



Libraries

are for everyone!

Library and Information Week
19 - 25 May 2008

Trivia in South Australia

ALIA SA held its annual Quiz Night on Friday 23rd May, rounding off Library & Information Week 2008 celebrations.

It was a fantastic turnout with a total of 128 participants with the academic, public, school and special library sectors represented. We even had a table of members and friends from the Payneham Bowling Club (this year's venue).

Teams were encouraged to come either dressed as fictional characters or decorate their tables in a fictional theme (or both!), and amongst the groups were the Mad-Hatters Tea Party, Harry Potter, Teddy Bears picnic and various pirates and wenches.

The prize for best dressed table went to the Teddy Bears picnic with so many teddy bears at the table there was hardly room for the quiz participants. There were books about bears, gummi bears, tiny teddies biscuits, and not one but two homemade teddy bear cakes!



Teddy Bears trivia team

A good time was had by all. Competition was fierce, despite the questions seeming to be disproportionately weighted in favour of those with knowledge of breweries! The role of quiz master was fabulously carried out by Craig Sinclair who kept us all entertained.

The evening's major sponsor was Civica and Ruza Obradovic, Civica's Business Development Manager, attended and performed the honour of awarding prizes to the winning teams.

Prizes were generously contributed by Civica, Dymocks (Rundle Mall), Charminar Indian restaurant, Hilton Public Library and Tea Tree Gully Public Library.

The ALIA SA committee would like to thank our quiz master and sponsors for contributing to yet another very successful evening.

What a great idea, why don't we do it for Library Week?

That was the positive response I got from my LIW committee when I suggested a community jigsaw. So began our 2008 LIW planning.

We settled on a 1000 piece jigsaw of Anne Hathaway's cottage and placed the jigsaw on a large table in clear sight of the Circulation Desk (for security) and near the front entrance.



'Libraries are for everyone!' and it appears jigsaws are too.

To get things started library staff did the border. While it wasn't quite finished in the week, we were excited to see how well students from across all age groups, education levels and ethnic backgrounds worked

together. The LIW theme of 'Libraries are for everyone' was certainly evident in the range of people we had contributing.

Other activities at St George College Library included our annual staff luncheon where we showcased a range of new technologies including: eBeam – capturing what you write to a computer and/or turning any flat surface into an interactive whiteboard; podcasting and editing audio using Audacity and Abode Auditor; wikis on Wikispaces and media wiki; blogging using WordPress and producing eLearning resources using Adobe Presenter either alone or with embedded Adobe Captivate files. We displayed a wide variety of student work. There was a library quiz and a 'guess what's in the box'.

The College child care centre (Kameruka) created collages, paintings and photos around *Arthur* and the Kameruka kids came to the library to sing 'dog' songs, listen to *Arthur* and four other dog books, finishing up by eating dog cup cakes.

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Who's that at the Mount Barker Community Library?

"I would have to say this was the best author event I've ever attended." Liz Christie – Allen & Unwin



Jodi and the staff of Mount Barker Community Library

The word is out that the Mount Barker Community Library in South Australia is not only the place to borrow books by your favourite authors, but it's also the place where you can meet and listen to some of the most popular and biggest selling writers from Australia and around the world.

Best selling American author – Jodi Picoult whose latest book is titled *Change of Heart* - was the latest international literary celebrity to include Mount Barker on her itinerary during a ten day promotional tour of Australia and New Zealand.

News of Jodi Picoult's visit to Mount Barker spread like wildfire and all 300 tickets were sold in just 4 days.

Over a lunch of sushi, baguettes, fruit and tarts, talented South Australian guitarist and vocalist Courtney Robb set the perfect mood prior to Jodi's arrival.

In person, Jodi is an absolute delight - down to earth, funny, authentic and generous. Her talk at the Mount Barker Community Library was extremely well received by the capacity audience and she showed absolutely no pretensions when talking with staff and audience members.

And what's next for the Mount Barker Community Library? Watch this space!

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