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- **15/12** Victorian Library Technicians End of Year Celebration Dinner Clare Castle Hotel, 421 Rathdowne Street Carlton, 6:30pm. Join fellow Victorian Library Technicians to help celebrate the year that was for dinner, drinks and a catch up! Contact Gemma Siemensma, ph 03 5320 4008, gemmas@bhs.org.au

- **21/2/2007** Special Libraries Vic. Tour Australian College of Natural Medicine Pty Ltd. 368 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, 6:00pm. Contact: Jill Bartholomeusz, ath@vicnet.net.au

#### WA

- **6/12** WALTG Christmas function Join the WA Library Tech's Group at the Windsor Hotel, 112 Mill Point Rd, South Perth, 6:00pm. Set menu \$36pp. Get in fast, limited numbers. RSVP by 28 November. Contact Narelle Beebe, n.beebe@westnet.com.au

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#### National

- **13/12** Library Technicians Online Chat Providing an opportunity for members to chat online with other members. 7:00pm (AEST) in the ALIA Technicians Chat Room. Contact Kevin Dudeney, ph 02 9804 5448, kevin.dudeney@dcs.nsw.gov.au

**14/2/2007** Library Lovers' Day @ your library For more information go to <http://www.librarylovers.org.au/>

- **5/3** International Book Day

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

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

## Product news...

### MPS Technologies launches BookStore beta sites and ScholarlyStats Integration

MPS's ambitious plan to develop a digital book platform is now a reality. MPS has demonstrated live beta sites, allowing publishers to make content available for search and purchase online, while retaining control of all copyright, metadata, licensing, payments and customer data. ScholarlyStats collects and consolidates library usage data and ScholarlyStats Integration extension of this service will see these usage statistics automatically transferred into other library systems to be integrated with other data. Early integration partners include Thomson Scientific with their new Journal Use Reports service and Innovative Interfaces for their Electronic Resources Management (ERM) system.

### New collection: Blackwell Reference Online

Blackwell Publishing's first online reference product will be the largest online academic collection of reference material in the humanities and social sciences. It will hold almost 300 volumes and 10 000 chapters, comprising six essential subject collections: Business and Economics; Philosophy and Religion; Literature and Cultural Studies; Language and Linguistics, Sociology and Psychology; and History. Users can search for answers to their research questions across the reference database using a sophisticated content classification – by subject, person, period, key topic and place. All bibliographic references are OpenURL compliant, MARC records are provided, and there are DOIs (Digital Object Identifiers) at book and chapter level to facilitate easy linking for library systems. Blackwell Reference Online is available to institutions as a one-time purchase for perpetual access to the whole collection or individual subject areas. New titles and editions published during the course of 2007 will be automatically included in Blackwell Reference Online and new volumes published in subsequent years can be added to the service for an additional fee. For more information about Blackwell Reference Online, including the list of volumes and sample screens, visit <http://www.blackwellreference.com>.

### Version 3.0 of Genie ILS

Maxus Australia announced the release of Version 3.0 of the web-based Inmagic® Genie integrated library system in October. Genie provides access and management for both traditional and non-traditional library materials. It offers a high level of flexibility for searching, reporting and

configuring in order to meet the specific needs of each library, yet requires minimal IT support. Genie has the ability to import and export data in a variety of formats including MARC and XML.

Genie 3.0 offers both end-user and back-office functions 24 hours a day directly from the Web. Several new features: a librarian's 'dashboard' that delivers an up-to-date view of critical library items such as overdue loans, overdue serial issues, active reserves and serials needing routing. "My Genie" functionality enables end users to log into the OPAC to view their open loans, overdues, reserves, routed serials and borrower information. MARC record acquisition is simplified by providing direct integration with BookWhere. For more information, visit <http://www.maxus.net.au/genie.htm>.

### One billionth article downloaded on ScienceDirect

Elsevier today counted the one-billionth full-text article download on its electronic journal and book platform, ScienceDirect. Counting started in April 1999, when it was launched. In its first year, just over 300 000 full text articles were requested from the site by about 60 customer organisations. Now, in 2006, more than 300 million articles have been downloaded by nearly 11 million users in 134 countries. Elsevier anticipates adding 4000 scientific and technical books to ScienceDirect in 2007. The expanded program will comprise selected eBooks titles published from 1995 to the present day, offering linking between the latest online book and journal information.

### Thomson Scientific offers recent research reports

Two recent reports are available for free download from the Thomson Scientific website: 'The ones to watch', which reviews phase changes in the pharmaceutical pipeline, picking the five most promising drugs at each stage; and 'Who is making the biggest splash?' which reviews the leading sources of information in medical research. Download from <http://scientific.thomson.com/insight>.

