

Making news...

Selected reprints from newspapers and magazines in recent months

Kiwi librarians' tale has happy ending

The Press, (New Zealand), 17 January 2006, Kristi Gray

Fighting fires, attending emergencies and driving trains might be stressful jobs — but try being a librarian. A British Psychological Society conference paper suggested that being a librarian was more stressful than many jobs, including working in emergency services. Few New Zealand librarians would see their profession in this light. Huge changes in community libraries had revitalised the library experience for staff and visitors.

University's humble beginnings

Oakleigh Springvale Dandenong Times (Australia), 18 January 2006, Teresa Murphy

Early students at Monash University had to make do with a library housed in a disused Volkswagen factory. A short article on the development of Melbourne's second university, with graphic description of the conditions staff and students worked and studied in when the university was founded.

Free access to articles

Ayr Advocate, 21 January 2006

The State Library of Queensland has purchased the NewsBank database, making more than 230 local, national and international titles available online (135 Australian newspapers). Local library members and State Library e-services card-holders can access the database by logging on to the State Library website.

Reference library in mind at new-look RSL

Townsville Bulletin (Australia), 21 January 2006

The new-look Townsville RSL Club will include a library. If a point of contention arises, members can nip upstairs for a reference check on just about anything to do with the war years, especially in North Queensland. The library is part of a \$6 million expansion of the club, and will house its collection of valuable books covering the war years. The club is searching for a professional librarian. Townsville city librarian Robin Lee has volunteered her time to advise the club on design of the new library and recruitment of a librarian.

A free flow of information is essential for democracy

The Canberra Times, 7 February 2006, June Verrier
The machinery of the legislature in our democ-

racy includes an independent parliamentary library and research services which provide information, analysis and advice to help the Parliament hold the executive, the government, to account. The article discusses access and proper use of information, what is 'published or publishable' and the role of the parliamentary library. The article is an extract from a paper by June Verrier, 'Access to Published or Publishable Information from Departments of State: the convention in "Washminster"-style parliaments', published in the spring edition of the *Australasian Parliamentary Review*.

Book returned to library after 60 years

Deutsche Presse-Agentur, 8 February 2006

A book called *The Punch Library of Humour* has been returned to the Rotorua public library in Wellington, 61 years after it was borrowed by a reader. Marie Sushames found it in a box of family mementoes and returned it. Librarian Jane Gilbert said she was delighted to get the book back and waived the NZ\$9000 in overdue fines. She put the volume on display with a sign saying, 'It's never too late to return a book.'

Copy Cats

Herald Sun (Australia), 14 February 2006, Blanche Clark

The issue of plagiarism is filtering down from universities to secondary schools. The level of understanding of plagiarism that we can and should expect from students at different ages is important to managing the problem. The internet has made it easier for students to plagiarise, but schools are keeping abreast of the problem. Teachers need to develop research tasks that minimise the chances of students cutting and pasting information. Educating students about copyright and the internet is also important.

Uni develops course to train knowledge managers

The Australian, 14 February 2006, Diana Thorp

The University of South Australia is developing an education program to produce a new generation of information management professionals. The program will be offered on campus in Adelaide for a few years as well as online. The chair has been established by the University of South Australia, State Records SA (part of the Department for Administrative and Information Services), the State Library of South Australia and Fuji Xerox.



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Professor Nick Moore will relay the results of a recent UNESCO review of the national information and communication policies in the Asia Region... and will assess the implications for Australia. Cliftons, Sydney, 1:30-4:30pm. Costs (GST incl): \$227.04 ALIA members, \$283.80 non-members. PD points: 3. Contact: Eve Cornish, ph 03 9459 2722, training@caval.edu.au, http://training.caval.edu.au/pdt/show_course.php?CID=173

• **8/3 National Library Technicians.** *Library Technicians online chat.* Providing an opportunity for LTs to chat online with other LTs. Time: 7:00pm (AEDT) in the ALIA Technicians Chat Room. Contact: Kevin Dudeney, ph 02 9804 5448, kevin.dudeney@dcs.nsw.gov.au

• **29/3-29/11 Mentoring NSW.** *Library Folk In the Pub.* Catch up with old friends or meet new ones at Library Folk In the Pub (LFIP) on last Wednesday monthly at the quiet upstairs bar, Agincourt Hotel (corner Harris and George Streets Railway Square Sydney). 29/3; 26/4; 31/5; 28/6; 26/7; 30/8; 27/9; 25/10; 29/11. Contact: John Elias, ph 02 9463 9235, jelias@mia.com.au

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19-21/7 Information Seeking in Context Conference 2006. *ISIC 2006.* Sydney The ISIC conference is held biannually to explore various aspects of information seeking behaviour. The sixth conference in Sydney will be the first ISIC conference to be held outside Europe. Contact: HSS Marketing, ph 02 9514 9933, marketing.hss@uts.edu.au, http://www.hss.uts.edu.au/isic2006/

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8/3 CAVAL Training. *Designing and managing research projects.* The aim of this workshop is to develop the practical skills that are required to embark on a piece of research, whether as part of their work or as part of an academic program. Cliftons, Brisbane, 9:30-12:30pm. Costs (GST incl): \$226.40 ALIA members, \$283.00 non-members. PD points: 3. Contact: Eve Cornish, ph 03 9459 2722, training@caval.edu.au, http://training.caval.edu.au/pdt/show_course.php?CID=145

8/3 CAVAL Training. *Information Policy: Implications for Australia.* In this executive briefing,

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