

National

Central Queensland University's Library Research aCQUIRE team and the Mackay Library team have been awarded Vice Chancellor awards for excellence. Each award recipient received a grant of \$2500 to be used for further professional development, along with a citation of excellence.

Australian Library News 24/01/08

Office products supplier Corporate Express Australia has posted a net profit for the 2007 calendar year up 5.1 percent on corresponding periods. With an annual turnover of \$13 million, the company acquired library supplies distributor Raeco last year.

<http://www.ce.com.au> 07/02/08

TAFE Queensland has launched a new online learning resource management system. The new system is aimed at helping achieve the objectives of the state government's Queensland Skills Plan by creating a modern and efficient electronic learning environment.

Australian Library News 07/02/08

Federal Education Minister Julia Gillard has written to all Australian secondary school principals inviting them to participate in the government's \$1 billion Digital Education Revolution. A preliminary audit is being undertaken by state and territory governments to identify the neediest schools.

Australian Library News 07/02/08

Monash University library has released its Strategic Plan for the next few years. A major focus will be making the library's collection of electronic resources easier to locate. The library will also be involved in celebrations to mark the university's 50th anniversary.

Australian Library News 31/02/08

Vinegar Hill Memorial Library and Community Centre at Rouse Hill in Sydney's north west is near completion. Due to open in March, the new library will house a collection of 40,000 new items, books, magazines, DVDs, talking books and music CDs. There will also be a smart floor, allowing easy access for IT connections.

Australian Library News 31/01/08

International

A map stolen from the National Library of Spain and found in a Sydney art gallery has been returned to its rightful owner. The 526 year old artifact, worth \$160 000 was, one of two stolen from a rare edition of the atlas *Cosmographia* and had been an integral part of the library's collection for over 300 years.

<http://www.theage.com.au> 05/02/08

Book News

Nick Earls, one of Australia's best known authors, will head the push to sell more Queensland-authored books into Asia. Earl, author of 11 books, was named as the face of the Queensland Writers Showcase for the Taipei International Book Fair.

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Brisbane City Council's libraries are one of only 16 library services across Australia to stock the recently released *Tom Cruise: An unauthorised biography* by Andrew Morton. The book was pre-ordered by the Council before the book was banned for sale outside the US.

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