

ANU library joins Pacific Rim information network

The Australian National University Library has joined a consortium of prestigious research institutions on the Pacific Rim which will share their research materials through various digital networks. The consortium will give the university access to the vast digital resources of university libraries in San Diego, Taipei, Tokyo, Singapore, Beijing, Vancouver, Berkeley, Hong Kong, Seattle and Guangzhou.

Australian National University librarian Colin Steele says the information explosion in the region has made it increasingly difficult for any one library to keep abreast of all subjects. The alliance of major libraries is a major initiative that will give participating institutions better access to a broad spectrum of scholarly information.

The alliance will support as many types of new and traditional library functions as

feasible through the sharing of electronic and hard copy data, co-operative collection development, personnel exchange and other activities. Specific functions will include the development of multilingual online library catalogue access, document delivery of journal articles via the Internet and remote access to online databases.

An early project will be the digitisation of primary source materials relating to the exploration of the Pacific. Each Alliance member will digitise materials in their collection and the digitised works will then be merged into a unified database with world-wide access provided via the Internet.

The Council on Library and Information Resources in Washington and the San Diego Supercomputer Centre will both collaborate with the alliance in this vast digitisation project. ■



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• **6/3 WA Specials section Breakfast.** All Easons Freeway Hotel, 55 Mill Point Road, South Perth. Time: 7.30am. Cost: \$10.50 continental, \$14.50 full buffet. RSVP: by 2/3 Kylie Lavars ph 08 9348 4175, fx 08 9325 1684, kylie.lavars@woodside.com.au.

Conferences

• **25-28/10 Adelaide 98 Pathways to knowledge ALIA 5th Biennial Conference.** Adelaide convention centre, South Australia. Contact: Hartley management Group, ph 08 8363 4399, fx 08 8363 4577, sgt@ozemail.com.au.

• **19-21/1/99 Information Online and On Disc 99 conference.** The ninth Australasian Conference and Exhibition. ALIA Information Science Section. Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. Contact: Wael Foda, ACMS, ph 02 9332 4622, fx 02 9332 4066, online99@acms.com.au, URL <http://www.acms.com.au>.

National

12-16/3 The 1998 Somerset celebration of literature. Now in its fifth year, this nationally recognised festival features a wide range of authors. Confirmed authors to date include David Williamson. Contact: Graeme Gardiner, Somerset College, Somerset Drive, Mugeeraba 4213, ph 07 5530 3777, fx 07 5525 2676.

• **3-9/5 Australian Library Week.** Libraries: pathways to knowledge. Further information available from ALIA National Office, PO Box E441, Kingston 2604, ph 02 6285 1877, fx 02 6282 2249, enquiry@alia.org.au.

6-9/9 Records Management Association of Australia 15th Convention. Making Information Work. Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Further information: Judy Lederle, ph 07 3369 0477, fx 07 3369 1512.

New bite for NT library system

Funding has been secured and the project team appointed for the most far-reaching library system replacement project in Australia.

The Northern Territory Library is installing a new system for new services to its broad constituency: the Territory Reference Library; Parliamentary Library; departmental libraries; public libraries; and school libraries — for indigenous and non-indigenous people in urban and remote locations.

The project team, which includes Catherine Hunt, Ruth Belin and Leonie Hayes-Proudley from the Northern Territory Library, Ian McCallum, Leona Jennings and Craig McAuliffe from library consulting company Libraries Alive!, has developed an acquisition process with plans for system selection by June 1998 and full operations on the new platform six months later.

Lea Giles-Peters, assistant secretary of the Northern Territory Library commented: 'We've been preparing for this for some time. Now our program review is finished, new senior staff are on board, and the results of our territory-wide user survey are to hand, our project has real teeth. Soon we'll be showing other library networks what "can do" means in the territory vernacular.'

Contact: Leona Jennings or Ian McCallum, ph 08 8999 8920 or 0417 255 973. ■

REQUEST FOR TENDER LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE & SERVICES

The Northern Territory Library requests tenders for the Supply of Integrated Library Management Software & Support Services and Related Processing & Storage Platform.

Intending Tenderers should register and request documents from Mr Richard Lucas, Senior Adviser, Contract Services, Department of Transport and Works GPO Box 2520 Darwin NT 0801 or by telephoning 08 8924 5924. A downloadable Word 6 file is also available from the Library's website: www.nt.gov.au/ntl/

Tenders close in Darwin at 2pm ACSTime on **10 March 1998**.

This procurement is being managed for the Library by *Libraries Alive! P/L*

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