

Making news

Selected reprints from newspapers and magazines in recent months

23/9 CAVAL training activities.

Information audit. one-day workshop is conducted by Sue Henczel, author of the book *Information audit: a practical guide*. CARM Centre 4 Park Drive Bundoora. Cost: \$396 CAVAL/ALIA members, \$440 non-members. Contact: Eve Cornish, evc@caval.edu.au, register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

• **October Special Libraries (Vic).** *Special Library visit.* Further details: tba.

• **1/10 Vic Library Technicians.** *Committee meeting.* Meet in the Library foyer, Deakin University, Burwood Campus. Everyone is welcome, no charge, light supper provided. *RSVPs essential:* Kerrie Kelly, ph 03 8664 7128, kkelly@slv.vic.gov.au

• **19/10 Vic Library Technicians.** *Job seekers forum.* half-day workshop covering resumes and interview skills. Margie Anderson, One Umbrella, will present news on the current job market. State Library of Victoria. Cost: \$5.50 ALIA members, \$11 non-members, \$7.70 students. To join the mailing list for brochures contact: Clare Bristow, rees@deakin.edu.au

WA

• **20/8–16/10 WA Library Technicians.** *General meeting.* 20/8, 16/10. Venue: tba.

• **September WA Library Technicians.** *General meeting.* Weekend Workshop. Date and venue: tba.

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3/9 CAVAL training activities. *Database/pictorial indexing.* one-day workshop led by Max McMaster. The Centre for Business Solutions, 140 Royal Street. East Perth, 9:30–4:30pm. Cost: \$198 CAVAL/ALIA members, \$220 non-members. Contact: Eve Cornish, evc@caval.edu.au, register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

National

29–30/11 University of South Australia Library in association with ALIA present *The Vital Link 3: staffing library and information services in the 21st century.* City West Campus, University of South Australia. Contact: Marilyn Fraser, University of South Australia Library, Holbrooks Road, Underdale 5032, ph 08 8302 7040, fx 08 8302 6756, marilyn.fraser@unisa.edu.au

Conferences

• **6–7/12 ALIA Quroum.** *New Librarian's symposium.* Personal and professional development for new librarians in the Australia-Pacific Region. Carlton Crest Hotel, Brisbane. Register your interest and find out more details at <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/>

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From stacks to store

Courier Mail, 13 July by Kris Olsson

Library? No, Ideas Store — that's what the renovated State Library of Queensland will be if Lea Giles-Peters has her say. The ideas store concept has been very successful internationally in attracting younger patrons to libraries, however, the State Library renovations would have to balance the need for innovation, with the library's objective of preserving Queensland's cultural heritage.

The State Library will consult widely with communities to ensure that the library meets the needs of as many patrons as possible. Lea has initiated discussions with indigenous elders to find ways of incorporating oral culture and to identify expert indigenous staff. The library renovations are due for completion in 2005.

Words are cheap when you can't afford to buy

Courier Mail, 13 July, by Rosemary Sorensen

Brisbane City Councillor, David Hinchliffe, wants to encourage those who can afford it to buy books rather than using the public library system. The demand for new release titles at Brisbane City Council libraries has increased dramatically, with waiting lists of up to 683 for some new titles. Australian Booksellers Association president Kathleen Mapperson said libraries should complement the role of bookshops, not replace them. She suggests that when someone buys a new release, bookshop staff could encourage the purchaser to explore the collection at their local library for back titles by the same author.

A peace bridge forms above the rattling of sabres

The Canberra Times, 14 July by Steve Boggan

'May all the gods curse anyone who breaks, defaces, or removes this tablet with a curse that cannot be relieved, terrible and merciless as long as he lives, may they let his name, his seed be carried off from the land, and may they put his flesh in a dog's mouth'. So read the inscription carved 2600 years ago inside the library in Nineveh (now Iraq). The curse was ignored by a British archaeological expedition which excavated the site and transported its 25 000 clay tablets to London. Now archaeologists are collaborating on a plan to send plaster casts of hundreds of the tablets to Iraq as the first step in recreating the library — the first properly catalogued and systematically collated library in the ancient world.

Book binding

Bulletin with Newsweek, 16 July, by Paul Syvret

The One Book One Brisbane project aims to create a common topic of debate and conversation. The project, to be launched in August, aims

to have every one in Brisbane reading the same book at the same time. The title selected is Peter Carey's *The true history of the Kelly Gang*.

Opposition told of need for library funds boost

Hamilton Spectator, 2 July

Howard Templeton, Glenelg Regional Library Corporation board chairman, stressed the need for more government funding during a meeting with the Shadow Minister for Local Government, Leonie Burke. While the state government has announced an average three per cent increase in library funding across the state, councillor Templeton said that this was actually a penalty for the corporation as larger increases in funding were going to growth areas, not to areas of declining population.

I'm game if you are

Wellington Times, 3 July, by Janet Kaye

An exhibition with a difference will begin on 22 July at the Wellington Library. The library is holding a lingerie display, and is calling for the public to help. The display will chart the history of lingerie: bloomers, scanties, stays, corsets, petticoats, slips, and of course the common bra.

