

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

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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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