

# Libraries Australia — a new NLA service

This service, an Australian first, is a library user's e-ticket to a world of information. From 27 February 2006, *Libraries Australia* <http://librariesaustralia.nla.gov.au> will allow users in registered libraries to search more than 40 million items held in over 800 libraries across the nation, including books, journals, newspapers, theses, pictures, music, manuscripts, maps and much more. Online resources, such as digitised images and full-text government publications, can be accessed immediately.

An internet-based service for libraries and their clients, Libraries Australia can be used for many purposes including interlibrary lending, reference, collection development and cataloguing. The core of Libraries Australia is the Australian National Bibliographic Database (ANBD). Users of libraries who are members of Libraries Australia (previously Kinetica)

can access the subscription or full service rather than the free service. Subscription offers enhanced functionality including advanced searching and personalised access to the service. A personalised login also enables a user to receive alerts of new resources in their area of interest and can be accessed anywhere.

The annual subscription fee provides unlimited access to ANBD. Member libraries can offer the fully functional subscription service to their users without incurring rising use charges. Details of charges can be found at <http://www.nla.gov.au/librariesaustralia/charges.html>. For library subscription information go to <http://www.nla.gov.au/librariesaustralia/rego/index.html>. For individual subscriptions, users can contact the Libraries Australia Helpdesk, ph 1800 026 155, [librariesaustralia@nla.gov.au](mailto:librariesaustralia@nla.gov.au).

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## Google forum at NISSL

On 9 December 2005, the National Institute of Social Sciences and Law at the Australian National University held a forum 'GOOGLE: Infinite Library, Copyright Pirate, or Monopolist?' The speakers included ALIA's copyright advisor, Moyra McAllister, Matthew Rimmer (chair), Sarah Waladan, Michael Handler, Roger Clarke and Chris Creswell also gave presentations. Librarians, lawyers, legislators and thinkers discussed the rights and wrongs of an internet giant.

Downloadable audio versions of the presentations are available from the institute's website <http://ni.anu.edu.au/nissl>. ■



(L to R) Michael Handler, Matthew Rimmer and Chris Creswell, speakers at the forum

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