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Awards Aplenty and Library Week Happenings!

Welcome to the June issue of Biblia. This month we celebrate the achievements of some very special librarians, library Technicians and Library Studies students. We also report on Library Week activities across Perth. If you are short of promotional material for your library, contact James Butterfield for a free copy of his skeleton posters. Gill Westera has provided an interesting and lively article on 'Library buildings in the 21st Century' with some intriguing links to library spaces in Australia and Europe.

Remember that the Click06 website has now been launched so be sure to keep a check on it for news of the ALIA Biennial conference to be held here in Perth in 2006.

As always Diary Dates will keep you informed of upcoming events. Remember if you don't see your event in the diary dates column, please contact me direct and I will be sure to add it to the next edition. We are always happy to promote events for not for profit groups.

Happy Reading!

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ALIAWest Evening of Excellence during Library and Information Week

A sparkling Evening of Excellence was held on Monday 23 May in the City of Belmont Reception Room. A host of library personalities as well as City of Belmont Councillors, educators, two Members of Parliament and the finalists and recipients of two Awards attended the cocktail party hosted by ALIAWest and the City of Belmont.

The ALIA Excellence Award was presented to Natasha Griggs for her work in establishing the "Finding MY Place" program. The program, which is a partnership between the Ruth Faulkner Public Library in the City of Belmont and the Department of Education and Training, assists young people 15-19 yrs with different needs to mainstream students to remain in a learning environment. "Finding MY Place" uses the public library as an alternative "no stress" learning environment in which a series of 10 library-based workshops are held. The workshops are designed to motivate and engage students in activities that highlight their natural abilities.

Hon Liljianna Ravlich, Minister for Education and Training, announced that the state government considered the program so successful that it would be allocating further funds for the "Finding MY Place" program to be extended to other areas throughout the state. Hon John Bowler, Minister for Local Government, spoke of the cooperation between Local Government and Department of Education and Training in encouraging this successful program.

Michaela Shephardson and Michelle Campbell, finalists for the F A Sharr Medal, then enthusiastically spoke of the pleasure they now experience working in the library world. Dr Alison Gregg who gave us some personal reminiscences of her early years working with Ali Sharr, the first State Librarian, awarded the F A Sharr Medal 2004 to Michelle Campbell. The Sharr Medal, awarded to the graduand who exhibits the most potential to have an impact on the library profession, is maintained by ALIAWest. The Sharr Medal 2004 was sponsored by Infovision www.infovision.com.au

The final official event in this Evening of Excellence was the launch of the Click06 Conference website <http://conferences.alia.org.au/alia2006/> by Imogen Garner, the out-going ALIA President. Click06 is the ALIA Biennial Conference to be held in Perth next year, 19-22 September, 2006.

Jeanette Hill
ALIAWest Treasurer 2005

The winner of the 2004 Sharr Medal is Michelle Campbell

Michelle was awarded a Graduate Diploma in Information and Library Studies at Curtin University in 2004. She was also presented with the G G Allen Award for Academic Achievement in a Coursework Masters or Graduate Diploma Course *and* the Information Studies Chapter of Curtin Alumni Prize for Academic Excellence in a First Professional Course. While studying Michelle was selected as a trainee librarian at Curtin University Library and Information Service where she performed reference duties, coordinated orientation tours for new students, improved online user guides, and evaluated and rationalised reference resources.

Previously a teacher with seven years classroom experience, she contributed greatly to her school community and now looks forward to contributing to the wider community in her new career as Young Peoples Services Librarian at Victoria Park Library. Here Michelle coordinates story time programmes, after school book club, holiday activities and promotional events. In addition to all of this in just a short time she has embarked on a range of projects designed to increase interaction between the library and local schools. Admirably she surveyed local teachers and responded to their needs. Notably Michelle worked with the Youth Community Development Officer and the local Youth Advisory Council in preparation for displays and workshops that were held at the library during National Youth Week.

