Implementing a new system

Once a decision is made to adopt an intranet database approach to storing and accessing internet sites, student's assignments etc, an education campaign must be launched to educate staff and students: on not only how to access it, but the *benefits* of doing so. Changing teacher and student habits is not easy and requires patience, commitment and willingness on the part of the library staff to move out of their comfort zone and take risks by moving into the classroom and the staff room. Leadership must come from the top; commitment to using the new system must be clearly spelt out. Library staff must see the new system as enhancing their roles in the learning community, utilising their traditional skills in finding information and teaching literacy skills and making them available in the new information search media. Librarians must be in the forefront of teaching information literacy skills or become irrelevant to the generation of students now in the learning communities.

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Libraries Australia launched

The National Library of Australia is delighted to announce the culmination of a two-year project to redevelop the Kinetica service. The Libraries Australia service, launched on 30 November 2005, offers innovation in resource discovery, co-operative cataloguing and resource sharing to Australian libraries and the communities they serve.

The new service delivers an improved Cataloguing Client, which replaces the existing Kinetica Cataloguing Client, enabling libraries to catalogue online and add their holdings. Batch*Link is replaced by the Libraries Australia Record Import Service; libraries can catalogue in local systems and add records and holdings to the Australian National Bibliographic Database. The Libraries Australia Record Export Service replaces Marc*Link, providing the facility for libraries to access and download bibliographic records from the national database to include in their local catalogues. A web cataloguing form is also available and there is a new products service.

Libraries Australia Administration facilitates access by libraries to their profile, account details and billing

information. It also enables libraries to register for services, manage their own library's information, and make changes to their library's profile as needed.

For the first time, bibliographic records in Chinese, Japanese and Korean scripts have been integrated into the Australian National Bibliographic Database.

In a message to Australian libraries Jan Fullerton, director-general of the National Library congratulated all of the staff concerned: 'their skill, commitment and professionalism over the more than two years of this project has been outstanding.'

Take a look at the new, re-branded Libraries Australia web site, providing information on all services, release notes, updated documentation, events and training at: http://www.nla.gov.au/librariesaustralia/index.html.

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