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- 8/8 ALIA PD Workshop in partnership with CAVAL. Negotiating e-licences. One-day workshop, Seagulls Resort, Townsville. Register online, http://training.caval.edu.au/pdt/show_course.php?CID=217. For further information email training@caval.edu.au, ph 03 9450 5508 or email pd@alia.org.au, ph 02 6215 8216

SA

- 14/2 Library Technicians Online Chat See National events for more details.

9–10/3 Learning Futures Public libraries for the new generations in Australia and New Zealand Auslib Conferences, contact Judith Bundy, ph 08 8278 4363, info@auslib.com.au

- 18/ ALIA PD Workshop in partnership with CAVAL. Negotiating e-licences. One-day workshop, Cliftons, Adelaide. Register online, http://training.caval.edu.au/pdt/show_course.php?CID=217. For further information email training@caval.edu.au, ph 03 9450 5508 or email pd@alia.org.au, ph 02 6215 8216

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- 20/7 ALIA PD workshop in partnership with CAVAL. Negotiating e-licences. One-day workshop, Function and Conference Centre, Hobart. Register online, http://training.caval.edu.au/pdt/show_course.php?CID=217. For further information email training@caval.edu.au, ph 03 9450 5508 or email pd@alia.org.au, ph 02 6215 8216

VIC

- 6/2 ALIA Victoria. Education for the Library Profession in the Digital Age. Dagmar Schmidmaier AM. Experimedia, Entry 1, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne, 9:00–10:00am. Enquiries ph 03 8664 7113, bookings@slv.vic.gov.au
- 14/2 Library Technicians Online Chat See National events for more details.
- 15–17/3 The Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers Conference. Amora Hotel, Riverwalk, Richmond. Contact Michael Harrington, 02 6248 8297, secretary@aussi.org
- 19/2 Flexible thinking! Day conference for Library Technicians and Library Assistants presented by the SLAV. 9:00am–3:00pm. Contact slav, ph 03 9349 5822, slav@netspace.net.au
- 21/2 Special Libraries Vic. Tour Australian College of Natural Medicine Pty Ltd. 368 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, 6:00pm. Contact: Jill Bartholomew, ath@vicnet.net.au
- 21/2 QOPAL Meeting at Softlink, Level 1, Garden Square, Macgregor St. Upper Mt Gravatt, 4:30pm. Contact John Scott/Paul Watts, ph 07 3124 6111, jscot@softlinkint.com
- 23/3 Library Technicians Victoria Hot Off

Product news

DeskStats electronic tick sheet and statistics

Altarama now offers its popular DeskStats electronic tick sheet separately from its full RefTracker Request Management System. Options for separate and shared hosted systems provide price and functionality alternatives for all sizes of library. DeskStats is a web based electronic tick sheet that allows library statistics to be recorded at service points with as little as a mouse click. With the statistical data stored electronically there is no more counting ticks, analysis is easy and multi-way analysis provides useful management information. DeskStats is far more cost effective than distributing and counting tick sheets! For more information see www.altarama.com.au

RefTracker Online Web Forms for surveys

RefTracker's Request forms are now available for the data capture needs of libraries without the full RefTracker Request Management System. A new service from Altarama provides you with a web form to meet your survey or data collection needs, that you can link into your web pages or distribute by email. Your customer designed form is available for use for the period you require, and either monthly or at the end of your data collection period, the collected data is delivered to you in .csvcompliant format for analysis. This new service is ideal for libraries with ad-hoc data collection or survey needs, as no skills are required to use it. For more information see www.altarama.com.au

Softlink brings more world-class technology to primary schools

Softlink released Oliver Junior, its next generation platform for primary school libraries, on 30 November 2006. Oliver Junior is a fully integrated, web-based library and information management solution especially designed to cater for the requirements of primary schools. It provides a suite of searching options, including an intuitive graphical interface using a one-click picture search. Schools can add their own images to the OPAC or choose from over 400 colourful, relevant school-based images included with the product. Oliver Junior simplifies the OPAC search results for students by using large fonts and clearly indicating at first glance the location and availability of resources.

Based on Softlink's research into usability, Oliver Junior provides a library home page which can be fully customised. Content gives users the option for URL links, direct OPAC search links, text, graphics, logos, colours and fonts without staff needing any knowledge of HTML. This customisability allows the school to promote the resource centre as the hub of learning within the school.

For further information, visit www.softlinkint.com or contact Softlink on 1800 777 037.

