# Product news

•6/3 ALIA South Australia **Jessamyn West: Doing more with less**. Learn how to use free and inexpensive technology tools to help your library. SLSA, 2:30 – 4:30pm. Contact Fiona Butcher, fiona.butcher@alia.org.au

9–10/3 **Learning Futures** Public libraries for the new generations in Australia and New Zealand, Auslib Conferences, contact Judith Bundy, ph 08 8278 4363, info@auslib.com.au

•28/3 ALIA South Australia **Basic Wikis 101** Workshop Series. Contact Kate Sinclair, ph 08 8201 5183, kate.sinclair@flinders.edu.au

•18/4 ALIA South Australia **Nuts n Bolts for ALIA officebearers.** 5:30pm, Ira Raymond Room, Barr Smith Library, University of Adelaide. Contact Fiona Butcher, fiona.butcher@alia.org.au

•10/5 ALIA South Australia **Basic Flickr 101** Workshop Series. Flickr and other social tagging sites. Contact Kate Sinclair, ph 08 8201 5183, kate.sinclair@flinders.edu.au

•25/5 ALIA South Australia **Quiz Night.** Celebrate Library Week and ALIA's 70th Birthday with trivia, fun and prizes. Start preparing your team now! Contact Kate Sinclair, ph 08 8201 5183, kate.sinclair@flinders.edu.au

•18/7 ALIA PD Workshop in partnership with CAVAL. **Negotiating e-licences**. Special rates for members. Practical one-day workshop suitable for all library and information professionals. Cliftons, Adelaide. Register online, http://training.caval.edu.au/pdt/show_course.php?CID=217. For further information email training@caval.edu.au, ph 03 9450 5508 or email pd@alia.org.au, ph 02 6215 8216

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•20/7 ALIA PD workshop in partnership with CAVAL. **Negotiating e-licences**. Special rates for members. Practical one-day workshop suitable for all library and information professionals. Function and Conference Centre, Hobart. **VIC**

•10/3 ALIA New Graduates. **Lunch with Jessamyn West,** author of librarian.net. 12:00pm at Mr Tulk Café, SLV. Contact Michelle Thomason, ph 03 9345 5158, michelle.thomason@rch.org.au

•15/3 ALIA Victoria. **Introduction to Blogs, RSS and other online tools.** Guest speaker: Heather Blakey. RMIT Swanston Library, Seminar Room 1. RSVP essential, limited places. Cost: $5.50 ALIA members, $11.00 others (GST incl). Contact Michelle Thomason, ph 03 9345 5158, michelle.thomason@rch.org.au

15-17/3 The Australian and New Zealand **Society of Indexers Conference**. Amora Hotel, Riverwalk, Richmond (formerly Rydges Riverwalk). Contact Michael Harrington, 02 6248 8297, secretary@aussi.org

## New Resources for College Libraries (RCL) web edition

In November 2006 Bowker, publisher of Books in Print, and Choice Magazine, and the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) launched the online edition of the new Resources for College Libraries (RCL).

RCLweb, an online database of hand-selected core titles for academic libraries, is the successor to the American Library Association's classic reference work, Books for College Libraries, which was also developed by Choice and last published in its third edition in 1988.

Users can create, edit, and save lists that can then be e-mailed or downloaded and printed. Searching has been made easier, updates are frequent and the resource can be linked with a library's catalogue.

## Now available from Maxus: Inmagic Genie 3.0

Inmagic has released version 3.0 of the Genie web-based integrated library system. For more information on its new features, contact Maxus at http://www.maxus.net.au/.

## SirsiDynix accquired by Vista Equity Partners

SirsiDynix announced in mid-January 2007 that its acquisition by Vista Equity Partners was complete. Vista becomes the sole institutional investor in SirsiDynix. Further financial details were not released. Vista replaces Seaport Capital of New York as SirsiDynix's majority investor.

