

# A database revolution

A quiet revolution in the way you find information is taking place at the State Library in Queensland.

Clients no longer have to search their way through a multitude of systems and databases for information. Gone are the days of learning how to use different databases and catalogues.

State Librarian Lea Giles-Peters explains, "The State Library of Queensland is committed to the belief that an empowered and progressive society depends on creative thinking and the sharing of knowledge. With the implementation of the new Primo® system from Ex Libris entitled One Search we are able to provide improved access to millions of items in our extensive Collection in all formats through a single user-friendly interface."

The Queensland State Library's One Search Beta project presents clients with one search box to find the information they need by providing integrated access to the State Library's wide range of resources, from books to music scores and films, as well as the wealth of information available through commercial databases, e-books, e-journals and free online resources.

A search for 'Stanthorpe' for example will provide a wide range of books, serials and maps from the late 19th century to now including articles from a range of newspapers and online journals. In early 2009, as the project evolves, it will also list original papers and letters from early pioneers, digitised photographs and digital stories.

This new service also enables clients to become involved in the collections. New tools invite clients to tag and review

State Library content, as well as a number of options to save information to popular book marking or citation services, making it easier for clients to come back and reuse collections at a later date.

Through these 'social spaces', clients will be able to interact with the State Library and with each other. The State Library of Queensland is the first library in Australia to implement the One Search program.

During its first six months the 'Beta' service will be monitored by the State Library of Queensland, incorporating vital feedback from the clients using it, to enhance and improve it.

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## Congratulations!

ALIA and *inCite* would like to congratulate Fiona Jensen, Library and Information Services in Banana Shire Council, Biloela, who was a finalist in the Rural/Remote Manager of the Year (Qld) category of the 2008 AIM Qld/NT Managers of the Year awards.

The award celebrates managers who live and work 75 kilometres or more outside of their nearest AIM network or provincial city, and seeks remotely based business owners and professional managers in local business, community organisations, rural tourism or primary industries.

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The Fellowship is funded by a generous donation from the National Council of Women in New South Wales Incorporated, and the Australian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Associations Incorporated.

The Fellowship is awarded to a female librarian or student of librarianship for an outstanding paper of no more than 5000 words on any aspect of librarianship. An award of \$1000 will be presented to the winner at the annual Jean Arnot Memorial Luncheon to be held at Parliament House, Sydney, on Friday 8 May 2009.

**Entries for the Fellowship close on 10 April 2009** and should be submitted to:

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