

# Libraries: a web of information

Our society is changing — everything from how and where we work, to how we shop, do our banking, and spend our leisure time is being affected by changes in information technology. We have all travelled the information superhighway, most of us in the fast lane. And we have been providing the service stations that the rest of the community needs to travel safely.

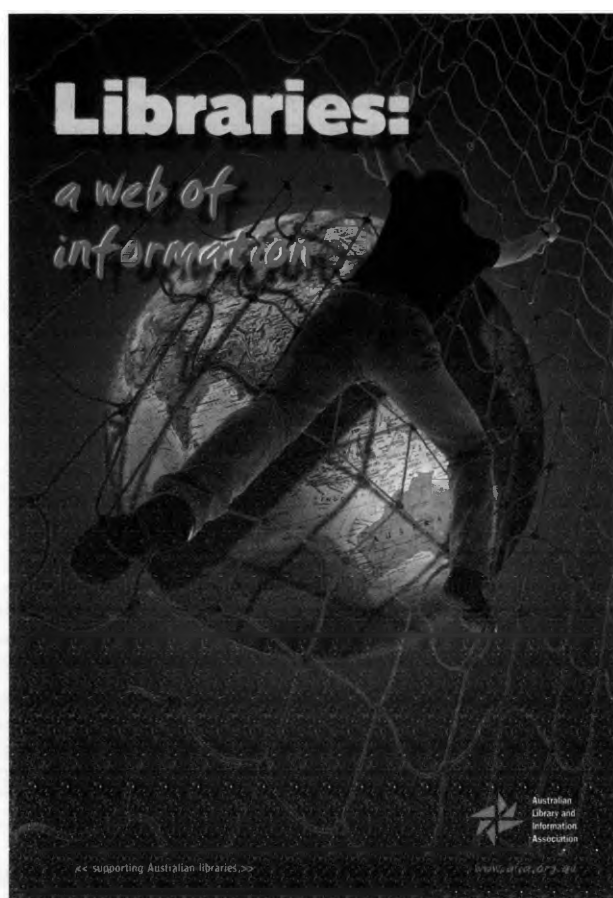
Libraries form the largest chain in the country, according to *2020 vision*, the final report of the Libraries Working Group of the Cultural Ministers Council. And the Australian Bureau of Statistics revealed in 1991 that libraries are the most-used cultural institutions in the country. Yet libraries still do not get the recognition that they rightly deserve.

Only those who are actively involved in the sector, be they workers in

the industry or the clients we support, can change this. Now is our chance!

Australian Library Week has gained momentum over the last few years. Our centralised approach to co-ordinating Australian Library Week has payed off. Last year we enjoyed unprecedented media attention during the week, thanks to your hard work, dedication and skill. This year we hope to make even more of an impact.

As this issue of *inCite* goes to press, Australian Library Week is still a few weeks away and there is frantic activity trying to get everything organised. Orders for promotional material are flooding in, and divisions are busy finalising the details of their launches, promotions and demonstrations.



We would like to know how you spent Australian Library Week in 1997. Let the rest of the library community know, by sending us your articles, pictures and press clippings. Show us how far the *Web of information* reaches! ■

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