## NPG launches a new web publication *Nature China*

Nature Publishing Group (NPG) and AstraZeneca are delighted to announce the launch of Nature China (http://www.naturechina.com), a new web-based publication promoting the best scientific research published in mainland China and Hong Kong. Nature China's is a single portal for the best research from mainland China and Hong Kong in all scientific and medical disciplines. This marks the start of a key sponsorship deal with AstraZeneca who have committed to support the website for the next two years in recognition of the importance of research coming out of China.

## New release of DialogClassic Web

A new version of DialogClassic Web was released in mid-February with a redesigned interface, upgraded tools and special features. Among other features, the browser-based search tool offers a 30-day history of all Dialog search activity, a type-ahead buffer to write and edit your search strategy, new save, navigation and command options. For more information visit http://thomsondialog.com/dialogclassicweb.

## New funding for Indigenous and inclusive e-learning

Training organisations looking to trial the use of e-learning technologies for Indigenous people, learners with disabilities, young people and mature age workers can now apply for a grant to support their trial. The Australian Flexible Learning Framework will be funding up to 12 trials as part of its commitment to making e-learning more inclusive and accessible.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the project managers to discuss their application before they submit. Full application details, including guidelines and information on previous trials, can be downloaded at http://www.flexiblelearning.net.au/indigenous and http://www.flexiblelearning.net.au/inclusive.

## New guidebook to signs

Vista System International has recently introduced an 82 page 'Guidebook 2 Signs'. It contains useful tools and tips, including over 500 examples of sign types. The guidebook can even be downloaded in PDF format in 10 languages from http://www.vistasystem.com/AU-Catalog.html.

## Special Libraries award now open for nominations

Now co-sponsored by Thomson Scientific and Diaiog, the Special Libraries Association Information Professional of the Year is now open for nominations. The winner, announced at the SLA's 98th Annual Conference in Denver in early June 2007, will receive AU$2000. The award is open to all information professionals in Australia and New Zealand. Nominations close 11 May 2007. Nominations and inquiries should be e-mailed to the Past President of the SLA's ANZ chapter, Marie McKenzie, at mckenzieinfo@aapt.net.au.

## Elsevier publishes on vascular surgery

Elsevier has announced that from Volume 21 (2007) it has assumed publication of the *Annals of Vascular Surgery*, the official publication of the French Society for Vascular Surgery, the Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society (USA), and the Southern California Vascular Surgical Society. The journal provides solid, peer-reviewed coverage of clinical and experimental work in vascular surgery.

## Maxus releases *Presto* 2 in Australia

*Presto* is web-based software allowing access, management and sharing of information assets. Robust access to end-users is supported by a wide range of possible formats and standard properties for common content types. Extensive back-end functionality. Presto 2, the first release of this software in Australia, will be available early in 2007. http://www.maxus.net.au/contact.html

## EBSCO Publishing enhances the value of Health Library

Health Library is used as a powerful tool for community outreach programs. The enhanced release now allows for its consistent, trusted content to be used with patients during their hospital visits. With added print functionality, Health Library can be further leveraged as a means for providing branded, evidence-based patient information hand-outs at the point-of-care. Serving multiple purposes, Health Library can ensure quality, consistent patient information, potentially reduce costs for print materials, and more. For more information, visit the EBSCO Publishing website at http://www.ebscohost.com, or contact information@epnet.com.

## Thomson Scientific links EndNote Web to ISI Web of Knowledge

The popular bibliographic tool EndNote has now been extended to ISI Web of Knowledge in its web version. Users can store their references on-line and instantly format bibliographies in documents. References can be transferred between EndNote Web and desktop libraries. Academic and government institutions that subscribe to Web of Knowledge, or have an End-Note desktop site-wide license have automatic access to EndNote Web. Annual subscriptions to EndNote Web are available through Thomson ResearchSoft and Thomson Scientific [http://www.scientific.thmson.com] and partners world-wide.

