

LIS sector watch

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Friends of libraries resource book 2005

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The Friends of Libraries Australia has released an updated resource book. It includes information on establishing a successful Friends group, incorporation, public liability, keeping your Friends active, and much more. The book is available from FOLA for \$65.95 plus \$10 postage and handling.

The state of America's libraries

The American Library Association (USA)
http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/4-06_StateofAmericasLibraries.pdf

The American Library Association released the first-ever State of America's libraries report in April 2003. The report details the positive effects of libraries and librarians on the millions of Americans who use them and the challenges that libraries face in the area of funding. The report explores American's perceptions and use of public libraries, funding for all types of libraries, the results and reach of technology in libraries and more.

Delivering library services for disabled people

Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (UK)
<http://www.mla.gov.uk/website/programmes/>

The UK Museums, Libraries and Archives Council have developed an online learning resource for library staff on delivering access and equal opportunity to people with a disability. The resource includes ten learning modules supported by case studies. It is designed to be a flexible self-study package, which can be used by individuals or groups from senior management to front-line staff. ■

New Zealand Booksellers' Choice Award 2006

The 2006 shortlist comprises two fiction titles, a very topical non-fiction title, and a book celebrating the relationship between poetry and the New Zealand landscape.

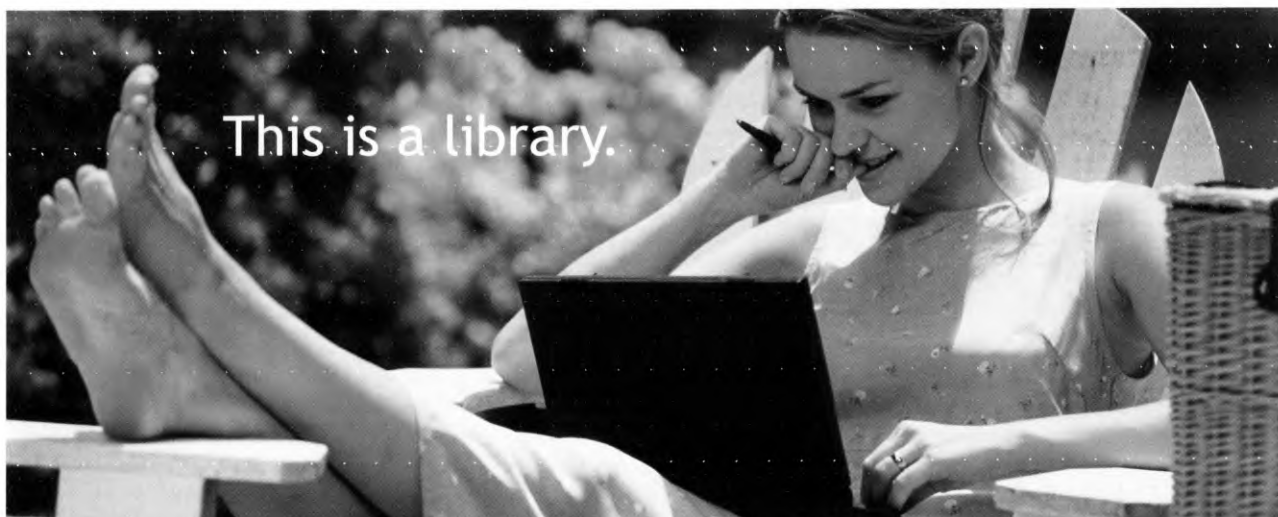
The Captive Wife, Fiona Kidman,
Random House New Zealand Ltd

He Will Be OK: Growing gorgeous boys into good men, Celia Lashlie,
HarperCollins New Zealand

Let Me Sing You Gentle Songs,
Linda Olsson,
Penguin Books New Zealand

The Nature of Things: Poems from the New Zealand landscape,
edited by James Brown,
photographs by Craig Potton

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