# Library and Information Week in Victoria

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Once again Victoria had a very successful Library and Information Week with engaging and informative programs held throughout the state. Some of the highlights included: a week-long technology program at Hume-Moonee Valley Regional Library Corporation entitled 'E-world: Technology for @ll'; Federation celebrations at Bayside Library Service; Chinese collection launch at Casey Cardinia Library Corporation; and stories of migration at Kingston Information and Library Service.

The media coverage was exceptional including TV coverage with ABC Snapshots, eighteen radio interviews and approximately seventy-seven newspaper articles. One of the highlights was a radio interview with Barbara Horn, regional library director of Yarra-Melbourne Regional Library Corporation and Sheena Knowles, the author of *Edward the emu*, on Radio 744.

The National Simultaneous Storytime was a huge success with many excited children across the state enjoying *Edward the emu*. There were celebrity readers galore including: the Queenscliff branch of the Geelong Regional Library Service was lucky enough to have Sheena Knowles; the Ivanhoe branch of Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service also had a celebrity reader in Raymond J Bartholomeuz; the Croydon branch of Eastern Regional Libraries hosted channel 9 newreader Peter Hitchener; and Eastern Regional Libraries hosted 3LO radio presenter Tonya Roberts.

Victorian libraries have embraced Library and Information week and are looking forward to planning next year! Thank you to the State Library of Victoria and JMM Marketing for their continued support of Victorian Public Libraries. ■

# Edward at the zoo

Approximately 35 students from the Deakin School for Early Learning attended a storytime at the National Zoo and Aquarium in Canberra. Nikki LoBianco from the ACT Library Service read *Edward the Emu* plus a number of other Australian stories. There was a surprise visit from Prime Possum, and the children were then able to visit some of the animals featured in the story. Many thanks to the National Zoo and Aquarium for their support of National Simultaneous Storytime. ■
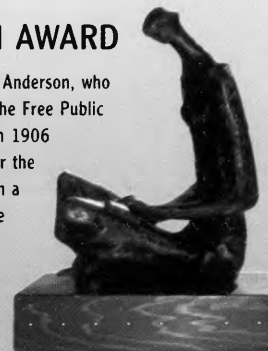


# ALIA's PREMIER AWARDS

*Nominations are now being called for the following honorary awards of the Australian Library and Information Association*

## HCL ANDERSON AWARD

This award commemorates HCL Anderson, who was the principal librarian of the Free Public Library of New South Wales from 1906 and is the highest honour the Association can bestow on a professsional member. The HCL Anderson Award is conferred in recognition of outstanding service to librarianship, the profession, ALIA, or to the theory and practice of librarianship. Previous winners of the award include John Wallace Metcalfe, Harrison Bryan, Warren Horton and Margaret Trask. To be eligible for the award nominees must be Associate members of the Association.

## REDMOND BARRY AWARD

The Redmond Barry Award is conferred in recognition of outstanding service to ALIA, to the promotion/theory/practice of library and information science or an associated field. Nominees must be people who are not eligible to become a professional member; and not employed in the field of library and information science. Prof Donald Lamberton and The Hon EG Whitlam are previous recipients of this award.

## ELLINOR ARCHER AWARD

Ellinor Archer was a foundation member of the Australian Institute of Librarians and its first woman president. The Ellinor Archer Award is conferred in recognition of outstanding service to a library and information service, the promotion/theory/practice of library and information science, or an associated field. Nominees must be, or have been, employed in libraries, but be ineligible for Associate membership. A previous recipient is Ena Noël.

### Confidentiality

It is essential that nominees should NOT be aware that they are nominated for an award. Nominations are considered by the Honorary Awards Committee and General Council in committee, and details are published only when the nominations are successful. Divisions of ALIA are particularly asked not to note nominations in their agenda papers or minutes. Disclosure of such details can prejudice a nomination.

### Nomination forms

Nomination forms are available from ALIA National Office, PO Box E441, Kingston ACT 2604 phone 02 6285 1877, fax 02 6282 2249 e-mail awards@alia.org.au URL http://www.alia.org.au/awards/

**Nominations close 1 February 2002**