

# Your voice

The National Library responds to the letter 'Binding trumps content?' published in the Jan/Feb edition of *inCite*.

A major part of the National Library's collecting activities is to build and preserve a comprehensive collection of Australian publications. This forms a record of the Australian publishing output and documents Australian life, history, and culture. Each year a wide variety of publications are collected including books, journals, pamphlets, maps, printed music, and posters. In the previous issue of *inCite*, a letter to the editor raised the issue of what is and is not added to the collection. To answer questions of eligibility, Library staff refer to the Collection Development Policy (<http://www.nla.gov.au/cdp>). One of the basic considerations is whether the item is, in fact, published. An item is considered to be published if reproductions of the work or edition have been made available, by purchase or other arrangements, to the general public.

The Library actively seeks out a wide range of publications representing the diversity of Australian society. We believe it is important to collect the scholarly output from academic publishers, the popular content from commercial publishers, self-published special interest titles, as well as all other parts of the Australian publishing spectrum. The legal deposit provisions of the Copyright Act 1968, which require publishers to lodge a copy of the materials they publish with the National Library, help us with our endeavours to build the national collection.

#### Note to Members

We welcome letters on any issue of relevance to the library and information sector. It is important to note that the opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor are those of the authors and not necessarily the official policy of the Australian Library and Information Association.

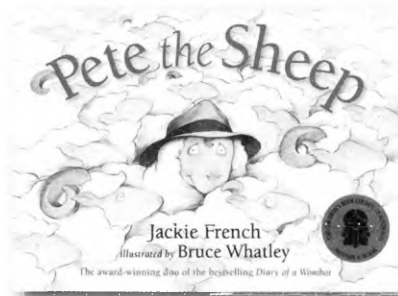
Deadline for letters is the 10th of the month and they should be no longer than 250 words. Please include your name and postal address as anonymous correspondence will not be reproduced.



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## Library and Information Week 2009

Library and Information Week will be held from the 25–31 May 2009. Merchandise for the event is currently been developed! New for this year – the official LIW passport holder (perfect for passports, library cards, note pads, etc.)! You will soon also be able to purchase the very popular ALIA eco bags, book journals, and LIW stickers. <http://www.alia.org.au/advocacy/storytime/2009/>.



**National Simultaneous Storytime.** We are proud to announce that the book for NSS this year is *Pete the Sheep* written by Jackie French. NSS will be held on Wednesday, 27th May at 11:00am across Australia. Visit <http://www.alia.org.au/advocacy/storytime/2009/> for more information.

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