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<http://alia.org.au/groups/aliawest/biblia/>

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## From the editor

Welcome to the March issue of *Biblia*. Big 'thank you's' must go to Camille Peters this month for coming in at the eleventh hour with copy for this month's issue of *Biblia*. The editors have been a tad busy with new jobs and restructures at work and have not been able to engage in their usual hunt for stories. That's the bane of volunteer organisations. However, like the trooper that she is, Camille has generously submitted a couple of very informative articles. Please remember that the focus of ALIAWest is to –

1. provide a means for ALIA West and other Western Australian based ALIA groups to communicate with members.
2. promote events and other activities of ALIA West and other ALIA groups.
3. provide a forum for the discussion of professional issues.

Our monthly newsletter *Biblia* is our primary means of doing so. However we cannot do this alone. We rely on you, the readers to let us know what interests you, what you want to hear and read about and to let us know what activities your particular group or library are engaging in so we can let others in the information community know as well. Don't be shy! In this world of electronic communications, you don't even have to open your mouth to speak, just put those fingers to the keyboard and fire off an email to either myself [b.bruce@curtin.edu.au](mailto:b.bruce@curtin.edu.au) or Sharon [cyrilina@inet.net.au](mailto:cyrilina@inet.net.au). Whilst we appreciate fully prepared copy, we are more than happy to work from scribbled notes and drafts, or just to be sent a contact to follow up.

*Biblia* is YOUR forum, even more so now that it has been reinstated on the 'free to view' area of the ALIA website. So make use of it.

Happy reading!

Bonnie Bruce

Editor.

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## News from ALIA NET

The following was gathered from the 'Whats new on ALIANet' section of the ALIA website. I have removed the job vacancies. Interestingly I trawled the events pages while I was there and there were precious few events listed for any of the groups even though I **know** the local WA groups have had and are having events in the next few months. Adding events to the ALIA Website is free, and reasonably easy to do. It's a great way to let interstate members know what you are up to.

### Redmond Barry Award .

John Leonard Dwight is the 2004 recipient of the Association's highest honour that can be bestowed on an individual not eligible for associate or technician membership of the Association. The award was presented at the ALIA Information Online Conference in Sydney.

### Fellowship conferred.

The ALIA Board of Directors conferred the distinction of Fellow on Dr Marianne Broadbent, recognising the attainment of an exceptionally high standard of proficiency in library and information science and a distinguished contribution to the theory or practice of library and information science. The Award was presented at the ALIA Information Online Conference in Sydney.

### Zines!

The February issue of Quill is now online. Along with the regular editorial and tips and tricks, this issue has articles on information professionals, the rewards of volunteering and the new LLO for Queensland.

ALIA SA has released the February issue of InterALIA. Along with regular features, this issue includes what libraries can do to help the Asian tsunami victims, a perspective on 'Chasing the sun' and the benefits of contract work.

The first issue of ALIA Top End's newsletter Interface for 2005 has just been put online. It includes bios of the 2005 committee and articles about the CDU library learning precinct and Colloquium.

### Keep in touch.

A new batch of webcards have arrived on ALIANet. Send a webcard to your friend/your boss/your children... Plenty of styles to choose from, and a perfect way to let someone know what you think.

Bonnie Bruce.

### Western Australian Electronic Lists

There is a multitude of electronic lists for the information professional but only a few Western Australian lists. The best known is WAIN (Western Australian Information Network) which has been running since 1994 and has around 1000 members. AliaWEST was established in July 2003 and has approximately 300 members. These are the main general lists but there are more specialised WA lists, such as allgwa for members of the Australian Law Librarians Group, and Watnet for teacher librarians, library technicians, library officers and anyone with an interest in school libraries.

Which ones should you join? If you are job hunting, you will find that WAIN, aliaWEST, and Watnet run job postings fairly regularly. On Mondays Lorraine Bradshaw from IEA posts a list of jobs advertised in Saturday's *West Australian* to aliaWEST and WAIN (if you inadvertently delete her posting, you can access it and any other aliaWEST message via the aliaWEST archives as long as you are a list member). [While outside the parochial focus of this column, aliaLIBTEC rates a mention for "EmployLT", a service posting library or library skills related positions to the list. The subject lines are exemplary for always including the state.]

