

General meeting & end of year function. Venue: tba.

• **31/8–1/9/2003 ALIA Local Studies (WA) Symposium 2003:** *Celebrating our heritage: preparing the way.* Venue: Constitutional Centre, Havelock Street, West Perth, preceding the National Oral History Conference 4–7 September 2003. Contact convenor: Jenni Woodroffe, ph 08 9367 4759, jennij@inet.net.au.

### National

• **1/11 ALIA Acquisitions National Seminar.** *Acquisitions — the new age.* TownHouse on Hindley, Adelaide, 9–5pm. Cost: \$77 members, \$55 students, \$99 non-members, lunch included. For more information contact: Jenni Jeremy, secretary, ph 08 8302 0318, jenni.jeremy@unisa.edu.au

**11–12/11 National Resource Sharing Working Group.** *National Resource Sharing Forum and Field Day.* National Library of Australia, Canberra, Australia. Further details are available at: <http://www.nla.gov.au/rsforum/>

• **29–30/11 University of South Australia Library in association with ALIA present *The Vital Link 3: staffing library and information services in the 21st century.*** CityWest Campus, University of South Australia. Contact: Marilyn Fraser, University of South Australia Library, Holbrooks Road, Underdale 5032, ph 08 8302 7040, fx 08 8302 6756, marilyn.fraser@unisa.edu.au

### Conferences

• **6–7/12 ALIA Quroum.** *New Librarian's symposium.* Personal and professional development for new librarians in the Australia-Pacific Region. Carlton Crest Hotel, Brisbane. Register your interest at <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/newlibrarian/> Contact: Robyn Gattera, ph 07 3403 2592, twg@brisbane.qld.gov.au

• **21–23/1/2003 ALIA Information Online 2003:** *11th exhibition and conference.* For more information, please contact: Conference Action, ph 02 9437 9333, fx 02 9901 4586, [online.2003@alia.org.au](mailto:online.2003@alia.org.au) <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/online2003/>

• **23–24/1/2003 The IFLA Internet Manifesto workshop.** Presenters: Susanne Seidelin, director IFLA/FAIFE committee and Alex Byrne, chair IFLA/FAIFE committee. Venue: University of Technology, Sydney Building 10. Sponsors: ALIA, IFLA/FAIFE, UTS Library. Information on the Manifesto can be found at: <http://www.ifla.org/III/misc/im-e.htm>. Registration: ALIA National Office, ph 02 6215 8235, [enquiry@alia.org.au](mailto:enquiry@alia.org.au), <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/ifla.manifesto/>

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# Making news

## Selected reprints from newspapers and magazines in recent months

### Library offers insight, study, entertainment

*Fraser Coast Chronicle*, 16 August

The Hervey Bay Library was the first library in Australia to form a partnership with a council and a university. Five years on the partnership is able to offer all members of the community an integrated learning experience. The library collection holds materials ranging from academic texts to a wide range of recreational and informative material — fiction and non-fiction books, large-print books, newspapers, videos, talking books, magazines, computer games, music cassettes and CDs, videos, and DVDs.

### University students concerned over electronic library plans

*Newcastle Herald*, 20 August,  
by Anne-Marie Wilcock

The Newcastle University Students Association (NUSA) claims that students were not involved in the decision to turn Huxley Library into an electronic centre until after planning documents were leaked. The Association has called for the project to be delayed. The Association is calling on the university to make sure the proposals go to one of the democratic boards where students are represented.

### Activists target Washington libraries

*AP Newswire*, 28 August,  
by Nicholas K Geranios (AP)

Anti-tax crusaders in the northeast Stevens County (US) are trying to close rural libraries. Seven small libraries which bring library services to small communities have been targeted by activists who contend that they are too expensive and unneeded. The group is lobbying to close seven of the county's nine public libraries. The American Library Association believes that it is the first time in the United States where a library system could be demolished by popular vote.

### National Literacy and Numeracy Week

*Hunter Valley Star News*, 4 September

Students taking part in the Smith Family's student2student program in the Hunter are celebrating National Literacy and Numeracy Week. The program pairs students with student mentors. Each is given an identical book that they read together over the telephone a couple of nights a week. The mentor assists the younger student with difficult words or phrases and helps to improve their confidence, skills and self-esteem. Across Australia, more than 400 students and volunteer mentors are taking part in the program.

*The Adelaide Advertiser* also featured a story on the Smith Family's student2student program on 7 September ['Two students, a book and a new line in literacy']. Daniel Lato reported on a face-to-face meeting of

'reading buddies', David Reeves and Peter Siggins. The *Manning River Times* ran the story 'Students helping students improve their literacy skills' on 6 September which examined the program.

### \$10 000 award for Scottsdale Primary School

*North Eastern Advertiser*, 4 September

The Scottsdale Primary School has won a \$10 000 National Excellence Award for Literacy for its programs to improve student learning outcomes in literacy. Programs include a literacy framework for the school, the Reading Hour Program, and a Ready Recovery program. Parents have also been involved with the Parent Classroom Helpers' Program.

