

Terrace, West Croydon, from 1:00pm. Proudly sponsored by TLC Tracking Labels and Consulting and RAECO Followed by an optional dinner at a nearby hotel. Full rates: \$10 ALIA members, \$15 non-members [GST incl]. Contact: Angela Jones, ph 08 8243 5632, angela.jones@portenf.sa.gov.au

• **6/11 ALIA SA. Meeting – all SA ALIA members welcome!** We meet on the 1st Monday each month. Amore caffe, 162-170 Pultney Street, 6:00pm for 6:15pm. Contact: Helen Kwaka, ph 08 8397 7454, kwakh@cttg.sa.gov.au

• **8/11 ALIA SA. Blogging 101.** A practical hands on workshop! Learn how to set up a blog for yourself or your library, or add content to joint blogs. Computer Training Room, Level 1, Barr Smith Library, 5:30 for 6:00pm. Cost [GST incl]: \$5.00 ALIA members, \$6.00 non-members. Contact: Fiona Butcher, fiona.butcher@alia.org.au

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/

• **28/11 ALIA SA. Specialist Information Professionals AGM.** Join the SIP committee for the AGM, followed by dinner (optional). Come along and give feedback on the 2006 SIP events, and tell us what you want in 2007. Cafe Amore, Hindmarsh Square, 6:00pm. Contact Hayley Gamble, ph 08 8204 1305, hayley.gamble@sawater.com.au

30/11 How to be a relaxed overachiever workshop. See *National events* for more details.

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

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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 St, 6:00pm. Hosted by RMIT University. Contact: Amy Love, ph 03 9925 4210, amy.love@rmit.edu.au

• **11–12/11 River of opportunities IV, Albury workshop.** See *National events* for more details.

15/11 PiCS Pty Ltd. Managing Web Content. This practical workshop is for

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Product news...

Thomson Scientific re-designs patent database

Thomson Scientific has enhanced the full text patent collections in its Aureka and PatentWeb products to include enriched data indexing, new search and display fields and additional patent coverage. The enhancements allow patent researchers to retrieve more complete results with greater flexibility and precision. Enhancements include more publication types, increased coverage, improved retrieval of data (including patent and application numbers) and more precise indexing. For more detailed information visit <http://thomsonscientific.com/products/aureka/enhance/> or <http://thomsonscientific.com/products/patentweb/enhance/>.

Journal Use Reports: new research assessment and collections management tool

Thomson Scientific announced in September that its partnership with University of Melbourne has resulted in the launch of Journal Use Reports, a research assessment and collections management tool. The University of Newcastle and the University of New South Wales are the first two universities to reach an agreement for access. Found within ISI Web of Knowledge, Journal Use Reports uses Thomson Scientific citation information in combination with a library's own usage data to paint a unique picture of the utility of the library's resources. This information can help librarians prioritise and evaluate their collections, and assists researchers and universities in demonstrating the impact and prominence of their research.

Timely information to healthcare professionals

Dialog has enhanced its portfolio of healthcare information with the addition of EMCare, a new nursing and allied health database. EMCare, produced by Elsevier, provides access to scientific and professional literature that is directly relevant to the development of more cost-effective and higher quality healthcare in a wide variety of arenas: from hospitals and educational settings to academic and research-oriented facilities. With more than 2700 international source titles, EMCare includes unique content not found in any other nursing and allied health database. It features a 10-year

backfile, and more than 200 000 new records will be added to the database each year. For more information about EMCare, please view the Dialog Bluesheet at <http://library.dialog.com/bluesheets/html/bl0045.html>.

Blackwell launches e-book delivery platform

On October 16, Blackwell Book Services and ebrary launched ECHO, a new e-book delivery platform that provides libraries with an efficient and convenient way to order and manage electronic books using the same workflows used to acquire print books. E-books can be integrated with other resources in your library and on the web. Key features of the new platform including searching, navigating, bookshelves and automatic citations.

DA Library Technologies joins forces with S Central

DA Library Technologies Pty Ltd announced today it is joining forces with S Central to expand its technology capabilities. The merger creates the ability to take on large scale IT projects for libraries throughout Australia and New Zealand. S Central has expertise in areas such as professional services, application and database development and support, systems integration, hosting and data centre services, technical services and IP telephony. DA Library Technologies complements that expertise with library industry knowledge and proficiency in library software applications. Together the companies will provide an expanded products and services offering to current and future DA Library Technologies customers.

