

# Events

If space is restricted, notices may be deleted in some subsequent issues, but will reappear as the date of the event draws closer.

## Australian Capital Territory

- **19 March. Online Users Group.** Australian War Memorial Image Management System with Bob Pymm. AWMAdmin Building. 5-7 pm. Contact: Alan Green (06) 257 1551.
- **19 March. UCRLS (ACT Group).** Speaker: Warren Horton, Director General, National Library of Australia, 'The Greatest Library in the Nation.' NLA Conference Room. 12.30 pm. Contact: J Churches (06) 249 3443.
- **24 April. UCRLS (ACT Group).** Speakers: Prof Don Aiken, Vice Chancellor, University of Canberra, 'Library Services to the higher education sector'. Faculty of Communication, Seminar Rm 1C 20 University of Canberra. 12.30. Contact: J Churches (06) 249 3443.
- **30 April.** Australian Society of Archivists Inc. Seminar: Privacy versus Access to Records. Menzies Theatre, National Convention Centre, Canberra. \$150 (full rate), \$125 (early registration by Friday, 1 March), \$100 (students and ASA members). Fee includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea and conference papers. 8.45 am-4.45 pm. Contact: Steve Stucky (06) 243 3900, Greg O'Shea (06) 243 3932 or Betty White (06) 243 3664.
- **2 May UCRLS (ACT Group)/CAUL/ANU Library. Seminar: The E (Electronic) Library.** Huxley Building, Computer Services Centre, ANU. Plenary Speaker: Dr Peter Lyman, Executive Director, Centre for Scholarly Technology, University of Southern California. Contact: C Steel, ANU Library, (06) 249 2003, fax (06) 249 0734.

## New South Wales

- **21 March.** Insearch/DIALOG. Introductory System, Sydney. Contact: (02) 212 2867.
- **14 March. NSW Branch. Strut Your Stuff. Marketing yourself and your library: An experiential workshop.** YWCA. 9 am-4.30 pm. Limit 15 people. \$65 ALIA members, \$85 non-members. Facilitator: Alan Tegg. Contact: John Bartholomaeus (02) 339 2559.
- **18 March. School Library Section. An evening with Libby Gleeson.** Newtown High School for the Performing Arts. 7.30 pm. Contact: Christine Hingerty (02) 569 6111 (w).
- **20 March. Special Libraries Section.** Presentation of services offered by the Australian Graduate School of Management (AGSM) Library, University of NSW. 5.30 for 6 pm. Enter through Gate 11, Botany St. Randwick entrance. Meet at Reception desk, Ground Floor. Bookings essential. Contact: Robin Jenkins (02) 252 0512.
- **20 March. Cataloguer's Section. AGM 'ABN Redevelopment'.** Speaker: Warwick Cathro (National Library). Council Room, State Library of NSW. 6 for 6.30 pm. Contact Sue Thomas (02) 230 1584.

- **25 March. Central Western Regional Group. Tour of new Bathurst City Library and Charles Sturt University Library.** Guest speaker at CSU Library from ABN with CD-ROM demonstration. Bathurst City Library/Charles Sturt University. 2 pm/4 pm respectively. \$25 (includes dinner at 7 pm). Contact: Marilyn Hawkett (063) 63 6749.
- **26 March. Special Libraries Section. ABN and CLANN.** Services offered. Their usefulness to your special library. State Library of NSW, Council Room Level 1, Mitchell Wing. 5.30 for 6 pm. Contact: David Hawkins (02) 217 5006.
- **9 April. Library Technicians Section. Meeting.** Fisher Library, University of Sydney, Common Room, Level 5. 5.30 pm. Contact: Nina Suprun (02) 692 2257.
- **10 April. School Library Section. Committee Meeting.** Joint Council Meeting Rooms, Rozelle. 7 pm. Contact: Denise Hoeflake (02) 280 4844 (w).
- **Special Libraries Section. Beat the Recession: how do you manage libraries during hard times?** A brainstorming session. State Library of NSW, 1st floor, entry via Mitchell Wing. 5.30 for 6 pm. Contact: Jackie Patrick (02) 210 4020.
- **3-23 April. Insearch/DIALOG Seminars.** Patents (3 April), Introductory System (4 April), Chemical (11 April), Business (17 April), Agriculture & Environment (18 April, am), Introductory System (23 April), Sydney. Contact (02) 212 2867.
- **15-18 April. Conservation Access Workshops.** Preservation of Photographs (15 April), Manuscripts, Maps and Memorabilia (16 April), First Aid for Books (17 April), Prints, Etchings and Watercolours: their care, framing and display (18 April). Vincent Fairfax Family Conservation Laboratories, State Library of NSW. Contact: Marion Roubos-Bennett, Coordinator, Conservation Access, State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney, NSW 2000, (02) 230 1676, fax (02) 232 4816.
- **3 May. Acquisitions Section. Supplier Performance Evaluation Seminar.** University of Western Sydney — Hawkesbury. 9 am-5 pm. \$45 ALIA members, \$60 non-members, \$30 students. Limited places. For registration papers and information contact: Jerelynn Brown (02) 982 2122. Social activities are being planned in conjunction with this seminar.

