

Mount Gambier celebrates new library

Even the rain was not going to miss the opening of Mount Gambier's new city library. Mayor Steve Perryman and Senator Dana Wortley introduced and officially opened the library and the community came back with a red hot response!



Approximately 7000 people came through the doors of the new library on Thursday 17th December 2009. There were 137 new memberships; 2382 borrowed items between 613 patrons; 1268 returned items; and 70 new wireless internet registrations. Thirty-five computer stations were used solidly between 12:00 and 8:00pm and the situation was exactly the same for the PlayStation 3s.

The Bookmark Cafe was by no means idle either; 420 customers and 350 coffees demonstrate that the vibe was well and truly enjoyed by all.

The library follows a clockwise circulation pattern, with the adult collections grouped centrally and announced by a clearly defined timber path. The active spaces, including cafe from which other functions radiate, are located along the perimeter east wall and accessible for extending trading hours. Back-of-house functions, which include the capture and preservation of Mount Gambier's cultural and documentary heritage, are clustered along the western and southern walls.

Patrons are consistently expressing their appreciation to staff for the Council's commitment to their vision of Mount Gambier as the most liveable city in Australia. The new library and the development of the Civic Precinct is proving to be a benchmark for community engagement and social inclusion and well seasoned tourists are willingly reinforcing the leading status of our library on a comparative global scale.

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Currently reading *The Black Russian* by Lenny Bartulin

ACT Public Service Executive Award

In December 2009, Vanessa Little, Director of the ACT Library and Information Service, was presented with an ACT Public Service Award by ACT Chief Minister Jon Stanhope.

The Awards are the premier whole of service awards for ACT Public Service (ACTPS) Executives, and recognise high achievers in the ACTPS Executive community using the ACT Public Service Executive Capabilities as criteria. Nominees who are selected to receive the awards are judged to have demonstrated capabilities of outstanding ethical leadership.

Vanessa's award is recognition of her work with the community, her staff, and other stakeholders, to raise awareness of the role public libraries play in lifelong learning and social inclusion, and to look for opportunities to collaborate and encourage partnerships that benefit the community.

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Call for Expressions of Interest

Editor: *The Australian Library Journal*

The Editorial Board of *The Australian Library Journal* is seeking expressions of interest in the position of Editor from suitably qualified and experienced persons.

The *Journal* is published quarterly and covers a wide range of professional interests in the sector. Published by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), the *Journal* is now in its 55th year. It is the flagship publication of the Association and the Editor will be expected to be familiar with its evolution and with ALIA's objectives, programs, range of interests, and place in the LIS sector.

Experience in the professional field, in serial publications, and as an editor are important. Applicants should briefly address the selection criteria (indicating editorial experience) and supply the contact details for two referees. A maximum of 400 words outlining their thoughts on possible editorial directions for ALJ and its relationship to ALIA's other publications would also be acceptable as part of the application.

Further information on the duties and responsibilities of the editor and the roles of the Editorial Board and the Association, and copies of the selection criteria, is available from Sue Hutley, Executive Director, ALIA, PO Box 6335, Kingston, ACT 2603, ph 02 6215 8215, sue.hutley@alia.org.au.

**Closing date for expressions of interest is
March 19 2010.**

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Members, Editorial Board: *The Australian Library Journal*

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Editorial Board members will maintain ALIA membership, and will be involved in the overall policy and development of the journal, including determining the broad character of particular journal issues, assisting in the peer review process, and contributing ideas, themes and possible authors. Communication is via email and meetings are via teleconference. Membership of the Editorial Board is on an honorary basis.

Interested people should email their expression of interest to Sue Hutley, ALIA Executive Director, sue.hutley@alia.org.au. For further information, contact Sue Hutley, ph 02 6215 8215.

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