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• **15/5 ACT University & Research Libraries** presents Dr Markus Buchhorn, Director of Information and Communication Technology Environments, ANU, speaking on 'The Preservation and Sustainability of Research Data in Australia'. Contact: Margaret Henty, 02 6125 7685, margaret.henty@apsr.edu.au

NSW

• **18/4 Mentoring NSW**. *Library Folk In the Pub*. The Madison Hotel, cnr Devonshire and Chalmers Sts, Surry Hills. A week earlier due to ANZAC Day. 6:00pm. Contact: Julian Sortland, 0429 470 672, julian@sortland.co.uk

NT

• **18/4 Top End**. *Library Tour*: Health Library. 5:00pm for 5:30pm start. Ground Floor, Building 4, Royal Darwin Hospital. Contact: Sarah White, ph 08 8935 9991, sarah.white@palmerston.nt.gov.au

• **16/5 Top End**. *Meeting*. Darwin Sailing Club, 5:30pm. Atkins Drive, Vestey's Beach. Contact: Sarah White, 08 8935 9991, sarah.white@palmerston.nt.gov.au

• **6/8 ALIA PD Workshop** in partnership with CAVAL. *Negotiating e-licences*. Venue: Palmerston Campus, CDU. Register online, <http://training.caval.edu.au/>. For further information see above or e-mail training@caval.edu.au, 03 9450 5508 or pd@alia.org.au, 02 6215 8216

QLD

• **3/4 QOPAL Meeting**. Redland Shire Council, cnr Bloomfield and Middle Sts, Cleveland. Contact: Nikki Moore, 07 38299 8770, nikkim@redland.qld.gov.au

• **3/4 QUORUM Meeting**. Help plan events for 2007. Venue: TBA, 5:30pm for 6pm. RSVP by 23/03/2007. Contact: Merindi Derrick, 0402 080 031, merindi.derrick@deta.qld.gov.au

• **17/4 Library Technicians QLD General Meeting**. Location TBA, 5:00pm for 5:30pm start. Contact: Trish D'Arcy, 073623 7404, p.darcy@mcauley.acu.edu.au

• **20-22/4 QUORUM**. *Careers and Employment Expo*. Visit Stand 11 to find out about careers @ your library. Contact: Claudia Davies, 0407 964 967, claudia.davies@alia.org.au

Rare book on show

Northern Territory News/Sunday Territorian, 16 March

A rare work by Charles Darwin, once owned by the naturalist's great-grandson, will go on display at the NSW State Library next week. The first edition of *On the Origin of Species* was purchased by the library at auction for \$191,000 and is the only copy in its original binding in any public collection in Australia.

People and places: Call for digital images

Home Hill Observer, 15 March

Picture Australia, an online pictorial resource, hosted by the National Library of Australia, is calling on Queensland's digital photography enthusiasts to contribute images of town and country as part of the newly created Ourtown project. The aim of the project is to increase the number of contemporary images available through Picture Australia. For more information visit www.pictureaustralia.org.

Telling a book by its (inside) cover

Australian, 14 March, Antony Davies

One page of a rare tome can be more valuable than the work itself. And astonishing values attached to decorative bookplates that sometimes go unnoticed inside front covers.

Most 19th and 20th century books on the Australian market are valued from \$100 to \$1000, but it's not surprising for a rare bookplate to achieve 10 times this. For the bookplate of an interesting historical figure, the diminutive slip of paper can be more valuable than the book itself.

When the value of certain historical bookplates began to outweigh the value of books into which they had been pasted, and much debate has passed about the legitimacy of damaging a rare book to remove a more valuable bookplate.

Tange biography up for top award

Canberra Times, 13 March

The award-winning biography of one of Australia's most powerful public servants, Sir Arthur Tange, has been short-listed for a second major literary prize. *Arthur Tange: Last of the Mandarins*, by Victorian historian Dr Peter Edwards, was published early last year by Allen & Unwin. Despite having won another significant award – the prize for the history category of the 2006 Queensland Premier's Literary Awards – the biography remains out of print.

Explored inside of people's survival

Herald Sun, 13 March, Doug Button

Obituary of Elizabeth Jolley AO, 4 June 1923 – 13 February 2007. It notes that at 17, while training to be a nurse in London she met Leonard Jolley, 27, a librarian. In 1959 they, with their three children, left Britain for Perth where Leonard took up a senior library appointment. We might never have had these great Australian novels if not for libraries.

Aboriginal language landmark

Centralian Advocate, 9 March, Daniel Burdon

A website teaching the Pitjantjatjara language has been archived on the National Library of Australia's website collection. The internet program teaches the Central Desert language over six months and prepares users for the critically-acclaimed theatre show *Ngapartji Ngapartji*, which is partly spoken in Pitjantjatjara. The website, <http://www.ngapartji.org>, uses theatre and the internet to educate people across Australia about Aboriginal culture, language and traditions. The website has more than 200 registered subscribers so far, and was archived in conjunction with the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.

VC vows aid after storm hits ANU

Australian, 7 March, Brendan O'Keefe

About 70 buildings at the Australian National University sustained damage from water and the weight of hail after the 27 February storm flooded buildings and drenched computers and other equipment. Worst hit were the School of Arts, the School of Music, the Chifley Library, the Computer Science and IT building and the School of Information Science and Engineering. [The top floor of the Chifley Library remains closed on 16 March.]