All advertise CPD events, although WAIN gets more event postings than aliaWEST (The listowner would like to rectify this. Hint, hint. Postings may be sent to [aliawest@lists.alia.org.au](mailto:aliawest@lists.alia.org.au) No attachments and emails in plain text please.) The majority of WA events are posted to WAIN but some events targeted at specific interest groups are only advertised on more specialised lists, for example, most school library related CPD events are posted to Watnet and not to WAIN. Some events will be cross posted to national lists such as aliaCPD, aliaHEALTH, aliaLOCAL or aliaLIBTEC, depending on the target audience. If you want to know what events are occurring in WA you must join WAIN, you should join aliaWEST, and you should join any

local lists in your library sector to pick up details of events not posted to WAIN (After three years of compiling Diary Dates I do have a good sense of where events are advertised. And don't forget about reading *Biblia!*)

How do you subscribe? How to subscribe and other important information has been cribbed shamelessly from the instructions sent when you join the list (the email that you save in a safe place, right?) and appears below.

## **aliaWEST**

### *PURPOSE:*

AliaWEST has the following purposes:

1. To provide a means for ALIA West and other Western Australian based ALIA groups to communicate with members
2. To promote events and other activities of ALIA West and other ALIA groups
3. To provide a forum for the discussion of professional issues

### *WEB PAGE:*

<http://lists.alia.org.au/mailman/listinfo/aliaWEST/>

*Address for posting to the list:*

[aliawest@lists.alia.org.au](mailto:aliawest@lists.alia.org.au)

*Address for posting administration commands (subscribe/unsubscribe/receive digest, etc.):*

[aliawest-request@lists.alia.org.au](mailto:aliawest-request@lists.alia.org.au)

NB: It's easier to use the web page for changing subscription options.

### *SUBSCRIBE:*

Go to the web page and follow the instructions.

NB: All the options below require your password. If you can't remember your password there's a button on the web page for emailing your password to yourself.

### *UNSUBSCRIBE:*

Go to web page and click on "Unsubscribe or edit options"

Click on "unsubscribe" and tick the checkbox

### *DIGEST:*

Go to the web page and click on "Unsubscribe or edit options"

Choose "on" for "Set digest mode"

Click on "Submit my changes" at the bottom of the page

Click on "Log out" at the bottom of the page

### *STOP MAIL TEMPORARILY:*

Go to the web page and click on "Unsubscribe or edit options"

Set "Mail delivery" to "disabled"

Click on "Submit my changes" at the bottom of the page

Click on "Log out" at the bottom of the page

TIP: It is a really good idea to stop your mail while you are away if you use the "out of office" auto reply as listowners don't like fielding out of office messages posted to the list and other subscribers to the list don't like getting them.

### *OTHER OPTIONS:*

You can change your password (choose "change globally" if you want all your alia lists to have the same password) and can change your email address and name from "Unsubscribe or edit options".

### *GETTING HELP:*

If you don't want to use the web page, send a message to:

[aliaWEST-request@lists.alia.org.au](mailto:aliaWEST-request@lists.alia.org.au)

with the word 'help' in the subject or body (don't include the quotes), and you will get back a message with instructions.

### *ARCHIVE:*

The archive can be accessed by current list members from <http://lists.alia.org.au/mailman/listinfo/aliaWEST/>



**WAIN***PURPOSE*

"The list has three primary purposes.

1. To allow dissemination of information about events of interest to members of the profession.
2. To discuss issues that are of interest to a broad cross section of the Profession.
3. To advertise positions that have become available."

*WEB PAGE*

WAIN does not have a web page as far as I know. Information on how to subscribe is available from the directory of electronic lists at [www.nla.gov.au/libraries/resource/lists.html](http://www.nla.gov.au/libraries/resource/lists.html). Information on subscribing and unsubscribing is also available in some issues of *Biblia* from 2003.

*Address for posting to the list:*

[wain@info.curtin.edu.au](mailto:wain@info.curtin.edu.au)

*Address for posting administration commands (subscribe/unsubscribe/receive digest, etc.):*

[listproc@info.curtin.edu.au](mailto:listproc@info.curtin.edu.au)

*SUBSCRIBE:*

Send a mail message to [listproc@info.curtin.edu.au](mailto:listproc@info.curtin.edu.au)  
with the following message in the body of the mail  
SUBSCRIBE WAIN yourfirstname yourlastname

*UNSUBSCRIBE:*

Send a mail message to [listproc@info.curtin.edu.au](mailto:listproc@info.curtin.edu.au)  
with the following message in the body of the mail  
UNSUBSCRIBE WAIN

*DIGEST:*

If you want to receive a DIGEST of the day's messages then send a message to [listproc@info.curtin.edu.au](mailto:listproc@info.curtin.edu.au)  
with the following in the body of the message  
set wain mail digest

