



# INDUSTRY INNOVATION IN LIBRARIES

**I**nnovation is a constant in the library world, with technological disruption changing the services libraries supply over the last few years. But libraries have taken to these challenges and continue to renew and update their services to stay relevant and keep users informed.

For this issue of *INCITE*, we asked you what industry innovation meant to you as library and information professionals. We were excited to see all your stories which demonstrated how the industry is evolving and adapting to the changing needs of library users.

You responded with stories about library renovations, exciting new service opportunities, engaging users with new technology, libraries supporting the Australian book industry, and how working with industry partners can result in better outcomes for all involved.

In the following pages we are pleased to bring you examples of how library and information professionals have worked innovatively to change their workplace, services, or thinking to deliver for their library and enhance the experience of their users. We hope that you will use these stories to continue to innovate in your library and share these success stories with your users. As always thank you to everyone that contributed to this issue. 🌟



## The Australian Web Archive

Trove, part of the National Library of Australia, has launched the [Australian Web Archive](#). The library has been gathering data for the archive since the mid-1990s and it functions in a similar way to other website repositories. The archive is fully searchable and functions as a permanent record of the ephemeral social history of Australian websites as it contains snapshots of Australian websites from 1996 to present day.

These snapshots include more than two decades of the [PANDORA](#) web archive (which was created in partnership with cultural institutions around the nation); government websites (formerly accessible through the Australian Government Web Archive); and websites with the .au domain (collected through large scale harvests).

The archive includes the first website held by an Australian Prime Minister, that of John Howard in 1998, as well as the extremely yellow Wiggles website. It provides insights into the design choices and technological constraints of the early 1990s and shows how website design has changed over the decades.

If you are interested in website repositories you can also see [The Wayback Machine](#) and [Our Digital Island](#) (Archived Tasmanian websites).

### ABOUT TROVE:

[Trove](#) is an online service that was launched by the National Library of Australia in 2008. It offers free access to a range of information including digitised materials, links to other repositories, and digital born content. 🌟