

# LIW & NSS

## 2012

## Library and Information Week

Announcing LIW 2013: **Share your story!** Thanks to everyone who voted. Now get planning!



As part of LIW, 40 library technicians from the ALIA NSW Library Technicians Group enjoyed an evening touring the new Ryde library. Library manager Steve Richards conducted the library tour and answered questions about library events, collections, and design. The shelving is on castors and the space can be reconfigured to suit the occasion. A piano stands near the entrance of the library and any player grade 5 or above may play. Jeremy LeBard, (CEO, readcloud.com), then spoke about social e-reading software for schools and education. Following Jeremy's informative talk, we were treated to a sumptuous dinner at nearby CityGrill. It was an informative and fun evening.

LIW at Wentworth Shire Libraries was a week full of surprises, fun, and lots of cuppas for cancer. Monday saw the launch of the first stage of Wentworth's digital library, the e-Audio collection at all three branch libraries. Library Technician's day was celebrated with a library staff luncheon. On Wednesday, we had some amazing fun with over 40 children and *The Very Cranky Bear* for National Simultaneous Storytime. The library's two well-being groups, the Tai-Chi group and the Library Walkers, reflected the themes of National Year of Reading, and switching on to audio. Thursday offered an introduction to the many treasures of Trove, in a well-attended public workshop. On Friday, e-book devotees and wannabes shared an informal afternoon tea with their e-book readers and downloadable files, in readiness for the library's e-book collection.

### Celebrating the National Year of Reading...

Recently the Academic Research Libraries (ARL) WA Committee organised an impressive line up of speakers to present at a cosy venue in the Curtin University Library. Three very different writers spoke of their inspirations and in turn inspired the audience.

Judith Bridge, a library technician and short story writer began with readings from several of her short stories, *Undercover* (2012) and *Off My Trolley* in Fish Anthology (2011). Judith introduced us to flash fiction with *Young Love*.

Dr. Ronda Jamieson, previous Director of the Battye Library, spoke about her experiences writing the biography of Sir Charles Court, one of Western Australia's most successful premiers. *Charles Court: I love this place* (2011).

Kim Scott, writer and 2012 Western Australian's Citizen of the Year, spoke about how his work with the Wirlomin Noongar Language and Stories Project provided inspiration for *That Deadman Dance* (2010). Kim won the Miles Franklin Literary Award for the same book in 2011. Kim is a member of the Noongar community.

## BENDIGO TAFE STAFF THINK OUTSIDE THE BOOK DURING THEIR LIW CELEBRATIONS



To celebrate and promote National Library Technician's Day, Library and Cultural Studies at Victoria University enlisted the help of Gail Schmidt, Naomi Crotty, and Melanie Ngo of the State Library of Victoria, Darren Ryan from One Umbrella Library and Information Services employment agency, and Margie Anderson, ALIA State Manager for Victoria, to present the ALIA award for VU's best student. Margie introduced the Victoria University Student of the Year, and congratulated Ida Bright on her achievement. Thanks to the Library Studies Team who organised the day: Ian Rogers, Tim Dolby, Margie Anderson, Janet Murray, Paula Jones, Leonie McCormack, Tania Barry, and Raoul Younson.

Logan City Council Libraries took thinking outside the book to a whole new level during Library and Information Week this year. Eight branches shared the joy of National Simultaneous Storytime with 340 participants practising their crankiest bear faces. A Communities for Children Literacy Circus saw 400 enjoy community storytimes and book juggling (with help from a professional clown!). A special Maisy and Thomas party wrapped up Library and Information Week and Under 8s Week for Logan City Council Libraries on Saturday 26 May when 360 enjoyed a visit from Maisy herself, stories, free train rides, cake, and other fun at Marsden Library.

## Water Corporation

We took the opportunity to think outside of the book and launch our brand new e-reader lending program. Together with the Document and Records team, we set up daily displays by the main corporate building entrance to promote our extensive services, as well showcase different models of e-readers recently added to our collection. The interest was overwhelmingly positive: reservations on our existing e-readers earned us additional funding and more e-readers have been ordered right away. Customers working 400km away in the regional office will receive their e-readers via courier; it is indeed a service without boundary. LIW provided us with the perfect channel to engage and interact with our customers outside the walls of the library and helped raise our profile within the organisation.



It was a night of music and dancing, laughter, and good natured rivalry as 25 teams did battle at ALIA Queensland's Trivia Night at Brisbane's 100+ year old Irish Club. The questions came fast and furious, and Michael from Trivia Mill eventually crowned the Quizzards of Oz (QUT) as winners.

This year's Trivia Night celebrated LIW and the Queensland Library Achiever of the Year. The Award is sponsored by One Umbrella and this year's recipient was Professor Helen Partridge of QUT. Her ability to combine library research, practice, and library and

information science (LIS) education has helped develop librarianship in Queensland and increased the prominence of our profession within both national and international LIS domains.

The night's success was made possible due to sponsorship provided by 3M, QLS, Raeco, Riverbend Books, Sofflink, and Tag Alert and by the efforts our MC, Craig Milne, Claudia Davies (ALIA Queensland State Manager), and our organising committee – the ALIA Queensland Group committee members. We look forward to seeing you again next year.