To return to receiving mail as normal send a message to

[listproc@info.curtin.edu.au](mailto:listproc@info.curtin.edu.au)

with the following  
set wain mail ack

*STOP MAIL TEMPORARILY:*

If you do not want to receive any messages while you are away then send a message to [listproc@info.curtin.edu.au](mailto:listproc@info.curtin.edu.au)  
with the following in the body of the message  
set wain mail postpone

To continue receiving mail on your return send a message to

[listproc@info.curtin.edu.au](mailto:listproc@info.curtin.edu.au)

with the following  
set wain mail ack

*GETTING HELP:*

Send the following request in the body of a mail message to [listproc@info.curtin.edu.au](mailto:listproc@info.curtin.edu.au)  
HELP

**WATLNET***PURPOSE:*

"This list has been set up to encourage discussion and sharing among Western Australian Teacher Librarians, Resource Teachers, Library Technicians, Assistants and Officers, and any other people interested in school libraries. It is not intended to replace OZTL\_NET but to work alongside the national listserv and provide information and networking opportunities at the local level. It will provide for the "torn pages" and video requests, PD notices and discussion on local issues which do not normally require national listings. Discussion on topics of general interest should be posted to the national list."

(<http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/cmisis/cat/watlnet.htm>)

*WEB PAGE:*

<http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/cmisis/cat/watlnet.htm>

*Address for posting to the list:*

[watlnet@edna.edu.au](mailto:watlnet@edna.edu.au)

*Address for posting administration commands (subscribe/unsubscribe/receive digest, etc.):*

[lyris@edna.edu.au](mailto:lyris@edna.edu.au)

*SUBSCRIBE:*

Send an email to [lyris@edna.edu.au](mailto:lyris@edna.edu.au)

In the body of the message type subscribe watlnet

Leave the subject area blank and turn off your Internet signature

Respond to the confirmation email within the time period stated

*UNSUBSCRIBE:*

Send an email to [lyris@edna.edu.au](mailto:lyris@edna.edu.au)

In the body of the message type unsubscribe watlnet [your email address]

Leave the subject area blank and turn off your Internet signature

Camille Peters

**Net Notes: Library Conferences**

The following is a selective and eclectic collection of links to conference proceedings, mainly Australian library conferences with a couple of archives and records management conferences thrown in. The web sites don't always offer the full text of every paper presented as the problem of getting all the papers for publication is a perennial problem for conference organisers. Sometimes only the Powerpoint presentation is available which is like offering the entrée instead of a three course meal. Nevertheless, even a partial set of conference papers is better than none.

**AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCES**

Conferences and seminars held at the National Library of Australia, such as the ILDS - 8th Interlending and Document Supply International Conference (2003), and Archiving Web Resources - International Conference (2004) are listed at <http://www.nla.gov.au/initiatives/meetings/>. The full text of some of these conferences is available through clicking on the title and following the links.

**ALIA Biennial Conference**

2000	<a href="http://conferences.alia.org.au/alia2000/proceedings/">http://conferences.alia.org.au/alia2000/proceedings/</a>
2002	<a href="http://conferences.alia.org.au/alia2002/papers.html">http://conferences.alia.org.au/alia2002/papers.html</a>
2004	<a href="http://conferences.alia.org.au/alia2004/conference.papers.html">http://conferences.alia.org.au/alia2004/conference.papers.html</a>

**Asia-Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarians' Conference**

1999	<a href="http://conferences.alia.org.au/shllc1999/papers/">http://conferences.alia.org.au/shllc1999/papers/</a>
2001	<a href="http://conferences.alia.org.au/shllc2001/papers.html">http://conferences.alia.org.au/shllc2001/papers.html</a>
	<a href="http://conferences.alia.org.au/shllc2003/papersmainindex.htm">http://conferences.alia.org.au/shllc2003/papersmainindex.htm</a>



**Information Online and On Disc**

- 1997 <http://www.csu.edu.au/special/online97/proceedings/>  
 1999 <http://www.csu.edu.au/special/online99/>  
 2001 <http://conferences.alia.org.au/online2001/papers/>  
 2003 <http://conferences.alia.org.au/online2003/papers.html>  
 2005 <http://conferences.alia.org.au/online2005/papersandpresentations.php>

**National Library Technicians Conference**

- 2001 <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2001/papers/>  
 2003 <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2003/papers/>

**New Librarians Symposium**

- 2004 <http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2004/reports.html#papersandpresentations>

