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Accepting request and declaration forms by e-mail

The *Electronic Transactions Act* (ETA) confirms that libraries may now accept copyright declarations electronically. Before a library officer may supply a document to a library user, the library officer must be furnished a written request as well as a declaration signed by the library user (s49 of the *Copyright Act*). The problem for most libraries has been whether or not a court would accept a password or pin number as a substitute for a written signature.

Section 10 of the *Electronic Transactions Act* solves this problem by stating that

where a Commonwealth Act requires a signature, that requirement will be met by an electronic communication provided the following conditions are satisfied:

- a method is used to identify the person and to indicate the person's approval of the information communicated, for example the use of a pin or password;
- with regard to all the circumstances at the time the method was used, the method was as reliable as appropriate for the purposes for which the information was communicated;
- if the signature is required to be given to a Commonwealth entity then the method of giving that information is in accordance with the information technology requirements of that entity; and
- the person to whom the signature is required to be given consents to the signature being given in that way.

In summary

E-mail declarations which are signed using a pin number or password will meet the statutory requirement for a 'signature' provided the library is satisfied that the method used to 'sign' the declaration is reliable, and that the library clearly identifies the person making the request/declaration, and that he or she consents to making the declaration.

Don't forget...

All declarations forms (including declarations received by e-mail) must be kept for a period of four years.

A library may only supply a document to a library user after receiving a request and signed declaration.

7, 19/8, 14/10.) Contact: Anne Girolami, ph 03 9851 1550, fx 03 9851 1555, mareeanne@bigpond.com

• **21/7 Ballarat Province Regional Group. Benchmarking workshop.** This workshop will introduce participants to benchmarking as a method of measuring and improving library services. Presented by: Leeanne Pitman, Jenny Leviston and Carmel Grant. Time: Late afternoon. *Bookings essential contact:* Liz Hartmann, ph 03 5327 9591, l.hartmann@ballarat.edu.au

• **7/8 Home Library Service SIG. General meeting.** St Kilda Library, 150 Carlisle Street, St Kilda, 10am. Contact: Kinta Walker.

• **21/9 Ballarat Province Regional Group. State Library Victoria visit,** will include a tour, highlights of a Special Collection, and a question and answer session. Time: Late afternoon/evening. Contact: Liz Hartmann, ph 03 5327 9591, l.hartmann@ballarat.edu.au *To be confirmed.*

• **2/10 Home Library Service SIG. General meeting.** Caulfield Public Library, Corner Glen Eira & Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, 10am. Contact: Julie Thomas.

• **14/10 Vic School Libraries section. Electronic Technologies.** For further information contact: Anne Girolami, ph 03 9851 1550, fx 03 9851 1555, mareeanne@bigpond.com

• **18/11 Vic School Libraries section. AGM.** Statewide Resource Centre, 217 Church Street, Richmond, 9:30am, all members welcome. Contact: Anne Girolami, ph 03 9851 1550, fx 03 9851 1555, mareeanne@bigpond.com

• **4/12 Home Library Service SIG. General meeting.** Yarra Plenty Regional Library, Ferris Boulevard, South Morang, 10am. Contact: Marie McMahon, ph 03 9401 0725.

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• **5/7-6/12 WA Children's & Youth Services section. General meeting, the more the merrier!** Brass Monkey in Northbridge, 6:30pm. (5/7, 2/8, 6/9, 4/10, 6/12.) For further information contact: Hilary Hatfield, ph 08 9411 3494, fx 08 9411 3493, hilaryh@cockburn.wa.gov.au

• **10/7-12/11 WA Branch Council.** LISWA, Room 2.9. (10/7; 14/8; 11/9; 9/10; 12/11.) Contact: Tracy Gerritsen, ph 08 9272 1267, tracy@eon.net.au

• **11/7-12/12 WA Public Libraries section.** General meeting, all members welcome! Morley Public Library, 7 Dewar Street, Morley, 4pm on the second Tuesday of each month. (11/7, 8/8, 12/9, 10/10, 12/12.) For further information contact: Judi Willmott, ph 08 9354 5327, fx 08 9354 5953, jwillmott@canning.wa.gov.au

• **17/7 WA Library Technicians section.** General meeting. Reid Library Building, Library Training Room, Ground Floor, UWA, Stirling Highway, Nedlands, 5:30 for 5:45pm start. Contact: Sandra Wilson, wilsons@boris.curtin.edu.au or Judy Smith, ph 08 9380 2348.

• **24/7-27/11 WA Special Libraries section.** General meeting. Café at LISWA. (24/7; 28/8; 25/9; 23/10; 27/11.) Contact: Pauline Sawyer, psawyer@agric.wa.gov.au

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