

ALIA Victoria presentation on plagiarism

For those who were unable to attend Online 2005, ALIA Victoria hosted Steve O'Connor, CEO of Caval Collaborative Solutions in an 'encore presentation' of his paper on Plagiarism in publisher files. Those in attendance were varied: old and new faces, including current Information Management students who are required to attend professional meetings as part of their course.

The presentation highlighted the real prevalence of plagiarism and knocked down many of the stereotypes of what a 'plagiarist' might be. Many of us lost our 'plagiarism naivety' when being presented with the facts on just who is plagiarising: not just students, but academics, not just 'unknowns' but journalists and writers working for some of the world's largest media organisations. We also learnt about some of the software solutions that can assist in tracking and highlighting the extent of plagiarism in works.

This event was made possible through the support of RMIT University Library and we thank Steve O'Connor for taking the time to present his highly informative paper to us. A copy of Steve's presentation can be found at <http://www.caval.edu.au/about/staffpub/>.

Jenelle Cleary, convenor, ALIA Victoria

A top architecture prize to SLV

The redevelopment of the State Library of Victoria won the Lachlan Macquarie Award for Heritage at the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) state and territory awards, announced 27 October. The jury described the redevelopment as 'of exceptional cultural significance'. The prize was shared with the Historic Houses Trust of NSW for its head office redevelopment at the Mint. The top prize, the Sir Zelman Cowen Award for Public Buildings, was won by the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, for ANZAC Hall (and it is well worth seeing, should you be visiting your national capital).

Other library finalists in various categories, among nearly 600 projects entered, included the CSIRO library (ACT), Pembroke Middle School Learning Resource Centre and the Playford Library (SA), Mornington Branch Library (Vic). Playford Library was on the cover of your August 2005 copy of *inCite*, and Mornington Library features on p28 of this issue. ■

Rare Book Summer School

Rare books are a beautiful and fascinating area of librarianship. (Personal and career development opportunity alert!) The Rare Book Summer School will be held 13–17 February 2006 in Melbourne. Four 5-day courses are available: European bookbinding 1450–1820 [part-time places only now available], medieval and Renaissance illuminated manuscripts, European handpress books 1450–1830, and the booktrade in 19th century Australia. Teachers at the school include Dr Nicholas Pickwood, Professor Margaret Manion, Professor Bernard Muir and Dr Brian McMullin. The cost is \$700, \$400 for part-time. Accommodation is available at St Mary's College, University of Melbourne.

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