## Queensland

- **12 March. Special Libraries Section. Effective use of overhead transparencies.** 232 Adelaide Street. 5.30 for 6 pm. Small charge for wine and cheese. Contact: Diana Rylatt (07) 233 6544. Check *Extra Special* for further details.
- **12 March. Qld Branch. Council Meeting.** Room 307, Resource Centre, Kelvin Grove Campus, QUT. 5.30 pm. Contact: Hazel Wood (07) 353 3762 (evenings).
- **22 March. Library Technician Section. Award Restructuring: Where do library technicians fit in?** Speaker: Katie Steenstrup — Trades and Labour Council. State Library Theatre. 5.30 pm. Free. Contact: Jilleen Chambers (07) 840 4899.
- **2 April. Library Technicians Section. Meeting.** Library, QUT, Kelvin Grove Campus. Contact: Aline Weller.
- **9 April. Qld Branch. Council Meeting.** Room 307, Resource Centre, Kelvin Grove Campus, QUT. 5.30 pm. Contact: Hazel Wood (07) 353 3762 (evenings).
- **11 April. UCRLS and QOLUG. Report on Information online & on disc 91 — with demos!** Qld State Library Theatre. 9 am-12 noon. \$15 ALIA/QOLUG members, \$20 non-members. Contact: Judy Stokker (07) 864 2926.

## South Australia

- **20 March. UCRLS. Discussion panel on Higher Education Councils' commissioned report on Library Provision in Higher Education Institutions.** Nursing Building, Underdale Campus, University of SA. 4-6.30 pm. Contact: Gillian Dooley (08) 201 2517.
- **23-24 April. Insearch/DIALOG Seminars.** Introductory System (23 April), Beyond the Basics (24 April), Adelaide. Contact: (02) 212 2867.

## Tasmania

- **27 March. Tasmanian Branch. New members dinner.** Guest speaker: Christine Crocker, the new University Librarian. University Staff Club. 7 for 7.30 pm. Contact: Ann Hughes 34 2995.