Plenty to write about

Tenterfield Star, 4 July by Nellie Ayres

The Tenterfield Public Library is celebrating fifty years of service with the launch of the book *Writing Tenterfield*, as well as a website. The publication is a collection of sixteen essays written by authors from the University of New England, Southern Cross University and Tenterfield. The book covers the history, culture, and achievements of local citizens who have made significant contributions to Tenterfield. Launched on the same day will be a Tenterfield website [http://www.une.edu.au/geoplan/Tenterfield_index.html].

Old bible goes cyber in Texas

The Australian, 9 July by Jim Vertuno

One of the few existing copies of the Gutenberg Bible is to be digitised by the University of Texas. The project aims to make the priceless book accessible to scholars and the general public. While not the first copy of the Gutenberg Bible to go digital, this is important as this copy has been marked up by monks who scratched out some passages and corrected others. Other markings indicate sections that were to be read aloud or reserved for church services.

Sports trailer delivered to Aboriginal community

Riverine Grazier (Hay), 26 June

The Riverina Office of NSW Sport and Recreation has delivered a specially-built sports trailer to the Balranald Aboriginal Community. The sports library works like any other library — sporting equipment is borrowed for a period

of time, and then returned so that others can use it. The sport libraries are an initiative of the New South Wales Department of Sport and Recreation.

Library seeks rights bookings

Sunday Age, 30 June by Farah Farouque

The State Library of Victoria plans to sell of naming rights for some of the refurbished sections of the library. While rights to the library's 'hallowed spaces' would not be sold, naming rights to a number of smaller spaces will be marketed to potential sponsors. Potential sponsors will have to be approved by the library board.

Blackwater library keeps in touch

Blackwater Herald, 25 June

Duaranga Shire Council recently received a Library Board of Queensland's Library Innovation Grant. The Duaringa project, 'Keeping in touch with the community', received \$3300, and will provide residents who are hospitalised or socially isolated with a mobile library service.

Shedding light into a Melbourne landmark: refurbished library tells Victoria's tales

The Age, 25 June, by Meaghan Shaw

The domed reading room of the State Library of Victoria has been returned to its former glory. The copper sheeting which covered the skylights has been removed, and the walls repainted to create a light, inviting room.

Wimmera Regional Library receives \$79 000 from state government

Rainbow Argus, 13 June

The Wimmera Regional Library service was presented with a cheque for \$79 000 as its share of the \$1.2 million funding announced by the Bracks Government for Victorian public libraries to purchase library materials. The funds will be used to purchase materials for children and teenagers.

Library bends boundaries with innovation grant

Central Telegraph (Biloela), 21 June

Banana Shire Council has received \$10 000 to introduce new features to its library service. The funds were made available through the Library Board of Queensland Library Innovation Grants program. The Banana Shire project, 'Indulge yourself: your passion, your senses, your e-magination', features a series of activities including a photographic com-

petition and workshop, a gardening guest speaker and on-line expo.

Snapshot in time

Advocate (Coffs Harbour), 21 June

Almost ten million people have chosen to have their name stored in the 2001 Centenary of Federation Time Capsule. The time capsule will contain microfilm copies of the census information. It will be securely stored by the National Archives of Australia and opened to the public in the year 2100.

\$15 000 grant 'paltry'

Oakleigh Monash Leader, 19 June, by Cathy Heycock

Councillor Peter Vlahos said that the \$15 000 contribution to Monash libraries was a real disappointment, and questioned the State Government's commitment to libraries. The library had applied for \$50 000 through the Living Libraries Public Library Infrastructure program last year, but only received \$15 000.

Net rules backdown: censorship reviewed

Sunday Telegraph (Sydney), 23 June, by Nathan Vass

A law restricting R-rated material on the internet could be repealed. The NSW law attempted to classify internet content that was unsuitable for children. It also attempted to ban access to material that would be refused classification under the existing censorship scheme. Chair of the review committee, Jan Burnswoods, said that at the centre of the inquiry was the tension between the right of adults to see and hear what they want and the need to protect children from dangerous and exploitative material.

Cities on a library funding tightrope

Whitehorse Leader, 19 June, by Belinda Mackowski

Whitehorse and Manningham councils will have to find more money for libraries in the next financial year or cut library services. The Victorian government announced that funding for public libraries would increase on average by three per cent. Julie Eisenbise, chairwoman of the Whitehorse Manningham Regional Library Corporation, said that while the exact funding figure was not known, a three per cent increase was not going to be enough. ■



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• **24-27/8/2003 10th Asia Pacific Special Health and Law Librarians conference. celebrate the future.** Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide. Contact: Philip Keane, ph 08 8222 3224, philip.keane@imvs.sa.gov.au, <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/shllc/2003/index.html>

• **9-12/9/2003 12th National Library Technicians conference. Bridging services: embracing reality.** Brisbane Qld. Event co-ordinator: Organisers Australia, PO Box 1237, Milton Qld 4064, ph 07 3369 7866, fx 07 3367 1471, mail@orgaus.com.au

Overseas

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5/8 CAVAL training activities. INFORM-IT. University of Auckland, General Library, Level 3, Room 310. Cost: \$110 CAVAL/ALIA members, \$132 non-members. Contact: Eve Cornish, evenc@caval.edu.au, register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

7/8 CAVAL training activities. INFORMIT. University of Canterbury, Central Library, Level 5 Training Room. Cost: \$110 CAVAL/ALIA members, \$132 non-members. Contact: Eve Cornish, evenc@caval.edu.au, register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

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