

National

CAL ANNOUNCES \$70 MILLION AGREEMENT

Copyright Agency Limited (CAL) has announced that it has entered into a new three-year, \$70 million contract with Universities Australia, the peak industry body representing the university sector. Under the new contract, academic staff across 37 universities will be able to photocopy, download and distribute copyright materials.

www.copyright.com.au 10/01/2008

CANBERRA: Residents in Canberra's north are to have a new library. Due to open in 2011, the Joint Use Library will be a part of Gungahlin College and will accommodate students and the public alike.

The Northside Chronicle 2/01/08

BRISBANE: A middle aged Brisbane couple has been accused by police of being the city's worst library users, having allegedly stolen over \$40,000 worth of books and electronic media. Police raided the couple's home in Acacia Ridge and found

over 1,000 books, 100 DVD's, CD's and magazines belonging to libraries across the city.

The Australian 1/2/08

SYDNEY: A comprehensive digital library of Greek literature can now be found in Sydney's inner west. Becoming the first public library in Australia to introduce *Thesaurus Linguae Graecae*, readers visiting Marrickville Library can access Greek literary texts ranging from Homer through to the fall of Byzantium in 1453 AD, in either its original form or translated into Modern Greek

Australian Library News 13/12/07

International

VIETNAM: RMIT recently announced that they will project manage a new \$7.75 million Learning Resource Centre (LRC) in Vietnam's Thai Nguyen Province. Located some 80 km north of Hanoi, the LRC will be situated within Thai Nguyen University. With an ability to accommodate 1,000 people, it is anticipated that the LRC will house 350 computers and over 100,000 books, audiovisual material and periodicals as well as having an auditorium for 240 people.

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BRUSSELS: A high level delegation met with European Commission officials to discuss the launch of the European digital library. Due to be implemented by Europe's cultural institutions in November of this year, it is hoped that the library will give direct access to nearly 2 million digital books, archival records, photographs, maps and film material sourced from within libraries, archives and museums across the continent.

Australian Library News 6/12/07

Book news

Author Terry Pratchett, 59, has announced that he is suffering from a rare form of Alzheimers. The *Discworld* author has sold more than 55 million books worldwide and is translated into 33 languages. He was made an OBE in 1998 for services to British literature. *Making Money*, the 36th novel in the *Discworld* sequence, was published last year and Harper Children's is due to publish a non-Discworld novel, titled *Nation*, later this year.

news.bbc.co.uk 13/12/07

The Rudd government has announced two new literary prizes worth \$100,000 each. The Prime Minister's Literary Prize, to be awarded from this year, will acknowledge a work of fiction and a work of nonfiction. The new prizes, to be tax-free, will be the richest in Australia and ranked alongside the world's most lucrative literary awards such as the Man Booker Prize.

Australian Society of Authors 5/12/07

Elliott Perlman, Tim Winton and Nikki Gemmell have been included on a list of 'the 50 most important writers in the world' compiled by the editors of France's *Lire* magazine.

Bookseller and Publisher Summer 2007/08

Random House has appointed Leonie Tyler to front a new unnamed children's imprint. Tyler, who was publisher with UQP and is based in Brisbane, will publish 6 books in 2008 and 12 books a year from 2009 onwards.

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The 2007 Australian Society of Authors Medal has been awarded to the late Glenda Adams. Her 1987 novel *Dancing on Coral*, won the Miles Franklin Award while her third novel, *Longleg*, was awarded the 1991 Age Book of the Year and the National Book Council award for fiction.


<http://www.asauthors.org>

Australian author Garth Nix has secured a seven-figure deal with HarperCollins in the US for three new titles; including a prequel and sequel to his Old Kingdom young adult fantasy trilogy. *A Confusion of Princes*, a stand-alone science-fiction novel is scheduled for publication in 2009, while two additions to the Old Kingdom series will appear in 2010 and 2011.

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