## Victoria

- **13 March.** First in a series of six free public lectures 'Books for Children & Youth'. Speakers include: Paul Jennings, Agnes Nieuwenhuizen, and Isobel Carmody. Box Hill Library, 1040 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill, 3128. Contact: Debra Rosenfeldt (03) 890 1002, fax (03) 899 0076.
- **15 March. Special Libraries Section. 1-day seminar — 'Serials: Systems and management in Special Libraries'** — to look at the practices of some special libraries and how they cope with the acquisition of serials and the systems used to record and control serials. Includes a trade exhibition of subscription agents and journal systems. Council of Adult Education, City Conference Centre, Level 2A, 256 Flinders Street, Melbourne. Approx \$60 ALIA members, approx \$100 non-members. Flyer and further details to follow.
- **16 March.** State Library of Victoria Renaissance Appeal Ball. State Library. Tickets: \$80 each. Contact: Gail Evans (03) 669 9932.
- **18 March. Children's & Youth Services Section. AGM and launch of Practical Manual for Children's Librarians.** Armidale Library, Orrong Road, Armidale. 7.30 pm. \$5 members, \$7.50 non-members. Contact: Gabrielle Blair 695 8328.
- **18 March. Library and Information Services for People with Disabilities (LISPD). Dealing with people with disabilities.** Vermont South Library, Pavey Place (off Livingstone Road). 5.30-7.30 pm. \$10 ALIA members \$5 LISPD members. Contact: Janet Murray (03) 344 8219 (w), (03) 397 0582 (h).
- **19-20 March.** Insearch/DIALOG Seminars. Introductory System (19 March), Business (20 March), Melbourne. Contact: (02) 212 2867.
- **20 March.** AUSTROM demonstration. Australian Social Science and Education Databases on CD-ROM. RMIT Central Library. 4-5 pm. For bookings and information contact: Jan Swinburne or Sandra Oxley on (03) 660 2062 or (03) 660 3749.
- **20 March. School Libraries Section. Meeting.** Statewide School Library Support Centre, 67 High Street, Prahran. 5 pm. Contact: Maelor Himbury (03) 366 2555 (w), (03) 374 1902 (h).
- **20 March. Victorian Branch/UCRLS, AGMs.** Queens Hall State Library of Victoria. 6.15 pm. UCRLS AGM 6.45 pm. Victorian Branch AGM 7 pm. ALIA Library Technician of the Year award presentation 7.30 pm. Speaker: Christine Crocker, University of Tasmania. Contact: Jan Wright

(03) 628 2460 or Maxine Cuskelly (03) 342 0230.

- **21 March. Health Libraries Section. Multimedia CD-ROM Products.** Presenters: Neil Shaw and Graeme Standfield, Technology Based Training Group, Footscray Institute Technology Campus, Victoria University of Technology. Library, Footscray Institute of Technology, Ballarat Road, Footscray. 5.30 for 6 pm. Contact: Anne McLean (03) 450 5636, fax (03) 459 0206.
- **25 March.** FLIS Training Pty Ltd. 'Achieving service excellence through staff training and motivation' — a workshop for library managers. Mear Market Craft Centre, Melbourne. 9 am-5 pm. \$160. Contact: Jennifer Evans (03) 813 1925.
- **27 March.** Library Promotion Committee of Victoria. AGM. Albert Park Library, 319 Montague Street. 5.30 pm. Contact: Judy Still (03) 347 3205.
- **9 April. Acquisitions Section and ASSIG. 1-day seminar 'Finding and buying Australian government publications: keeping up with the changes'.** St Mary's College, University of Melbourne. 9 am-4.30 pm. ALIA/ASSIG members \$50, non-members \$75, students \$25. Contact: Jill Wilson (03) 669 9815.

## Western Australia

- **18 March. WA Branch. AGM and Dinner.** South Perth Yacht Club, 'Coffee Point', Canning Beach Road, Applecross. AGM 5.30 pm, dinner 7 pm. \$35.00 per person. Contact: Wayne Hastie (09) 451 0831.

- **20 March. Library Technicians Section. General Meeting.** Murdoch University Library. 6.30 pm. Contact: L. Thornber (09) 387 0720.
- **Library Technicians Section. General Meeting.** Medical Library, QEII. (Carpark entrance opposite Hampden Road) 6 pm. Contact: L. Thornber (09) 387 0720.