Shop for Emerald

Emerald Group Publishing Limited is delighted to announce the launch of the Emerald Shop, offering an e-commerce platform for a range of Emerald's non-subscription products. While Emerald's key products are subscription-based journals and databases, significant demand also exists for stand-alone products such as single issues and article collections. Special launch offers available for a limited time. <http://shop.emeraldinsight.com>.

Factiva launches sales mapping solution

Sales people spend 33 per cent of their time searching for company and executive information about their customers and prospect in order to find leads and prepare for sales calls. Factiva has now linked company data from Factiva SalesWorks to Microsoft Virtual Earth (Microsoft's next-generation mapping and location service) to create an innovative mash-up offering greater efficiency for sales people who can use the tool to generate geographically targeted prospect and customer lists. Additional information available at <http://www.factiva.com/solutions/>.

SchoolRooms Portal for Boston Students

The Boston Public Library (BPL) has selected the SirsiDynix SchoolRooms online exploration, discovery and learning portal for K–12 students, teachers and parents, for implementation in October 2006. As part of a five-year agreement with SirsiDynix, SchoolRooms will be available

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to all K-12 students in Boston, both remotely and in the BPL's 27 branches, through its Website <http://www.bpl.org>. The Boston Public Library is the first public library system to deploy SchoolRooms citywide.

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MPS Technologies has launched the beta version of BookStore, their digital book platform. It is a digital warehouse which allows publishers to make content available for search and purchase online, while retaining control of all copyright, metadata, licensing (including price, territory and duration), payments and customer data. For more information contact Rupert Bacon at MPS Technologies, London, r.bacon@mpstechnologies.com.



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anyone who edits and manages content for a website. Using real examples and practical exercises, the workshop covers content management, editing content and placing text on a web page to maximise attention. Contact: Jill Moor, ph 03 9835 8900, pics@bigpond.com, <http://www.pics.com.au/>

15/11 PiCS Pty Ltd. *Change Management for Records/Document Management Systems.* This workshop gives a theoretical and practical approach to change management issues that must be addressed when planning for either the replacement or implementation of a records and/or document management system. Contact: Jill Moor, ph 03 9835 8900, pics@bigpond.com, <http://www.pics.com.au/>

30/11 How to be a relaxed overachiever workshop. See *National events* for more 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

National

• **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]: \$115.00 ALIA members, \$150.00 non-members. Contact: Clare Bristow, ph 03 9244 3898, clare.bristow@deakin.edu.au, registration information: <http://alia.org.au/events/river.of.opportunities.html>

30/11 How to be a relaxed overachiever workshop. Learn to counter stress triggers, develop a relaxation ritual and put your priorities in order. Reconnect with your own big picture and walk away with a practical action plan. Scientia, UNSW, 1:20-4:30pm. Cost [GST incl]: \$60 ALIA members; \$65 non-members; \$85 non-delegates. PD points: 3. Contact: Geraldine Barkworth, ph 02 6685 1917, geraldine@boldwomenbigideas.com.au

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

• **31/8/2007 National Simultaneous Storytime 2006.** This event will take place during National Literacy and Numeracy Week at 11:00am AEST. Contact: ALIA National Office, 02 6215 8222, <http://alia.org.au/advocacy/storytime/>

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Academics could 'Show your librarian some love'

A light-hearted look at how librarians can assist academic staff by improving the research skills of their students. Is the teaching staff not convinced you can help? The author suggests teachers should test the level of research skills their students have.

"Ask your students these simple questions: What is the difference between a catalog, a bibliography, and an index? What is the difference between popular and scholarly literature on a given topic and why does it matter? What does the phrase 'peer-reviewed' mean and why is it important? Why isn't it possible to look up individual journal articles - instead of just journal titles - in a library catalog? (And for extra credit: since it isn't possible, how *would* you look up individual articles?) What is the difference between searching by subject and searching by key word in the catalog? (If any student answers that a search by subject seeks a match between the word(s) entered and Library of Congress Subject Headings or other controlled vocabulary, whereas a search by keyword seeks a match between the word(s) entered and all fields of each bibliographic record, you have my permission to disregard everything I've said and send hate mail.)"

Read the full article, it's worth it, in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (3 October 2006, Todd Gilman, available online).

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