

TAFE, and researcher in prison education. Marty focussed on challenging the delegates to advocate for prisoners' rights to access to library service and education. In response to his challenge ALIA is to be approached to update its guidelines on prison library services.

Federal and state government information and communications policies have not yet overcome the access problems for far-flung students. Innovative activities within the tertiary education sector include Curtin Learning Link and LISWeb which includes information literacy modules for students. Planning is currently underway to develop and supply specific web-based interactive information literacy products for students.

Lynne Vautier of the Curtin Business School spoke of the support for distance education business students at Curtin and provided some new approaches based on research at

Curtin which found a wide disparity in the level of access across different subject areas.

Kay Steel, customer services librarian from Monash focused on the restructuring of Monash Library. Absorbing a staff loss of ten per cent, the distance education service evaluated their activities and streamlined activities, and must consider possible changes to services and structures in 1998.

Margaret Macpherson, executive director of Charles Sturt University Library wrapped up the conference with thanks to all participants for their enthusiasm and generosity in sharing their experiences.

The conference was notable for the warm and enthusiastic spirit operating at all conference sessions and social functions.

*Marion Bannister, Jennifer Vaughan, Beverley Broad, and Carol Mills*

provided. Contact: Rosemary Blakener, NSW co-ordinator, ph 02 9888 9600, fx 02 9888 5821, blakener@bri.com.au

**• 21/4 NSW Branch council meeting** State Library of NSW, Sumitomo Room, Lvl 11, Macquarie Street, Sydney, 6pm. Observers welcome. Contact: Joanne Fuller, ph 02 9906 6000, fx 02 9906 5987, jojo1@ozemail.com.au

**22/4, 29/4 & 6/5 Introduction to book indexing.** UNSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 3589, fx 02 9385 3430, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au

**• 23/4 NSW Special Libraries section.** International special librarian's day breakfast. Hyde Park Barracks Caf, 7:30am. Cost: \$15. Contact: Sharron Stapleton, ph 02 9318 5963, fx 02 9699 8067. RSVP by 20/3.

**• 29/4 NSW Special Libraries section.** *Librarian's libations and networking.* Everyone welcome! Join us at the George Street Bar, Regent Hotel, George Street, Sydney, 5:30pm onwards. Contact: Yasna Palaysa, ph 02 9228 5107. No need to RSVP.

**• 5/5 NSW Branch.** Executive meeting with NSW Minister for Information Technology, Kim Yeadon. The Treasury, Hotel Inter-Continental Sydney, 117 Macquarie Street, Sydney. Cost: \$30. Contact: Joanne Fuller, ph 02 9906 6000, fx 02 9906 5987, jojo1@ozemail.com.au. This Australian Library Week activity is proudly sponsored by EBSCO Australia. RSVP and prepayment essential.

**• 7/5 NSW Special Libraries section.** SOCOG library visit at their new premises, 235 Jones Street, Broadway, (formerly the Fairfax Building). 5:30pm. RSVP: Elizabeth Drynan, ph 02 9880 9000, fx 02 9880 9001, olc@pnc.com.au

**13/5 Computer-aided indexing.** UNSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 3589, fx 02 9385 3430, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au

**• 16/5 NSW School Libraries section.** Jamie McKenzie — IT consultant USA. Venue: Monte

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## Ameritech acquires Dynix Australia

On 7 March 1998 Ameritech Library Services announced its acquisition of Dynix Australia, formerly a licensed distributor of ALS products. The more than 500 Dynix Australia libraries in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Malaysia, Thailand, Guam, Saipan, Macau, Korea, China, Japan and Indonesia will now be part of the Ameritech Library Services global system.

The new company, Ameritech Library Services Pty Ltd, will be based in Adelaide, South Australia and will be the sixth international office for Ameritech Library Services. Ross Welch, former director of finance in the Ameritech Provo, Utah office, has been named Australia's general manager. John Driscoll, Dynix Australia sales and marketing manager, said, 'We all feel this change will herald a new level of service and support for our customers as well as a new and more powerful voice for our well-organised and highly-valued user groups'. Chris Taylor, head of development says that this development will improve communication and input from the product development team in the United States of America, which will ensure a stronger product line.

Ameritech Library Services ([www.amlibs.com](http://www.amlibs.com)) is the world leader in library automation systems with installations in more than 7000 client libraries worldwide. ALS recognises the library as the community information hub and its state-of-the-art systems connect libraries with users, other libraries, the worldwide web, productivity tools, support services and learning facilities. It is a subsidiary of Ameritech Corporation, one of the world's largest telecommunications companies serving millions of customers in forty countries. ■

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