi-professionals, such as nurses, librarians and finance brokers. The demand for people with tertiary qualifications does not support Prime Minister John Howard's comments that more children should leave school at Year 10 and pursue apprenticeship or trade training.

Internet filtering

Messenger-Eastern Courier, 14 September

'Net nanny' and other internet filter programs may be introduced in all public libraries. The State Government, LGA and libraries are reviewing using filters in public libraries with the review expected by the end of September.

Library funding up

Messenger — Portside, 14 September

Port Adelaide Enfield Council has received \$17 000 more to run its libraries than it did last year. The council will receive \$400 887 for materials and \$281 710 to operate is five libraries from the State Government for 2005/06. This compares to \$389 723 for materials and \$275 924 for operations the previous year. ■



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