### Helping boost literacy levels at Goodooga

*Lightning Ridge News*, 5 September

Goodooga Central School has been awarded \$10 000 for excellence in literacy and numeracy outcomes. The school of just 127 students has shown significant improvement in the performance of students in the Basic Skills Test and the English Language and Literacy Assessment. The school has also recorded a 100 per cent increase during three years in the number of students staying on for post-compulsory schooling.

### Library 'does the Dewey'

*Collie Mail*, 5 September

In an interesting library promotion, the theme for Adult Learners' Week at Collie Libraries was 'Do the Dewey', emphasising the Dewey decimal system used to catalogue library collections. Each day during the week a different classification was represented in activities. For example, the 200s were represented by a talk on Collie's All Saints' Church, and the 400s were emphasised in a quiz night.

### Mundulla learning program national winner

*Border Chronicle*, 5 September

Mundulla Primary School received a \$10 000 National Literacy and Numeracy Week Excellence Award. The school was awarded for its innovative program where children are grouped based on their needs, rather than the traditional focus year level or age. The school principal, Mrs Linda Lance said that the program was introduced to encourage students to reach their full potential and that in the last year the school was rewarded with above state average results.

### Novel way to teach children to read

*Harvey Leschenault Reporter*, 10 September,  
by Hannelore Hepburn

Australind library, the Children's Book Council of Western Australia and the State Library of Western Australia recently combined to host a 'meet the author' session for students

from local primary schools. Geoff Havel, a teacher and writer, started writing ten years ago to get reluctant readers in his class motivated. The workshop showed the students the many steps involved in producing a book from the first idea to the final publication.

#### Mastering the spoken words

*Comment News*, 10 September

The Oral Language Initiative of Forest Crescent Primary School has won an Excellence award as part of National Literacy and Numeracy Week. One in eight children at the school have English as a second language. The school implemented a whole-school literacy plan, which includes early identification of children who may be at risk of learning difficulties, and offering them more opportunities for talking.

#### Chook book hook for literacy

*Newcastle Herald*, 5 September, by Michael Gadd

Hundreds of Hunter children joined about 250 000 Australians for simultaneous storytime. Newcastle Region Library attracted more than forty children, and library spokeswoman Carol Edmunds said the day was successful for thirteen libraries in Newcastle and many more throughout Lake Macquarie and the Upper Hunter.

The library also launched a brochure produced by Newcastle Regional Library and the Newcastle Permanent. *Ten minutes a day* highlights the benefits of regularly reading to children. Julie Vivas, illustrator of *Possum Magic*, illustrated the brochure. The brochure is available at Newcastle Permanent branches and regional libraries.

#### TV presenter helps kids

##### get a better look at storybooks

*Wentworth Courier*, 11 September

Television presenter, Indira Naidoo visited Waverley Library to participate in National Simultaneous Storytime. The event is aimed at providing the opportunity to promote the value of reading and the important role that

libraries play in stimulating literacy.

#### Noisy please!

##### Our libraries need more money

*Port Macquarie News*, 11 September

Members of the North East Zone of the Country Public Libraries Association will soon be making noise in an attempt to receive increased funding. Chairwoman Shirley Wheatley said that on a proportional basis, funding to public libraries in New South Wales is the worst in Australia. She said that if more state funding was not made available for libraries, New South Wales was in danger of being the 'wooden spoon state rather than the 'premier' state'.

#### Nambucca wins literacy awards

*Mid-Coast Observer*, 11 September

Nambucca Heads Primary School was one of ten schools in the state to win a National Literacy and Numeracy Week excellence award. Students at the school have scored extremely well in the Basic Skills test — in 1999 only sixteen per cent of year 3 students scored in the top bands, two years later seventy-eight per cent of the students, now in year 5, scored better than the state average.

#### Lingua machina

*The Age*, 12 September, by Anne Eisenberg

Over the past decade librarians, archivists and researchers have been exploring the challenge of long-term preservation of digital documents and trying to find ways to conserve the information contained in them. Archivists are arguing that what is needed is a common preservation system that can read and present today's formats in a simple, standard way that can be emulated or mimicked on future computers. An IBM researcher has developed a prototype for a 'universal virtual computer', a system with architecture and language so logical and accessible that computer developers of the future will be able to write instructions to emulate it on their machines. ■

• 24–27/8/2003 10th Asia Pacific Special Health and Law Librarians conference. *Celebrate the future*. Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide. Contact: Festival City Conventions, ph 08 8363 1307, fx 08 8363 1604, librarians@fccconventions.com.au, http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/shllc/2003/index.html

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#### 9–12/9/2003 12th National Library Technicians conference.

*Bridging services: embracing reality*. Brisbane Qld. Event co-ordinator: Organisers Australia, PO Box 1237, Milton Qld 4064, ph 07 3369 7866, fx 07 3367 1471, mail@orgaus.com.au

#### International

##### 3/10–7/10 CAVAL training activities.

*Book indexing*. one-day workshop led by Max McMaster. Venue: tba, Auckland, 9:30–4:30pm. Cost: \$198 CAVAL/ALIA members, non-members \$220. Wellington 3/10; Christchurch 7/10. Contact: Eve Cornish, evcc@caval.edu.au, register online at [http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego\\_form.html](http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html)

##### 4/10–8/10 CAVAL training activities.

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