### Stephen Abram named chief strategist of the SirsiDynix Institute

The SirsiDynix Institute, a forum for professional development in the library community, announced today that Stephen Abram, vice president of Innovation at SirsiDynix, was recently named chief strategist for the SirsiDynix Institute. Abram will continue in his role as vice president

of Innovation at SirsiDynix. The Institute monitors library industry trends and issues of concern to the library community, attracting industry leaders as speakers for the Institute's webinars, executive conference and other events.

### Softlink launches a new approach to library management

Softlink has announced that its entire suite of web-based library management solutions have been re-engineered for greater ease and efficiency of user interaction. The new approach has been applied to the entire Softlink product range including Liberty3 and Oliver. The new software releases are in the form of a website, with an intuitive web interface. A library home page is included, which each library can customise without any knowledge of HTML. Content, including RSS feeds, URL links, direct OPAC search links and text, can be added. Graphics, logos, colours and fonts can be simply chosen to ensure customer appeal. Staff can choose what to feature on the library home page: new additions to the library, book reviews, targeted promotions, or other local news.

### Ten new publishers to SwetsWise Online

Swets is delighted to announce that it has succeeded in signing ten new publishers to SwetsWise Online Content. The American Society of Clinical Oncology, AlphaMed Press, Idea Group Inc, Mohr Siebeck, Pion Ltd, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Royal College of Nursing, Society for General Microbiology, Thomas Telford and TransTech have all made their journals available via the platform to Swets customers.

### Broader Asia-Pacific intellectual property coverage

Dialog has added the Trademarkscan-Australia database to the Dialog platform, further expanding its intellectual property portfolio and providing greater coverage for the Asia-Pacific region. Trademarkscan-Australia contains more than 482 000 records. Dialog also offers trademark coverage for Japan and South Korea, having added the Trademarkscan-South Korea database in June 2006.

### Disaster mitigation from AAS

Better planning and construction can greatly reduce the effects of earthquakes and other disasters. The Australian Academy of Science's new Nova: Science in the news topic, 'Fixing the cracks in disaster mitigation', has the latest information at [www.science.org.au/nova](http://www.science.org.au/nova).

### Free e-learning resources

E-learning in Action produced by the national training system's e-learning strategy, the Australian Flexible Learning Framework, is a free updated collection of products and resources to start you off. It includes a range of e-learning support networks across the country and e-learning case studies. The E-learning in Action CD-ROM is divided into six specific entry points, one of which is Resource developer/Librarian. In this section, there is a new product, ARED (Application for Rapid E-learning Development), an e-learning development tool designed to allow people with little more than basic computer skills to build their own online resources. To obtain your free copy of E-learning in Action contact the Australian Flexible Learning Framework on 07 3307 4700 or e-mail: [enquiries@flexiblelearning.net.au](mailto:enquiries@flexiblelearning.net.au).

### Conferences

- **1-2/12** ALIA New Librarians' Symposium 2006 *Pathways and possibilities* The third NLS is proudly presented by ALIA at the Scientia, University of NSW, Sydney. For more information, contact the conference organiser, [newlibrarian2006@alia.org.au](mailto:newlibrarian2006@alia.org.au) or see <http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2006>

- **30/1-1/2/2007** Information Online 2007, 13th conference and exhibition Information. Online is the most important and informative conference and exhibition for the online information industry. Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. Contact conference organiser, [aleks@conferenceaction.com.au](mailto:aleks@conferenceaction.com.au), <http://conferences.alia.org.au/online2007/>

- **9-12/10** ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Conference *Inform, Innovate, Initiate and Inspire* Further information to come. Grand Hyatt, Melbourne. Contact Gail Schmidt, convenor, ph 03 8664 7335, [gschmidt@slv.vic.gov.au](mailto:gschmidt@slv.vic.gov.au), <http://www.alia07.com/>

- **2-5/9/2008** ALIA 2008 Biennial Conference Alice Springs, NT. Contact Jane Hardy, [jane.hardy@alia.org.au](mailto:jane.hardy@alia.org.au)

### International

- **19-23/8/2007** WILC 2007: 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council. *Libraries for the future: progress, development and partnerships*. Durban, South Africa. Contact WILC conference secretariat, [wlic2007@congrex.nl](mailto:wlic2007@congrex.nl), <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/>

- **31/8-4/9/2009** International Congress on Medical Librarianship *Positioning the profession* Registration information will be available in 2008. Brisbane, Australia. Contact ICML 2009 Congress secretariat, ph 07 3844 1138, [icml2009@icml.com.au](mailto:icml2009@icml.com.au), <http://www.icml2009.com/>

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