MuseGlobal creates customised connections

Two new Muse Source Packages to the Elsevier XML Gateway enable Scopus and ScienceDirect customers to search and retrieve information from multiple sources simultaneously while accessing Elsevier's content. In addition, customers get a more stable connection to the Elsevier XML Gateway and better functionality. Scopus is a navigation tool covering the world's largest collection of abstracts, references and indexes of scientific, technical and medical (STM) information. ScienceDirect is a platform that offers more than a quarter of the world's STM information online.

Paris Review to be available electronically from EBSCO

EBSCO will be the only source for electronic access to the full text of *The Paris Review*. The periodical, which has long been America's pre-eminent magazine devoted to new fiction, poetry, and contemporary literary thought, will soon be available to libraries and other organisations via EBSCO's Humanities International Complete (HIC) database. Full text of *The Paris Review* will be offered in HIC beginning with Volume 1, Issue 1 (1953) and continuing through to the present day with ongoing coverage (ie, no embargo).

Partnership: Inaugural issue

Partnership: the Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research has just published its first issue at <http://www.partnershipjournal.ca>. From the website simply click on CURRENT to review the Table of Contents. Please send any comments to Jennifer Richard, Editor in Chief, at jennifer.richard@acadia.u.ca. This is an open access journal.

Fire extinguisher stand helps achieve greater safety

Vista System International has unveiled a fire extinguisher stand that helps achieve greater safety by clearly indicating the presence of a fire extinguisher. The frame accommodates a noticeable graphic insert that could include information about the expiration date of the equipment, when and how to use it.

For further information, visit <http://www.vistasystem.com/Australia.html>

Book Index with Reviews now has more content

As today's libraries offer patrons access to much more than just books, EBSCO Publishing has significantly expanded the latest version of Book Index with Reviews (BIR) to include information on thousands of music and video titles. Detailed information is now available for more than 450 000 music titles and more than 200 000 DVD/video titles. This updated version of BIR also includes customer-driven enhancements such as convenient price listings on the search results page (rather than only at the title record page); ability to limit searches and browse using Dewey classifications; persistent links to titles are now displayed on each title display page; and additional print and e-mail options for results lists are available (with or without book jacket or cover image, with or without annotation, etc).

BIR is a comprehensive database that provides information on over four million book titles in a wide range of formats, including large print, books on tape, etc. Fiction and non-fiction titles for juvenile and adult audiences are included in the database, in all genres. The product contains over 800 000 full-text searchable reviews from the most-trusted sources. The full-text reviews, combined with the product's subject headings and flexible search engine, connect users to popular titles that are currently available, along with those that will soon be published.

Live Search Books now in beta

Microsoft released Live Search Books, its competitor to Google Book Search, late in 2006. The book search engine performs keyword searches for books that have been scanned as part of Microsoft's book scanning project, in the same way that Windows Live Search searches the Internet, said Danielle Tiedt, the general manager of Live Search Selection for Microsoft. Initially, the Live Search Books database will be searchable from the book search engine's beta home page, or as a category on the main Windows Live Search page. Microsoft plans to incorporate all of the scanned publications into its general internet search engine in the next six months.

Live Search Books' 'Search inside a book' feature also allows users to search the full texts of scanned books. Microsoft has restricted the beta release of Live Search Books to only include non-copyright books scanned from the collections of the British Library, the University of California and the University of Toronto.

Microsoft has restricted its book scanning project to non-copyright books, with publishers having the option to opt-in, if they want in-copyright publications to be scanned for the project. The policy contrasts with that of Google, which has been scanning all the books from participating libraries, but only making public domain books available for full text views.



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The Press: Children's Literature Style 2007. Focuses on the work of libraries in providing children's literature materials to patrons. Talks, tours and presentations. Contact Kerrie Kelly, ph 03 8664 7155, kkelly@slv.vic.gov.au

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WA

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- 16/7 ALIA PD Workshop in partnership with CAVAL. Negotiating e-licences. One-day workshop, Cliftons, Perth. Register online, http://training.caval.edu.au/pdt/show_course.php?CID=217. For further information email training@caval.edu.au, ph 03 9450 5508 or email pd@alia.org.au, ph 02 6215 8216

National

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

5/3 International Book Day

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

Conferences

- 5-7/8 Public Libraries Australia 2007 Conference. Contact Robert Knight, ph 02 6926 9777, knight.robert@wagga.nsw.gov.au.nospam
- 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, <http://www.alia07.com/>

International

5/3 International Book Day

19-23/8 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, <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/>