

1st Monday each month. Amore caffe, 162–170 Pultney Street, 6:00pm for 6:15pm. 2/10; 6/11. Contact: Helen Kwaka, ph 08 8397 7454, kwakh@cttg.sa.gov.au

• **11/10 Library Technicians online chat.** See *National events* for more details.

18/10 2006 Clare Burton Memorial Lecture. *Jobs, care and justice: A fair work regime for Australia.* Professor Barbara Pocock. Venue: tbc, Adelaide, 5:30pm. Hosted by University of South Australia. Contact: Lyn Browning, ph 08 8302 1729, lynette.browning@unisa.edu.au

• **4/11 SALT.** *Weekend workshop: Work/life balance.* Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association SA, 68 Day Terrace, West Croydon, from 1:00pm, followed by an optional dinner at a nearby hotel. Cost [GST incl]: \$10 ALIA members, \$15 non-members. Contact: Angela Jones, ph 08 8243 5632, angela.jones@portent.sa.gov.au Proudly sponsored by TLC Tracking Labels and Consulting and RAECO.

22/11 Australian Copyright Council. *Seminars in Adelaide:* experienced ACC lawyers present sessions for librarians, copyright and compliance officers, digital rights managers and collecting institution staff. Find out how the law works and what's in the pipeline – keep up to date! Contact: Copyright Council, ph 02 9699 3247, info@copyright.org.au, http://www.copyright.org.au/

• **6/12 Information Science (SA).** *End of year event.* Contact: Fiona Mariner, ph 08 8303 5248, fiona.mariner@adelaide.edu.au

VIC

6/10 Library books for East Timor trivia night. *MC for the night: Brian Nankervis, writer/comedian.* Guest include: Lonely Planet's Tony Wheeler; Mark Rubbo, Reading Books and Music and Anne-Marie Schwitlich, State Librarian. All money raised will go directly to East Timore Libraries. Hawthorn Town Hall. Contact: Patti Manolis, Maribyrnong City Council, ph 03 9688 0289.

• **11/10 Library Technicians online chat.** See *National events* for more details.

• **11/10 ALIA Victoria.** *Copyright seminar.* ALIA's Copyright Officer, Moyra McAllister will be providing an update on current copyright issues, forthcoming changes and answer your copyright questions. RMIT library from 3:00–5:00pm. Numbers limited. Cost [GST incl]: ALIA members free, \$11 non-members. Contact: Michelle Thomason, ph 03 9345 5108, michelle.thomason@rch.org.au

• **28/10 Vic Schools.** *Literature.* More details: tba. Contact: Kris Johnstone, ph 03 9805 9234, kjohnsto@sac.vic.edu.au

2/11 2006 Clare Burton Memorial Lecture. *Jobs, care and justice: A fair work regime for Australia.* Professor Barbara Pocock. RMIT Capitol Theatre, Building 113, 113 Swanston Street, 6:00pm. Hosted by RMIT University. Contact: Amy Love, ph 03 9925 4210, amy.love@rmit.edu.au

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Product news...

CSA's search engine wins CODIE award

MultiSearch, the federated searching solution from CSA using MuseGlobal technology, has been presented with the Software and Information Industry Association's 21st Annual CODIE Award for Best Solution Integrating Content into an Application.

MultiSearch, released by CSA in 2005, is a powerful discovery tool that allows searching across a choice of resources, collecting the results into a single set with the simplicity of an everyday web search engine.

Developed in conjunction with MuseGlobal and powered by CSA Illumina, MultiSearch is quickly and easily implemented by subscribing organisations, providing an easily accessed, easily searched tool for the end-user. Subscribing organisations can customise MultiSearch to provide subject-specific access to information resources.

Print a daily newspaper in the library from ProQuest

ProQuest Information and Learning has announced the introduction of ND Press, a new service enabling librarians to print reference copies of daily newspapers from around the world directly in the library. ProQuest will distribute ND Press to public, academic, government and corporate libraries worldwide.

ND Press, a service by NewspaperDirect, prints exact newspaper replicas of more than 330 titles from 60 countries in 36 languages. ND Press supports academic research particularly in the fields of international studies, political science and business. It also serves a public library's diverse population by providing access to newspapers from around the world the same day the paper is released.

ND Press has a broad selection of prominent titles such as Le Monde, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, El Pais, and Mainichi Shimbun, as well as key titles from the United States including the Los Angeles Times, The Boston Globe, Chicago Tribune, and The Washington Post. ND Press allows newspapers to be printed from multiple workstations to any networked printers. Libraries can customise their service to have titles printed automatically or as needed.