**Public Libraries Conference**

- 2001 <http://conferences.alia.org.au/public2001/>

**Reference and Information Service Section Conference and Exhibition**

- 1999 <http://www.csu.edu.au/special/raiss99/papers/>

**TAFE libraries conference**

- 2001 <http://conferences.alia.org.au/tafe2001/>

**Australian Society of Archivists conference**

- 1999 <http://www.archivists.org.au/sem/papers.html>  
 The papers are listed under "Brisbane Conference, July 1999".  
 2001 <http://www.archivists.org.au/sem/Joint%20National%20Conf%202001.htm>

**Records Management Association of Australasia Conference**

Some past conference papers are available, however, at the time of writing this column, I could not access the papers due to technical problems with the web site.

Some past conference papers are available through PANDORA

- 2000  
<http://pandora.nla.gov.au/pan/36335/20030910/www.rmaa.com.au/events/natcon2000/proceedings/papers/index.html>

- 2001  
<http://pandora.nla.gov.au/pan/36335/20030910/www.rmaa.com.au/events/natcon2001/papers/>  
 NB: This was a joint conference with the Australian Society of Archivists and is also available through the ASA's web site (<http://www.archivists.org.au/sem/Joint%20National%20Conf%202001.htm>).

**VALA (Victorian Association for Library Automation Inc.) Conference**

- 2000 <http://www.vala.org.au/vala2000/2000pprs/prog2000.htm>  
 2002 <http://www.vala.org.au/vala2002/2002pprs/prog2002.htm>  
 NB: These pages for 2000 and 2002 does not link directly to the full text. Click on the day and you will go to the full list of the day's papers with hyperlinks to individual papers.  
<http://www.vala.org.au/vala2004/2004pprs/prgm2004.htm>



## OVERSEAS CONFERENCES

**Digital Libraries**

Past conference papers of the Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (2001 to 2004), as well as the ACM Conference on Digital Libraries (1996 to 2000), and the Annual Conference on the Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries (1994 to 1995) can be accessed from <http://www.jcdl.org/past-event-conf.shtml>

**IFLA General Conference**

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/index.htm>

NB: There are major gaps in what is available. Some full text papers from the conference from 1994 onwards are available but it is definitely hit and miss whether the paper you need is online.

**LIANZA (Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa) Conference**

2003 <http://www.lianza.org.nz/conference/conference03/conference03papers.shtml>

2004 <http://www.lianza.org.nz/conference/conference04/papers/conference04papers.shtml>

Camille Peters

**The Premier and Libraries**

Given the election results of this weekend which means the return of Geoff Gallop as Premier of Western Australia, I thought it would be interesting to see if libraries had been mentioned. A very quick search revealed the following media statement. Lets hope he keeps his promise...

Government of Western Australia, Media Statement

The Hon. Sheila McHale MLA

Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth; Disability Services; Culture and the Arts

Statement Released: 10-May-2004

The Gallop Government has committed \$10.3million additional funding over four years for the public library system in this year's State Budget.

Culture and Arts Minister Sheila McHale said the Gallop Government recognised the important role played by the State's libraries in the cultural, educational and community life of Western Australia.

"Libraries are vital to our communities and increased resourcing is an important part of this year's Budget," Ms McHale said.

"That is why we are devoting \$42.2million over the next four years to support public libraries.

"Since 2001, and taking into account the funding in this Budget, the Gallop Government has committed an extra \$14.3million to the public library system.

"This is in addition to \$7.7million already allocated each year to the State Library of WA for public libraries, the State Reference Library and the Battye Library."

The Minister said WA's 238 public libraries provided a unique and unrivalled network accessible to all citizens.

"Libraries are places of lifelong learning for both education and self-help and have something to offer everyone in the community," she said.

"Whether it be completing homework, planning the next holiday, looking for a job, selecting a university or TAFE to attend or writing a dissertation, libraries are vibrant, useful places to go to."

An October 2003 Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) survey revealed that Western Australians were far ahead of the national average in library use. Some 46.6 per cent of Western Australians aged 18 years and over attended a library throughout 2002, compared with a national average of 42.1 per cent.

Government of Western Australia, Content authorised by the Government Media Office  
Department of the Premier and Cabinet.



