



CAVAL cataloguers at work

for many public libraries. On a daily basis, the team carries out a great variety of tasks:

- working with clients on profiles for each language, appropriate to their local community needs;
- selection of books, AV, and similar materials directly from the region of origin;
- consolidated acquisition and international logistics that ensures stock arrives quickly;
- receiving, allocating, prioritising, and monitoring each client's requirements.

Most libraries now require shelf-ready items, so in addition to the above, I work with libraries who send us their acquisitions and backlog for cataloguing, which is where my team excels. This entails:

- cataloguing the materials to specifications which vary from one customer to another, adding transliterations, vernacular script, holdings, and local data as appropriate;
- physically processing the catalogued items which might include covering, creating spine labels, encoding RFID tags, and other required tasks, exactly to each specification;
- dispatching the items to customers to designated address.

Another part of my role is my leadership in professional training, accredited by Libraries Australia, running courses on demand for RDA, LA Cataloguing Client, and similar technical and professional development.

For me, the outlook is bright as I lead this team into the transition not only to RDA, but also to digital resources. We tell clients they are in safe hands because skilled cataloguing results in better discovery of resources and therefore the library's return on its investment.

As I said, it's all in a day's work.

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** including Afrikaans, Arabic, Bengali, Bosnian, Burmese, Chinese, Croatian, Danish, English, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Macedonian, Maltese, Persian, Polish, Punjabi, Russian, Serbian, Sinhalese, Tamil, Thai, Turkish, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

We were delighted to see that a number of Australia Day honours recognised the achievements of people involved in the library and information profession.

Consultant Janine Schmidt, who now has her own business, Mukurta Advisory, and was previously with McGill University (Montreal), the University of Queensland, and the State Library of New South Wales, was awarded Member in the General Division (AM), for 'significant service to the promotion of library services and information sciences, particularly through the development of electronic access initiatives'.

Also receiving an AM was Robert Thomas, President of the Library Council of New South Wales, for 'significant service to the community of New South Wales through contributions to library governance and to business'.

State Librarian Alex Byrne said, 'As a member of the Library Council of New South Wales since 2006 and its President since 2007, Rob Thomas AM has worked tirelessly to promote the State Library and its unparalleled collections in Australia and its region. He has become that best advocate for libraries, a layman who understands the key roles that libraries play a memory institutions and as vital community resources'.

In addition, teacher librarian and volunteer archivist Helen Paatsch, and historical society librarian and cataloguer Dr Dawn Peel, both of Colac, Victoria, each received an OAM.



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