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Storm damage worse than thought *Canberra Times*, 6 March

Damage from a freak thunderstorm, which dumped large hailstones and torrential rain, is worse than first thought. Civic Library will be closed for at least another week as damaged books, carpet and computers are replaced or repaired. Hundreds of books were damaged as water flowed like a river through the newly opened library. Carpets are still wet and the carpet and some computers on the lower floor must be removed and either replaced or repaired.

Time to put your 20c into public libraries

Weekly Times, 28 February

A letter to the editor of the *Weekly Times* discussed the worth of public libraries. "It is one of the little-recognised achievements of Australia that, through public libraries... mobile libraries, and outback and other outreach services, virtually every person in this vast island continent now has free and increasingly fast access to the print and electronic resources of Australia's libraries... We should be aiming to double our investment in public libraries, from the current estimate of 7c per Australian per day to at least 20c per Australian per day by 2010.

"[Libraries] tend to be placed in portfolios for the arts and culture, when it is arguable that as the ultimate agency for lifelong learning in all its manifestations, they should be placed within education, as has sometimes been that case in the past..."
Alison G. Walpole, Whorouly South.

Minister defends cuts to library hours

ABC Premium News, 26 February

Tasmanian Education Minister David Bartlett has defended plans to restructure library services. City libraries are to close

earlier on some weeknights and the reference library in Hobart will be open for seven fewer hours a week, to allow more staff to work on online services. The Tasmanian Greens say that extra investment in online services should not come at the cost of opening hours. But Mr Bartlett says online libraries are the way of the future. (See also 'Truth call on library hours', *Hobart Mercury*, 26 February, p 8.)

Strike up the band, courtesy of council

Moreland Community News,

20 February, Charmaine Camilleri

Moreland Council's annual festival, 'Live at the Library', will be held on 7 March. The Moreland performers ready to rock and roll include Red Rattler, James Lee, T/peace, Liminal and Tully Sumner. Most are represented in the 300 CD-strong local music collection, 'Made in Moreland'.

Judged by the book

Sunday Herald Sun, 18 February,

Mitchell Toy and Catherine Lambert

Novels that inspired Hollywood movies are among the most-borrowed books in Melbourne libraries. Books that have become popular after film adaptations include *The Devil Wears Prada* and *Perfume: The Story of a Murderer*. But local talent still appeals to readers: Alice Pung's recent novel *Unpolished Gem*, set in Melbourne, is an example.

Hansard index back in cost-cut reversal

Canberra Times, 16 February

A cost-cutting exercise has been reversed, restoring the index and sequential page numbers to printed and bound volumes of *Hansard*. The Department of Parliamentary Services cut the index to save about \$37 000, but both the President of the Senate, Paul Calvert, and the Speaker of House of Representatives, David Hawker, requested the index be restored. 'The presiding officers agree that the volumes need indexes to be useful,' a Parliamentary spokesman said.

Library Lovers Day

Examiner, 8 and 13 February

The Armadale *Examiner* and the *Valley Reporter* were enthusiastic about the 'Blind date with a book' promotion, held on Library Lovers Day (14 February), encouraging the community to go and be loved at their library.

•14/5 QOPAL *Visit to new State Library*. Time: TBC. Host: Bruce Monley. Contact: Denise Cadman, 07 3840 0446, dcadman@bne.catholic.edu.au

•16/6 **Library Technicians QLD Tour/Workshop**. Contact Trish D'Arcy, 07 3623 7407, p.darcy@mcauley.acu.edu.au

•28/6 QOPAL *Meeting*. National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Time: TBA. Contact: Desley Armstrong, 07 3226 8257, desleya@nntt.gov.au

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SA

•2/4 **ALIA South Australia Meeting**. All ALIA SA members welcome on the first Monday of every month. Venue: Amore Café, 162-170 Pulteney Street, Adelaide, 6pm for 6:15pm. Contact: Helen Kwaka, 02 8397 7454, kwakh@cttg.sa.gov.au

•18/4 **ALIA South Australia Nuts n Bolts for officebearers**. Learn what being an ALIA officebearer involves. 5:30pm, Ira Raymond Room, Barr Smith Library, University of Adelaide. Contact: Fiona Butcher, fiona.butcher@alia.org.au

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•10/5 **ALIA South Australia Basic Flickr 101 Workshop Series**. Learn about Flickr and other social tagging sites. Contact: Kate Sinclair, 08 8201 5183, kate.sinclair@flinders.edu.au

•25/5 **ALIA South Australia Quiz Night**. Celebrate Library Week and ALIA's 70th Birthday with trivia, fun and prizes. Start preparing your team now! Contact Kate Sinclair, 08 8201 5183, kate.sinclair@flinders.edu.au

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•20/7 **ALIA PD workshop** in partnership with CAVAL. *Negotiating e-licences*. Venue: Function and Conference Centre, Hobart. Register online, <http://training.caval.edu.au/>. Further information: or e-mail training@caval.edu.au, 03 9450 5508 or pd@alia.org.au, 02 6215 8216.

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