Will you be there?

Have you lost your registration brochure for the 10th ALIA National Library Technicians Conference? The information brochure and registration form is now available online through an external link from the conference site at http://www.alia.org.au/sections/libt/conferences/1999/. While online registration is not possible, you can print the brochure or e-mail Keynote Conferences for more information.

While you are online, why not check out the Fremantle website at http://www.freonet.net.au? There is plenty to see and do in this great town in addition to the organised conference events.

Our conferences have included library visits as part of the program and this year's committee feel this once again will be of value to delegates. This year the committee is offering the choice of attending a workshop or a library visit on Thursday 9 September 1999. The workshop is the Fremantle Children's Literature Centre. There are many options for library tours, the brochure has full details.

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10th ALIA National Library Technicians Conference
8–10 September 1999

The conference dinner is on Thursday at the Fremantle Sailing Club. The Dunn & Wilson Scholarship will be presented during the dinner. The dinner is an optional extra to your registration.

Watch *inCite* for more information about the conference, or visit the webpage which will be continually updated.

For more information please contact Anne Nicolay at Keynote Conferences on 08 9382 3799 or by mail to PO Box 1126, West Leederville 6901 or e-mail: keynote@ca.com.au. ∎

Everything you ever wanted to know about metadata

The internet has allowed many people to make their online publications available quickly and relatively easily. But there is an increasing risk that these publications will be impossible to find in an ocean of irrelevant documents. To index resources more precisely on the Web, or to arrange them in topic groups for assisted navigation, you need to add metadata.

Metadata is information about your resource. It may be applied to a diverse range of materials. For example, various research communities in Australia are reviewing one of the most well-known metadata schemas, the Dublin Core, to assess the feasibility of extending it in various subject areas such as agriculture, chemistry, engineering and information technology. The interesting outcome of these reviews is that the subject gateway implementations have been able to use the Dublin Core in its original form.

The Dublin Core metadata schema has also been reviewed by the Consortium for the Interchange of Museum Information, and found to be perfectly applicable to museum artifacts. This exercise has illustrated the ability to provide a single entry point to all the different types of resources held in library collections, not just print-based materials.

The National Library has developed an information site, called *MetaMatters*, which describes the metadata schemas available for use in Australia and how to apply them. Some of this experience comes from last year's *MetaWeb* Project. Additional expertise has been provided by many of the agencies currently deploying metadata — libraries, archives, government agencies, and other information providers.

MetaMatters also provides useful links to Australian creators in various communities such as government, user guides, discussion lists, subject gateways and a reading list. If you have additional queries, please contact the National Library of Australia on metadata@nla.gov.au. Comments regarding the site are welcome. Check it out at http://www.nla.gov.au/meta. ∎

tails, please contact Stephen Coppins, ph 02 9715 8316, spcoppins@bigpond.com

● **1/12 NSW School Libraries section**. *Christmas function*. All members are welcome at this function. Venue tba, 6pm. Contact: Ian McLean, president, Ian.McLean@det.nsw.edu.au or Mary Gibbs, secretary, mgibbs@shore.nsw.edu.au for more details

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● **1/7–4/11 NT Branch meeting**. *1999 schedule:* 1/7; 5/8; 2/9; 7/10 — NARU Library. 4/11 AGM (meeting and dinner: venue tba). 4:30–6pm. Contact: Lisa Darby, ph 08 8922 0031, lisa.darby@anu.edu.au

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7/7 Kinetica Web Training 9:30–12:30, QUT Library. Bookings and enrolment information at http://wwwlib.qut.edu.au/services/community/kinetica/ Ph 07 3864 1821/1624, s.smart@qut.edu.au

15/7 Kinetica Document Delivery Training 9:45–4pm, QUT Library. Bookings and enrolment information at http://wwwlib.qut.edu.au/services/community/kinetica/ Ph 07 3864 1821/1624, s.smart@qut.edu.au

● **22/7 Qld TAFE section meeting**. Southbank Campus Library, Training Room, 3rd Floor, M Block, Corner Ernest and Merivale Streets, South Brisbane, 4:30pm. All welcome. Contact: Sue Moss, president, ph 07 3244 5635 or Helen Martyn, vice-president, ph 07 3244 5982.

● **23/7 Qld Special Libraries section**. *Christmas in July*. Join your colleagues (bring family and friends!) for a fun evening at the Court House Restaurant, Cleveland, 7pm. $25 per person, fully licensed, maxicab transport available. Contact: Helen Laurelin, ph 07 3404 3213 (w), 07 3848 3980 (ah), laurbegg@bit.net.au *RSVP by 12/7*.

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● **5/8 Qld Library Technicians section**. *Workplace Health and Safety Workshop*. For further information, please contact: Yvonne Brock, ph 07 3896 2229, fx 07 3389 1576, yvonne.brock@acgs.qld.edu.au

● **10/8–14/12 Qld Library Technicians section meeting**. State Library of Queensland, Metway Theatrette, 5 for 5:30pm all welcome. 1999 dates: 10/8; 12/10; 14/12. Contacts: Yvonne Brock, 1999 president, ph 07 3896 2229, yvonne.brock@acgs.qld.edu or Mary Harlow, correspondence secretary, ph 07 3237 1702, mary.harlow@publicworks.qld.gov.au.

7/9 Copyright for Libraries & Information Services: 3 seminars ($50 each) covering such issues as digitising material, using CD ROMs & databases, copying for preserva-