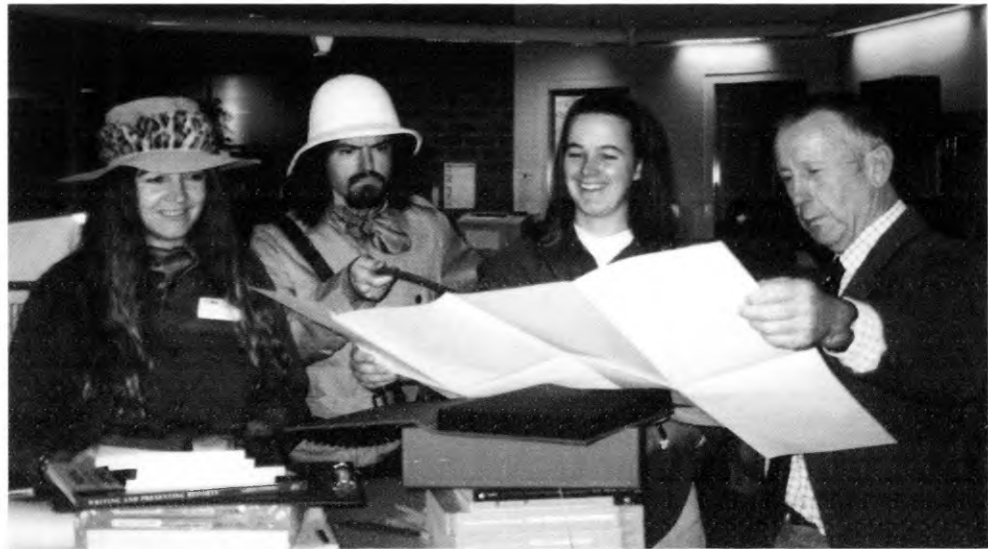


# Library staff go wild

Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE celebrate Australian Library Week

Library staff at the Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE (BRIT) went wild for Australian Library Week this year. The foyer of the library was turned into a jungle and staff and students were invited to 'explore and discover' the library. A short information retrieval exercise led users to 'hidden treasure' on the library shelves. Local businesses assisted with plants from Macdonalds Spring Gully Nursery, wooden jungle animals and figures from Geoff Shiell's Furniture and Decorator Ware-

house, and camping gear from Laurie Jensen Saddlery and Camping. BRIT library staff dressed up as jungle explorers for a day on 20 May and held a morning tea for all BRIT staff and invited guests from the local public, uni-



versity and hospital libraries. The celebrations attracted local radio, television and newspaper coverage.

**Narelle Stone,**  
ALW co-ordinator at BRIT library

*Staff at Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE get into the spirit of Australian Library Week (l-r) Sheryl Bastin, Matthew Hillman, Amanda Steen, Bruce Anderson*

## A range of activities to celebrate Australian Library Week

Kerry Smith, WA Australian Library Week co-ordinator

After a year fraught with nagging for one library week co-ordinator many Western Australian libraries were very busy during Library Week. Geraldton Regional Library pulled out all 'Explore and discover' stops with celebrity checkouts, speakers, launches, internet introductions and more! This was indicative of the efforts many of the public libraries made.

From the publicity point of view we did not appear to score too well, except that the Perth City Library's town crier made the front page of the *West Australian* on the last Friday of ALW98; and Jim Gill on our local ABC gave us a plug after well-known Murdoch University librarian, Grant Stone's wise advice regarding the origin of the 'sponge cake'. The Branch also sent a postcard to all of our politicians.

The launch of Australian Library Week in Western Australia was hosted by the Special Libraries Section (WA Group) who 'explored and discovered' a great many things including 'Navigating on the edge of chaos' which investigated such issues as structural workplace change issues affecting information work, the evolutionary convergence of the information technology and information management industries, and the Department of Transport's work on information navigation, including projects such as Transportal and the Navihedron. This presentation by

Paul Houghton and David Brown was extremely well-received and all participants were interested in the potential that this technology offered.

The great West Australian Calendar launch was held at the swanky Kirribilli Cafe at Curtin Campus on ALW Wednesday and this went very well. We first heard about foetal medicine from Professor John Newnham — a new, challenging and interesting field of medicine for the medical profession and the librarian. Special guests were Sheila McHale, shadow minister for the arts (WA Parliament), and Debbie Terelinck, Western Australian Municipal Association. The calendar: *Librarians in focus 2000* was ably-launched by Paul Genoni and Ann Ritchie and many of the models, who doled out autographs for most of the evening. There is a fun picture at: <http://www.curtin.edu.au/curtin/dept/sils/latest/may99/calendar.htm>.

On Thursday 20 May some of us 'feng shui'd' over breakfast and learnt that beams over beds are out, orientation of doorways is in, plus all sorts of other most interesting stuff regarding the way in which we can improve our lives and libraries through this philosophy. And the DIS Alumni/ISSA Quiz Night closed the week on ALW Friday — check out <http://www.curtin.edu.au/curtin/dept/sils/latest/may99/quiz.htm> for more pictures. ■