- **9-12 July 1991. 6th National Library Technicians Conference. 'Bringing the pieces together: communication, change and consolidation?'** Manly Pacific, Sydney. Contact: Jean Bailey (02) 692 4691.
- **22-26 July 1991. National Conference on the Management of Geoscience Information and Data.** Adelaide. Contact: Des Tellis, AMF, 63 Conyngham Street, Glenside, SA 5065, telephone (08) 379 0444, fax (08) 379 4634.
- **11-12 July 1991. Subject librarianship — the future way?** University of South Australia Library, Holbrooks Road, Underdale, SA 5032. Contact: Irene Doskatsch (08) 354 6219, fax (08) 354 6699.
- **1-5 September 1991. Achieving Excellence. 4th Asian-Pacific Special and Law Librarians' Conference.** National Convention Centre, Canberra. Contact: Gail Hawke, Capital Conference Pty Ltd, PO Box E345, Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2600, telephone (06) 285 2048, fax (06) 285 2334.
- **29 September-3 October 1991. Australian School Library Association Conference 'Treat**

yourself: professionally — The Future, Technology, Literature and Education.' Leura, NSW. ASLA XII. Contact: June Wall, Box 89, Winmalee, 2777, telephone (047) 51 5137, fax (047) 54 3562.

- **29-30 November 1991. Cataloguers' Section. 9th National Cataloguing Conference: 'Cataloguing for online access'.** Keynote speaker: Michael Gorman. Ormond College, University of Melbourne. Contact: Margaret Waller (03) 669 9049 or Stephen Gillespie (03) 660 3108, fax (03) 663 3047.



**15-18 July 1991. 2nd International Information Research Conference.** Churchill College, Cambridge. Contact: Karen Merry, Multi-Media Information Conference, The British Library R & D Department, 2 Sheraton Street, London, W1V 4BH, United Kingdom, 071 323 7050, fax 071 323 7251.

**23-27 July 1991. IASL Conference.** Everett, Washington. Tours to follow (including Alaska). Contact: Lalita Brond, IASL Director, Australasia, 5/16 Tennyson Street, St Kilda, Vic 3182 (03) 534 1582.

## Activities organised by ALIA Divisions

## Guiding your writing style

Renton, Nick. *Renton's Elements of Style & Good Writing*. Melbourne: Schwartz and Wilkinson, 1990. 212 pp. \$19.95 ISBN 1 86337 023 4.

Why another style guide? Nick Renton believes that his new book 'differs from the others on the subject in presentation, in emphasis and occasionally in substance ... it endeavours to concentrate on those aspects of greatest relevance to ordinary writers and in particular on those aspects which are frequently not covered in other works of reference.' He hopes also that 'this book can be adopted, with or without modification, as a house style manual for organisations without a specific manual of their own.'

How far he succeeds probably depends on what his reader knew before. For many of us Fowler's *Modern English Usage*, Strunk and White's *The Elements of Style* (3rd edition, Macmillan, 1979 — enormous value in just 92 pages) and the *AGPS Style Manual* (4th edition, AGPS, 1988) between them cover much the same territory. Renton advocates the *Concise Oxford Dictionary* and the *Macquarie Concise Dictionary*, but for Australian use (and to complement the *AGPS Style Manual*) the big *Macquarie Dictionary* is not much more expensive and is almost essential for any serious writing.

Renton claims to be up-to-the-minute with his 5-page chapter on 'Gender Neutral Language' (but the *AGPS* gives us 17 pages on this topic). Renton is strong on

grammatical points and he shines in the profusion of examples he gives of punctuation, 'troublesome words', Americanisms and the like. You might quibble that he overdoes the grammar bit, especially with a whole Appendix devoted to the subjunctive mood, in which one example is 'See that all be in readiness' — surely a far cry from anyone's usual style!

Is much of your working life spent in writing? Then you should continually be honing your main tool, the English language, and critically assessing your use of it. Renton makes interesting reading to help you do this, but will not displace the books listed above. □

## Now Available

Proceedings of the first National Library Staff Development seminar held in Adelaide 19-20 July 1990 are now available for Library Publications, University of South Australia, Holbrooks Road Underdale SA 5032. Price \$25.00. Fax (08) 354 6699

## Young Australians' best book awards

We mentioned the KOALA and KROC awards in *inCite* 1. We have just heard from the ACT Library Service that a similar program is now starting in Canberra: The ACT Kids Own Book Awards (yet to be named by the children). Their short list of 30 titles in each Section, primary and secondary, will be issued on 1 May and the individual winners will be announced during Children's Week, in October. Further information from Leanne Ford (06) 293 5439. □

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