

9:00am. Hosted by Kerri Nixon. Contact: Kerri Nixon, ph 07 3391 3499, info@resource-options.com.au

- **23/11 ALIA Quorum.** *General meeting.* Venue tba. Watch the ALIAQLD e-list for more information closer to the date. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 07 3846 1813, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

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- **3/2 Vic Library Technicians' Committee meeting.** State Library of Victoria, meet in the Dome meeting room (head towards DDC 919) at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome, no charge, light supper provided. *RSVPs essential!* Tricia Murray, ph 02 9925 3110, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

- **21/2 Vic Library Technicians'.** Mornington Peninsula Library. Meet at 10:30am for a tour of the Hastings Branch and a presentation on public libraries and their role in social capital. Lunch to follow (delegates own expense). Everyone is welcome. Contact: Tricia Murray, ph 03 9925 3110, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

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- **19/3 Vic Library Technicians'.** *Hot off the press: following the work of technical services.* Full-day event includes presentations on publishing, acquisitions, the work of a supplier, cataloguing and processing. Cost [GST incl] \$24.20 ALIA members/student/concession, \$33.00 non-members, includes BBQ lunch hosted Raeco and Coach travel. Contact: Tricia Murray, ph 03 9925 3110, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

- **6/4 Vic Library Technicians' Committee meeting.** Victoria Police Academy Library, Viewmount Road, Glen Waverly. Meet at 6:00pm, tour will precede the meeting. Everyone welcome, light supper provided. A gold coin donation would be appreciated. *RSVPs essential for security purposes.* Tricia Murray, ph 03 9925 3110, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

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Making news...

Selected reprints from newspapers and magazine in recent months

Caloundra's libraries the 'best and busiest'
Sunshine Coast Sunday, 11 January, by Damian Bathersby

Caloundra City's libraries were named the Queensland Public Library of the Year in mid-2003, and official figures released in January 2004 reveal that they are also the state's busiest. The claim is based on the library items issued per person (20.66), library items issued per member (34.08), and the number of library visits per person (10.37). Library staff attributed this success to the library being able to provide the right products for the public.

Lord Mayor throws books at sin strip
Australian, 9 January, by Jodie Minus

The Kings Cross Library has been temporarily located between two sex shops on the Darlinghurst Road. The library move is part of a push to update Darlinghurst Road and bring back a diversity of business to the precinct. Regular library users seem unfazed by the move.

Giving kids best start in life

Kalgoorlie Miner, 9 January, by Amy Monaghan

A pilot project of the Better Beginnings program, co-ordinated by the State Library of Western Australia, is being held in Kalgoorlie-Boulder libraries. The program aims to encourage literacy by providing new parents with a 'Better beginnings tool kit', and free home delivery service.

Beware the internet for family history research

Kiama Independent, 7 January

Ray Thorburn, director of the Kiama Family History Centre, urges budding genealogists to visit their local library or historical society for guidance before hitting the internet. He warns that a lot of the information available on the internet could be suspect, having been put in by well-meaning researchers who had not verified their facts.

University life has never looked better

Advertiser (Adelaide), 31 December 2003, by Louise Treccasi

A detailed look at the planned \$100 million upgrade of the University of South Australia. The upgrade includes the expansion of the university's City West and City East campuses and the Mawson Lakes campus. Plans include a new glass facade for the art gallery at the City West campus, and extensions to that campus' library.

Spam: reducing the rubbish

News — Mail (Bundaberg), 26 December, by Peta Kinch

Proving that librarians don't just help out behind the four walls of the library, Peta Kinch, reference librarian, has written an easy-to-follow introduction to the problems of spam e-mail. The article encourages readers to visit the library to research how they can help to reduce the impact of spam.

Led tome raiders to promised land

Herald Sun (Melbourne), 24 December, by Frances Awcock

An obituary for Warren Horton who died on

25 November after a long fight against cancer. Frances describes Warren as 'a towering presence on the state, national and international scene of librarianship.'

Shire may shame library's debtors

Gladstone Observer, 23 December, by Ren Lanzon

Recalcitrant borrowers in the Calliope Shire may be named and shamed soon. The Calliope Shire Council decided that it would look into naming offenders in the council's magazine *The Shire Crier* if there were no legal restrictions from doing so.

Lundy to put government's interventionist role on arts bodies under the spotlight

Canberra Times, 22 December, by Andrew Fraser

Senator Kate Lundy has said that the ALP will be looking closely at everything the Howard government has said and done with regard to arts institutions. She has accused Prime Minister Howard of seeking to leave his personal stamp on national institutions that had previously been the subject of independent administration and bipartisan support.

ScreenSound Australia

One of the biggest stories in Canberra during December was the proposed re-structure of ScreenSound Australia. The changes, outlined in the Australian Film Commission's New Directions paper, would have seen fifteen jobs disappear, and according to critics of the plan, the collections scattered to other capital cities. The *Canberra Times* provided prominent coverage of the story on 17 December [*Rage at ScreenSound*, by Helen Musa], and a follow-up story on 20 December revealed that the plans had been scrapped [*ScreenSound OK for now: who's next?*, by Frank Cassidy].

Library's meaning

Manning River Times (Taree), 16 December

What does the library mean to you? The Friends of the Library recently co-ordinated a writing competition asking this very question. The winner, Joan Quarmby, said that the library had helped her connect with her grandchildren via e-mail, and she had learned to use a computer at the library.

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