

# ADCA recommends... alcohol and other drugs resources for the health library

The Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) is the peak national non-government organisation representing the interests of the Australian alcohol and other drugs sector, providing a national voice for people working to reduce the harm caused by alcohol and other drugs. The National Resource Centre (NRC) is part of ADCA and is the national information clearinghouse for the Australian alcohol and other drugs field. Established in 1974, the Resource Centre specialises in the social, psychological, prevention and treatment aspects of alcohol and other drug-related problems and many will be familiar with our major product, the DRUG database. DRUG is available via the RMIT AUSTHealth suite of databases or directly from our website, <http://www.adca.org.au/drug/>.

As a library that specialises in material related to alcohol and other drugs, we decided we would like to share our knowledge of this specialised but important area of health with other libraries. We chose to do this by developing an acquisitions tool that would assist other libraries, particularly those with an interest in

health, to make cost-effective, timely and relevant alcohol and other drugs resource choices for their libraries.

The result was *ADCA recommends... alcohol and other drugs resources for the health library*. This soft-cover publication (A5 size) is designed to assist health librarians and those interested in health material to acquire quality resources for their library and varied clients. The list was compiled by NRC's librarians and staff. We had invaluable assistance from other ADCA staff and ADCA's expert members. *ADCA recommends...* lists mainly books but also relevant websites, journals, government publications and databases. Some material was highlighted for librarians: highly recommended books, Australia-specific material and government publications. Libraries with limited budgets will benefit particularly from this list, as its use not only enables cost-efficient choices but also alerts librarians to the availability of a number of free publications, many from government departments.


Initially *ADCA recommends...* was distributed free to Australian health libraries

during Australian Library and Information Week. It is now available to any interested parties for a small cost recovery charge. If you would like to purchase a copy of *ADCA recommends...* (\$11.00 no charge for postage) order forms can be found at <http://www.adca.org.au/resource/index.htm>.

Jane Shelling, manager, National Resource Centre, ADCA

## Lifehacker

'Get the most out of your local library' by Matt Vance. It's all so obvious from the inside, but maybe we need to be reminded of what potential users out there don't know about us? Read this article (and the follow-up posts, several from librarians) at <http://www.lifehacker.com/software/feature/get-the-most-of-your-local-library-online-153821.php>. In the May issue of *inCite* we will cover aspects of promoting your library. ■




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