The new service boasts a 60-day archive of past issues. Users have the option of printing the entire newspaper or individual page prints, including article text, advertisements, classifieds, and notices (varies by publication).

Innovative's next generation search tool available soon

Innovative says that Research Pro, its next-generation federated-search tool, will become available in the third quarter of 2006. Research Pro uses sophisticated technologies to provide a rich and highly usable environment for searching across library-selected resources.

The new tool provides a tabbed-browse display that groups results by target resource, harnesses AJAX (Asynchronous JavaScript and XML)

for increased fluidity and continuity of search sessions, and employs Innovative's smart-search algorithm for efficient delivery of information from subscription databases.

Research Pro makes searching easier by eliminating the need for user search-expertise. The new interface provides a clean look and easy type-and-go functionality offered by popular web search engines. Libraries can also select a set of default search targets so users won't have to decide which are best to search in a given context.

Library users can also extend this continuity by saving one or more target resources for future use in the My Millennium personalisation suite.

Deal brings books on ScienceDirect to 55 000 students across Asia Pacific

Elsevier has announced the signing of an agreement for the provision of vital scientific and medical information to Monash University. The agreement provides the 55 000 strong student community, from 10 faculties, with complete access to 35 Reference Works and 2 Handbooks covering authoritative titles from the core scientific and medical literature including such titles as *Encyclopedia of Energy*, *Encyclopedia of Geology*, *Encyclopedia of Soils in the Environment*, *Treatise on Geochemistry*, *Encyclopedia of Biodiversity* and the *International Encyclopedia of Social & Behavioral Science*.

The agreement provides the Monash University user community with access to Reference Works and Handbooks via ScienceDirect. Reference Works offer definitive reviews of their fields, via authoritative, validated content, edited by international teams of experts. The scope of these works ranges from the detailed, exhaustive coverage of specialist areas to the broad-based succinct overviews in the Encyclopedias. Via ScienceDirect, extensive browsing and advanced searching is possible across subject, thematic, alphabetical, author and cited author indexes, as well as internal cross-referencing between articles in the work, plus dynamic linking to journal articles and abstract databases, making navigation flexible and easy. In addition, Elsevier's standard 'walk-up' provision allows all citizens free access to scientific and medical information covered under these agreements.

Melbourne's Queen's College chooses Horizon

SirsiDynix has announced that Queen's College at the University of Melbourne has selected the ASP (Application Service Provider) version of the SirsiDynix Horizon library management system. SirsiDynix-certified system administrators will host the implementation and management of the system.

Queen's College, founded in 1887, is a co-educational college of the Uniting Church offering residential accommodation to undergraduate and post graduate students doing courses at the

University of Melbourne, RMIT University and the Victorian College of Pharmacy. Queen's College library services are open to both residents and non-residents alike.

Tasman's journal freely available through OCLC PICA

OCLC PICA has made available for free a digital copy of a rare English translation of the journal of Abel Tasman (published in 1898) thanks to Strata Preservation and the National Archives in The Hague, who made the book available for digitisation.

Tasman discovered Tasmania in 1642 and his journal belongs to the Dutch National Archives in The Hague. A digital copy of the original journal in old Dutch is available online via the National Archives in the Netherlands. It is remarkably well illustrated with maps, drawings of coastlines as Tasman passed them on his journey, as well as of natives of the new lands and islands that he visited.

To celebrate the partnership between OCLC PICA and the National Library of Australia and the implementation of the CBS software that was taken into production in Libraries Australia last year, OCLC PICA had the original journal of Abel Tasman digitised through Strata Preservation.

Strata Preservation offers services for micro-filming and digitisation of vulnerable and unique materials that libraries, archives and other cultural heritage institutions want to preserve and make accessible to the public. Apart from bulk scanning it has specialised in high-end solutions and handling rare materials. Strata Preservation is a joint-venture of OCLC PICA and the National Library of the Netherlands.

Australian writers cash in \$1.4M

Queensland writers could win up to \$1.4 million in competitions, awards and prizes, a new book launched at the Queensland Writers Centre shows in September 2006.

The Australian Writer's Marketplace, launched by Brisbane author Rebecca Sparrow reveals how unpublished and experienced writers alike can stake their claim on the prizes on offer, including awards worth up to \$84 000.

Ms Sparrow, author of *The Girl Most Likely* and *The Year Nick McGowan Came to Stay*, said the book would help writers get published quicker and make more money from their writing.