**DIARY DATES****MARCH**

DATE: 2ND (WED)

EVENT: ALIA West icebreaker

VENUE: Defence Library Service  
Information Research CentreBuilding 7, Leeuwin Barracks, Riverside Street,  
East Fremantle

TIME: 5:30 - 7:30pm

COST: \$15 ALIA members

\$20 non-members

\$5 recent graduates /students

Pre-payment required by 24/2

Contact: Rose Hockley 9479 8359

[rose.hockley@wmc.com](mailto:rose.hockley@wmc.com)

DATE: 3RD (THURS)

EVENT: ALLGWA

Health Resources for Law (and other) Librarians

PRESENTERS: Cheryl Hamill, David Dawson

VENUE: Brian Vivian Seminar Room, level 4

Royal Perth Hospital

TIME: 4 for 4:15 - 5:30pm

COST: \$5 Allgwa members

\$10 non-members

RSVP by 25/2 to Anne Greenshields

[a.greenshields@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:a.greenshields@murdoch.edu.au)

DATE: 4TH (FRI)

EVENT: WALGLA Biennial Conference

Public Libraries: Creating Connections

"Our community, our future"

VENUE: Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

Mounts Bay Road, Perth

TIME: 9am - 5pm

COST: \$195 (full day, breakfast, lunch)

\$180 (full day, lunch)

\$120 (half day, lunch)

\$100 (half day)

Registrations close 11/2/05

CONTACT: Denise Barker 9477 7150

[denise.barker@belmont.wa.gov.au](mailto:denise.barker@belmont.wa.gov.au)

DATE: 9TH (WED)

EVENT: KDD training

VENUE: Training room, 4th floor

State Library of Western Australia

TIME: 9:15am - 4:30pm

COST: \$264

RSVP: Jane Jones

[jjones@liswa.wa.gov.au](mailto:jjones@liswa.wa.gov.au)

DATE: 9TH (WED)

EVENT: Academic and Research Libraries Group (WA)  
Presentations by the winners of the 2004 ARL/DA

Information services Awards for Best Research Essay

VENUE: Theatrette eCentral  
Central TAFE

150 Royal Street, East Perth

TIME: 5:30 for 6pm

COST: \$6 ALIA

\$8 non-ALIA

free for students

RSVP to Gaye Sweeney [gsweeney@liswa.wa.gov.au](mailto:gsweeney@liswa.wa.gov.au)

DATE: 16TH (WED)

EVENT: Kinetica training (Libraries Australia)

VENUE: Training room, 4th floor

State Library of Western Australia

TIME: 9:15am - 1pm

COST: \$154

RSVP: Jane Jones

[jjones@liswa.wa.gov.au](mailto:jjones@liswa.wa.gov.au)**APRIL**

DATE: 1ST (FRI)

EVENT: FIRK (Fellowship in Information and Record  
Keeping) breakfast

TIME: 7:30am

DATE: 27TH (WED)

EVENT: Public Libraries Quiz Night

VENUE: Willow Pond Reception Centre

Lot 55 Nicolson Road, Canning Vale

TIME: 7pm

COST: \$8 per person

RSVP to Judi Willmott 9231 0940

[jwillmott@canning.wa.gov.au](mailto:jwillmott@canning.wa.gov.au)**MAY**

DATE: 13TH

EVENT: FIRK (Fellowship in Information and Record  
Keeping) breakfast

TIME: 7:30am

**JUNE**

DATE: 9TH (THURS)

EVENT: Kinetica training (Libraries Australia)

VENUE: Training room, 4th floor

State Library of Western Australia

TIME: 9:15am - 1pm

COST: \$154

RSVP: Jane Jones

[jjones@liswa.wa.gov.au](mailto:jjones@liswa.wa.gov.au)

DATE: 16TH (THURS)  
EVENT: KDD training  
VENUE: Training room, 4th floor  
State Library of Western Australia  
TIME: 9:15am - 4:30pm  
COST: \$264  
RSVP: Jane Jones  
[jjones@liswa.wa.gov.au](mailto:jjones@liswa.wa.gov.au)

DATE: 22ND (WED)  
EVENT: Kinetica training (Libraries Australia)  
VENUE: Training room, 4th floor  
State Library of Western Australia  
TIME: 9:15am - 1pm  
COST: \$154  
RSVP: Jane Jones  
[jjones@liswa.wa.gov.au](mailto:jjones@liswa.wa.gov.au)

DATE: 24TH (FRI)  
EVENT: FIRK (Fellowship in Information and Record Keeping) breakfast  
TIME: 7:30am

### From the editors

The deadline for copy is the 25th of the month. Articles and photos about recent events, news about upcoming events, suggestions for columns, and contributions from groups maybe sent to Bonnie-Rae Bruce at [b.bruce@curtin.edu.au](mailto:b.bruce@curtin.edu.au)

