

Between the stacks and on the air waves...

Between the Stacks celebrated Library and Information Week with a roundup of all the events going on at public libraries around Sydney, especially events for libraries online day, as well as the usual mix of library, technology, and internet news. Library songs such as 'Marian the librarian' were played for the occasion.

Between the Stacks is a weekly library and technology news program going to air from 6:00–6:30pm every Wednesday night on 2RRR 88.5 FM in Sydney. The show features interesting and unusual news from around the world, as well as music from emerging independent artists. Recent topics of discussion include the ongoing Napster debate, internet filtering in the United States, and the controversy over the book *Double fold* by Nicholson Baker.

I became involved in radio a couple of years ago, and after being a guest



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on other programs for a while, I decided I wanted to do my own program. Presenters are able to apply for air-time at 2RRR after completing an in-house broadcast training course. A show all about libraries is unusual, but 2RRR prides itself on its diversity and unique programming, and was quite happy to let *Between the Stacks* go to air.

To find out more about the program, visit <http://www.2rrr.org.au> or call the studio on 02 9816 2938 while the show is on air.

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Great outlook for libraries in Lake Macquarie

Julie Christie, promotions librarian, Lake Macquarie City Library

A hectic round of activities in Lake Macquarie began with an official launch of Library and Information Week by the Mayor, Councillor John Kilpatrick and Jeff Hunter, MP at a party for Toronto Library's tenth birthday on Monday.

On Tuesday, Charlestown Library was invaded by a number of local celebrities eager to join senior managers and councillors who were manning the front desks. Tony Mowbray, round-the-world yachtsman; Josh Blair, ironman; Angela Sheean, Australia's mountain running champion; Barry Shepherd and Brett Lavaring, TV presenters; Prime Possum; and two Newcastle Knights footballers, Robbie O'Davis and Darren Albert all enthusiastically entered into the spirit of the festivities.

National simultaneous storytimes proved popular at our branch libraries with *Edward the emu* and Prime Possum making surprise guest appearances at Toronto. Besides 'Edward' the children were delighted with a selection of Australian favourites, *Possum magic*, *Wombats can't fly*, *Wombat stew* and *Little koala*.

Other highlights of the week included a Harry Potter Party, Salty Seagull puppet show, introductory internet lessons and thank you morning teas.

The library's events were featured on local radio and newspapers with a special spot on Prime TV News for the celebrity librarians.

A successful week of activities, enjoyed by our community and a great opportunity for promoting libraries! ■

Meet the ALIA president

ALIA president Alan Bundy will be attending a special open meeting in Sydney on 12 July.

Alan will be talking about information literacy and the state of education for the profession. Come along and meet our president — refreshments and networking from 5:30pm in the Coles Room, level 11, State Library of NSW. Alan's presentation will be at 6pm. This free activity has been organised by ALIA NSW. See Events for further details. ■

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