## One of Australia's classic superheroes returns

One of Australia's greatest comic book characters and flagship titles returns after a 15 year absence in a new format with all-new adventures regularly updated on-line. *The Dark Nebula* is the story of Colonel Mark Medula, an Australian astronaut who becomes host to the dormant spirit of a alien warlord and gains power beyond description.

He made his debut in Australia in 1982 and was published regularly over the following decade, becoming something of a cult favourite, a pioneer for a generation of Australian comic readers, and an inspiration to fellow creators looking to publish in a country with no discernable graphic publishing industry. Go to http://www.thedarknebula.com and check it out!

## Synergy relaunched by Blackwell

Blackwell Publishing, the world's leading society publisher, has redesigned its online delivery platform, Blackwell Synergy which went live on 16 January 2007. Blackwell Synergy enables its users to search 1 million articles from over 850 leading scholarly journals across the sciences, social sciences, humanities and medicine. The redesign provides easier navigation, faster loading times and improved access to tools for researchers, as well as meeting the latest accessibility standards (ADA section 508 and W3C's WAI-AA). The URL structure is retained, but user option are highlighted more clearly to allow better use of the suite of tools Synergy contains.

Key features for librarians include the ability to upload a library logo to display on every page, downloadable COUNTER-compliant usage data, IP and Athens access, OpenURL linking, MARC21 records and Z39.50 compliancy.

## Global growth of Civica's Spydus

Australian-developed Spydus system from Civica will deliver library management services in a five-year agreement with Hampshire County Council Library and Information Services in the UK. This agreement follows a similar deal with South East Library Management Services (SELMS), a consortium of six British public library authorities.

•23/3 Library Technicians Victoria **Hot Off The Press: Children's Literature Style 2007**. Focuses on the work of libraries in providing children's literature materials. Contact Kerrie Kelly, ph 03 8664 7155, kkelly@slv.vic.gov.au

1–5/4 ALIES 2007 The **Australian Libraries in the Emergency Sector annual workshop**. Emergency Management Institute, Mt Macedon.  Contact Craig Irvine, ph 03 5421 5255, craig.irvine@ema.gov.au

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29/4 – 2/5 Educause Australasia 2007 **Advancing Knowledge, Pushing Boundaries**. For professionals in higher education, managing IT to advance scholarship, learning teaching and research.  Contact Conference Secretariat: Waldron Smith Management, ph 03 9645 6311, info@wsm.com.au

17/5 **Australian Copyright Council Seminar** A day of seminars on copyright for librarians. Contact Reception, ph 02 8815 9777, info@copyright.org.au

•22/5 Library Technicians Victoria **National Library Technician Day Dinner**. Celebrate! Contact Gemma Siemensma, ph 03 5320 4008, gemmas@bhs.org.au

23/5 **ALIW Celebration**! Drinks, nibbles and networking! Seminar Room, RMIT University Library, Swanston Street.  5:30pm – 7:30pm. Contact Margie Anderson (Vic LLO), ph 03 9315 1090, margie.anderson@alia.org.au

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•16/7 ALIA PD Workshop in partnership with CAVAL. **Negotiating e-licences.** Special rates for members. Practical one-day workshop suitable for all library and information professionals. Cliftons, Perth.

**National**

5/3 International Book Day

21–27/5 **Library and Information Week**

**Conferences**

•17-20/5 **Museums in a Changing Climate**: Sustainability, Technology & Collections, Canberra. Contact Museums Australia, 02 6273 2437, conference@museumsaustralia.org.au

•5-7/8 **Public Libraries Australia 2007 Conference**.  Contact Robert Knight, ph 02 6926 9777, knight.robert@wagga.nsw.gov.au

•9–12/10 ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Conference **Inform, Innovate, Initiate and Inspire**, Melbourne. Contact Gail Schmidt, convenor, ph 03 8664 7335, gschmidt@slv.vic.gov.au, http://www.alia07.com/