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• **29/4 Vic Schools. VELS.** Covers the role of the teacher librarian, thinking skills, development and application of research and information skills, assignment design. Contact: Kris Johnstone, ph 03 9805 9234, kjohnsto@sac.vic.edu.au

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10/5 Australian Copyright Council Training. A day of sessions for library staff, covering various aspects of copyright; \$70-\$100 per session. Other topics on other days, eg websites, moral rights. Full details and booking form on website. Contact: ACC, ph 02 9699 3247, info@copyright.org.au Online registration: <http://www.copyright.org.au/training>

• **5/8 Vic Schools. Thinking curriculum.** More details TBA. Contact: Kris Johnstone, ph 03 9805 9234, kjohnsto@sac.vic.edu.au

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National

11/4 Practical Knowledge Management. Hosted by Geoff Parcell, co-author of the widely acclaimed book *Learning to Fly*, will be hosting a master class in Melbourne, called Practical Knowledge Management. There is a \$100 discount to attend the event for all members of ALIA! Costs [incl. GST]: \$895 ALIA members, \$995 non-members. Contact: Helen Hassan, ph 02 9436 4255, helen.hassan@

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Product news...

FCI partners with Techstreet to launch new web store

Thomson Scientific and the Fluid Controls Institute (FCI) announce the launch of the new FCI online standards store at <http://www.fluidcontrolsinstitute.org>. Customers visiting the FCI standards store can search, order, and download copies of FCI standards and publications, or choose to order printed copies for delivery. This is the first time that FCI has made its technical standards available for purchase on the internet. FCI is a non-profit association of manufacturers of fluid control and conditioning equipment. The Institute currently serves 40 member companies with standards development, education and training to promote better products of higher quality and greater usefulness. The publications available include standards, recommended procedures, pressure ratings, terms and definitions, test methods and conditions, classifications, and operating principles.

Greater access to citation indexing

EBSCO is now producing comprehensive citation indexing for literature in the following disciplines: business, communication and mass media, nursing and allied health and sociology. Existing customers of EBSCOhost(r) databases in these areas now have dramatically improved access to citation indexing in these subjects, which have historically been underserved by other citation indexing products.

Serials management added to Maxus Library

For libraries not yet on a web-based system, Maxus now offer an enhanced version of Maxus Library (version 4.0) that includes Serials management. Features include multiple copies/subscriptions; issue check-in with added Table of Contents (scanned, added text or linked files), links to electronic issues, listing of recently received issues, claiming of missing issues, RSS feeds of issues received and many other features. See more details on

our Web Site or contact your local rep.

The best Chinese research now available to an international audience

Elsevier announced today that it is launching a collection of Chinese journals on ScienceDirect. Reflecting the country's economic boom, China currently ranks fifth in the world in the number of published papers. The ScienceDirect China Collection offers unique online access to peer-reviewed Chinese research literature on a full-text platform.

Subject areas covered by the collection include: agricultural sciences, bionics, biotechnology, chemical engineering, chemistry, earth sciences, ecology, engineering, environmental sciences, general medicine, genetics, genomics, proteomics and bioinformatics, materials science, mathematics, nephrology, nuclear science, obstetrics and gynecology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and surgery.

Groxis and EBSCO Publishing provide Visual Search technology

Groxis, a leading producer of visual search applications and developer of the Grokker Enterprise Search Management platform, and EBSCO Publishing (EBSCO) today announced that they have teamed to deliver an innovative visual search feature as part of EBSCOhost(r). EBSCO becomes the first major content aggregator to implement visualization technology into the aggregated database search experience.

Visual search organises hundreds of search results from a single query into an intuitive, easy to navigate content map. The user can then dynamically filter results by keyword, publication date and full text, to pinpoint specific articles and records without having to reframe the query. Visual search is offered to all EBSCO database subscribers at no additional cost.

Draft Digital Records Management Standard for Western Australia

The State Records Office of Western Australia will be launching the first part of a proposed new standard – entitled 'Making and Managing Digital Records (Exposure Draft) – Part One'. The Standard aims to promote good recordkeeping practices within WA Government Agencies. The launch will take place on 16th June 2006 at IEA's Inaugural Electronic Document and Record Management Systems Seminar: EDRMS: Local People, Local Knowledge, at the University Club, UWA. For more information please contact Lorraine Bradshaw, Information Enterprises Australia, ph 08 9335 2533, e-mail: training@iea.com.au.

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New Connotea software supports institutional repositories

Nature Publishing Group (NPG) has released new software which enables institutional repositories running EPrints to integrate with the social bookmarking services Connotea and del.icio.us. This allows content within institutional repositories to be bookmarked, tagged, and linked to related content. Once installed in a repository, the software will enable users to bookmark documents in that repository using their Connotea or del.icio.us account, assigning their own tags and without leaving the web page. They can also see what tags have already been assigned to the document they are viewing in the repository and click on links to related content, either within the same repository or elsewhere on the web.