"The Australian Writer's Marketplace is the street directory of writing. There are more opportunities than ever out there for writers and this book will help show the way," Ms Sparrow said. "The AWM is an essential tool for becoming a professional writer."

Vista System simplifies process of requesting custom MCFT Sign Solutions

Vista System International can make virtually any custom sign system dream a reality, with its modular curved frame technology (MCFT). Vista System invites sign professionals to request any special need and suggest any idea of design. Vista professionals will then take care of designing the type of Vista System application needed. This process gives you your own product design staff without the overhead.

Vista assists sign professionals by conveying what the final project will look like, through providing at no-charge; expert designs, 3D renderings, CAD drawings, and superimposed images for presentations. Vista System saves time and money in the design of custom MCFT signs that often were not feasible using other custom fabricated and modular sign systems in the past. They have even simplified, for sign makers, the process of requesting custom MCFT solution, with the creation of a non catalog product worksheet at <http://xrl.us/qdi8/>. This form lets the sign professional specify the delivery timeframe/s needed, where the sign/s will be installed, colours, finishes, graphic applications, types of inserts being used, target price, and other critical information.

Royal Society of Medicine journals to be available in EBSCOhost Databases

EBSCO Publishing (EBSCO) is pleased to announce that it is adding full-text coverage for fourteen of the Royal Society of Medicine journals to applicable EBSCOhost databases.

"Making our content available on the EBSCOhost platform is the right decision for us," said Peter Richardson, Managing Director of the Royal Society of Medicine Press. "We believe that it will expand the reach of our content beyond our existing core audience, and ensure that a multitude of new readers will gain access to our journals. Our preferred partnership with EBSCO will ensure that content from fourteen of our journals will be available on various EBSCO databases. EBSCO expects to have our content, including deep backfiles, loaded on EBSCOhost by early 2007."



• 11-12/11 River of opportunities IV, Albury workshop. See *Conferences for additional details*.

• 7/12 ALIA Victoria. End of year celebration. Celebrate the end of another year and mark the start of the holiday season with ALIA Victoria! Join us at the Hume Global Learning Centre's Age Library for a great party and tour of this wonderful facility. More details: tba. Contact: Jenelle Cleary, ph 03 9651 8389, jenelle.cleary@parliament.vic.gov.au

WA

• 11/10 Library Technicians online chat. See *National events for more details*.

27/10 2006 Clare Burton Memorial Lecture. *Jobs, care and justice: A fair work regime for Australia*. Professor Barbara Pocock. Hyatt Hotel, 12:00pm. Hosted by Curtin University of Technology. Contact: Barbara Groombridge, ph 08 9266 4140, b.groombridge@curtin.edu.au

National

• 11/10 Library Technicians Online Chat. Providing an opportunity for LTs to chat online with other LTs. Time: 7:00pm (AEST) in the ALIA Technicians Chat Room. Contact: Kevin Dudeney, ph 02 9804 5448, kevin.dudeney@dcs.nsw.gov.au

2-3/11 Metropolitan Public Libraries Conference. *Every ready and powered up*. Program, registration and sponsorship details available online. Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, Penrith. Contact: Conference co-ordinator, mpla@hotelnetwork.com.au, <http://www.mplansw.asn.au/>

8/11 Copyright Conference. *The Copyright Council, the Copyright Society and Copyright Agency Limited present a one-day conference*. Topics include the Google library project. Speakers from UK and US Publishers associations; Fairfax Digital, many others. Contact: Conference Information, ph 02 9699 3247, info@copyright.org.au, <http://www.copyright.org.au/training/s06sy18.htm>

• 21-27/5/2007 Library and Information Week 2007. Contact: ALIA National Office, 02 6215 8222, <http://alia.org.au/advocacy/liw/>

Conference

• 13-14/10 4th ALIA Top End Symposium 2006. *The future: What's out there?* This year's popular event will focus on new roles and innovative programs developing within the information industry. Charles Darwin University, Palmerston Campus, NT. Contact: Jill Heffernan, ph 08 8931 0508, heffs2@bigpond.net.au

• 11-12/11 River of opportunities IV, Albury workshop. *The 4th weekend workshop will include presentations on a variety of topical issues, plus a chance to visit libraries in the area*. The event is organised by the NSW and Victorian ALIA Library Technician Groups. Cost [GST incl]: \$115 ALIA members, \$150 non-members. Contact: Clare Bristow, ph 03 9244 3898, clare.bristow@deakin.edu.au,

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