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Technology Award to NT Library Service

Terry Lewis, Systems Librarian of NTLS, explains that 4000 OPACs now give access to all major libraries in the NT

TERRITORIANS now have a library at their fingertips. The Director of the Northern Territory Library Service (NTLS), Colette McCool announced recently that all computer terminals linked to the NT government mainframe computer can access the catalogues of all major libraries in the Territory.
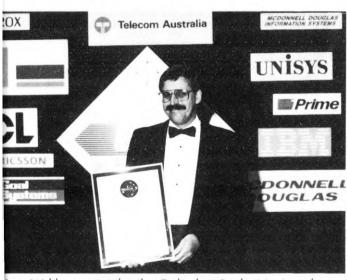
At the ceremony in Canberra in February, this unique library access was given special mention and a silver Government Technology Productivity Award. Mrs McCool said that NTLS has always seen itself as the Territory's information providers and sees offering access to catalogues from all government computers as a further step in this service provision. The Award was accepted on behalf of NTLS by Kerry Webb, Director Systems, National Library.

Public servants in offices, police stations, hospitals and schools will have access to the Libraries in the Northern Territory (LINNET) database by simply typing the word 'library' at the government mainframe sign-on screen. There are more than 4000 terminals throughout the Northern Territory with this access. 4000 OPACs!

Member libraries of LINNET include NTLS's own State Library, all public and community libraries, secondary school and college libraries, the NT University and departmental libraries for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Land and Housing, Education and the Museum.

The Government Technology Productivity Awards are presented annually by the national Technology in Government Committee.

This is the second award that NTLS has received for LINNET. The first was the inaugural International Association of School Libraries Achievement Award in 1990.

Kerry Webb accepting the silver Technology Productivity Award