Nielsen and BDS to develop separate library services

Nielsen BookData and Bibliographic Data Services Ltd announced in January their plans to develop separate data products and services for use by librarians in the UK and overseas in the second half of 2006. Under the terms of a new working arrangement, BookData will no longer market and sell BDS products and the two companies will cease to exchange bibliographic data for use in their products. Both companies emphasised that they will continue to look for opportunities for co-operation in the future and that BookData's shareholding in BDS is unaffected by the new arrangements.

Information on thousands of authors and their works

With the goal of bringing together the top reference sources in the field of literary studies, EBSCO has created the Literary Reference Center. This comprehensive database provides users with information on thousands of authors and their works across literary disciplines. It is specifically designed for public libraries, secondary schools, junior/community colleges, and undergraduate research. Literary Reference Center is a full text database that combines

information from major respected reference works, books, literary journals as well as original content.

New release from Softlink

The Liberty3 release J is designed for special, academic and public libraries and incorporates the latest web technologies, offering unparalleled flexibility and integration. Liberty3 J is the result of Softlink's 22 years experience in building library solutions and this fully integrated web-based solution allows libraries to seamlessly interoperate with global knowledge systems. Liberty3 J supports all major platforms (Unix, Windows, Apple) with the power of a Microsoft SQL server or Oracle database back-end. Significant innovations in searching, performance, security and multiple language support are included. In addition, Liberty3 provides federated searching and OPAC enrichment capabilities for its Google-like full text search engine. Softlink is planning a world-wide release of Liberty3 J in the second quarter, 2006

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Libraries can subscribe to free updates on new research in the LIS sector. Recent library reports include Creating the Virtual Reference Service; Licensing and Copyright Management: Best Practices of College, Special and Research Libraries; Best Practices of Public Library Information Technology Directors; Corporate Library Benchmarks 2005; Best Practices of Academic Library Information Technology Directors; Law Library Benchmarks 2005; Creating the Digital Library; and Library Use of E-Books. The data seems to be mostly US and Canadian, with some mention of the UK.

Australia's largest kid's book poll attracts 30 000 votes

Australian kids have been given the chance to rate their favourite books in a nationwide poll. Angus & Robertson's Kids' Top 50, possibly the largest initiative of this kind in Australia, will be announced in mid-May 2006, after the thousands of on-line, in-store and from schools votes are tallied. ■



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10/5-13/9 6 steps to career sizzle. 5 monthly .60min teleconference program for librarians who want to create a healthy balance between work and home, reconnect deeply with career meaning and purpose, build self management skills to boost confidence, professionalism and sizzle. Costs (incl. GST): \$150 ALIA members, \$200 non-members. PD points: 10 (5 group hours and 5 hours personal study). Contact: Geraldine Barkworth, ph 02 6685 1917, geraldine@boldwomenbigideas.com.au

• **22-28/5 Library and Information Week.** Aims to raise awareness of the value of libraries and information services and information professionals in Australia. Contact: ALIA National Office, 02 6215 8222, <http://alia.org.au/liw/>

• **23/5 National Library Technicians Day.** Contact: ALIA National Office, 02 6215 8222, <http://alia.org.au/liw/>

4-7/6 Queensland Public Libraries Association Conference. *Libraries...A Lifestyle Experience* at the multi-award winning Cairns Convention Centre, comprehensive program and exciting Trade Exhibition. Contact: Marina Speziale, ph 07 4057 7755, m.speziale@cairns.qld.gov.au, <http://www.cairnslibrary.com.au/>

14-16/6 EDRMS: Local knowledge, local people. A seminar on the hows and whys of implementing an electronic document and records management system. Cost [excl GST]: \$900 [early bird rate], 10% disc for ALIA members, \$450 full-time students, \$400 daily rate. The University Club, UWA, Perth. Contact: IEA, ph 08 9335 2533, training@iea.com.au, <http://www.iea.com.au/>

• **1/9 National Simultaneous Storytime 2006.** This event will take place during National Literacy and Numeracy Week at 11:00am AEST. Contact: ALIA National Office, 02 6215 8222, <http://alia.org.au/advocacy/storytime/>

Conference

1-2/12 3rd ALIA New Librarians' Symposium. *Pathways and possibilities* ALIA is proud to present the 3rd New Librarians' Symposium. Scientia, University of NSW, Sydney For more information, contact Conference organiser, newlibrarian2006@alia.org.au, <http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2006/>

19-22/9 ALIA 2006 Biennial Conference. *Click06.* Perth Convention Centre. Contact: Conference secretariat, alia2006@alia.org.au, <http://conferences.alia.org.au/alia2006/>

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