Michelle's main objective for her new career is to be actively engaged in professional and community activities. We congratulate Michelle on winning the F.A. Sharr Medal for 2004 and look forward to her continued contribution to the profession. We wish her every success in her career.

Winner of the Technician's Award and Finalist of the 2004 Sharr Medal Michaela Shepherdson

Michaela was awarded the Bachelor of Science in Library Technology at Edith Cowan University in 2004. Michaela has been involved in the WA Library Technicians Group, gaining a student grant to go to the 2003 Library Technicians Conference and helped organise their weekend seminar in New Norcia last year.

Currently a technician for the Resources and Access Unit at the Curtin University Library and Information Service, Michaela has contributed greatly to digitising theses for the Australian Digital Theses database project. She has also submitted an abstract to present a paper about the project at the Next 2005 conference in Sydney.

Michaela's future objectives are to start Honours in Library Technology, followed by further post graduate study in the library and information field, and to participate in future ALIA conferences.

We congratulate Michaela on winning the Technicians Award for 2004 and wish her every success in her career.

Photo Gallery



Imogen Garner (ALIA president) and Deanne Barrett



Michaela Shepardson
Sharr Medal Finalist



Michelle Campbell
2004 Sharr Medallist



Natasha Griggs winner of the ALIA Excellence Award



Natasha Griggs, Lijliana Ravlich, Yvonne Herft

Third WA Library Technicians Student Conference Grant awarded.

The 3rd biennial WA Library Technicians Student Conference Grant was awarded to Felicity Seeber, a recent library technician graduate, currently working at Clayton Utz. Applicants for the Grant are judged on an essay entry and subsequent interview. The standard of entry was very high and the judging panel had great difficulty making their decision.

The Grant, \$1000 to assist the winner to attend the National Library Technicians' Conference, was awarded at the National Library Technicians' Day Breakfast, held this year at 150 East at Ascot Quays in Belmont. 25 library technicians and friends had a very enjoyable breakfast in wonderful company before reluctantly leaving for work.



Thelma Allen and Student Conference Grant Winner Felicity Seeber

Library Studies Students Win Top Awards

Samantha Cunliffe, Library & Information Services Student at the Western Australian School of Management and Business received an award for the Most Outstanding Student – Program Area of Library Studies at the Second Annual Awards Evening on Wednesday 18th May. The Awards were presented by Australian of the Year, Dr Fiona Wood at the Sheraton Hotel in Perth.

The Awards evening showcased the talent of the Class of 2004, bringing together the Most Outstanding Student and High Achieving Student in each of the schools program areas of Travel & Tourism, Financial Services, Languages, Interpreting, Library Studies, Business Services and Traineeships, Management, Real Estate, Mortgage Lending, Adult Migration English Programme and E Business, together with representatives from local industries and organisations.

Samantha's award was sponsored by Information Enterprises Australia (IEA) receiving a copy of their best selling e-book "The First 4 Minutes: Understanding the Selection and Interview Process" as well as a gift voucher.

"As a niche specialist employment agency looking after the needs of the library and records management communities, being asked to sponsor the award for the most outstanding student in library studies for a second year was extremely important to us, today's students are our professional future, and we look forward to following Samantha's career within the profession" said Shirley Cowcher, Director of Information Enterprises Australia. "Both Samantha, as the Most Outstanding Student of 2004, and Tarryn Needham who won the High Achievement Award for 2004, provide the Library and Information Industry in Perth a much needed boost, especially during this period of skills shortages in our industry."

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Library Week Among the Public Libraries.

Kalamunda Libraries – Events for Australian Library Week 2005.

Kalamunda Library celebrated Library and Information week with membership drives, amnesties and visiting presenters. One lucky new member who joined before the end of Australian Library week from each library won a Book Voucher. Membership Card Amnesty – patrons were able to replace their lost or damaged membership cards free of charge during Australian Library Week. All libraries hosted Internet Training and Encyclopaedia Britannica training sessions during the week. Visiting presenters included -

Lesmurdie Library:

Poetry reading.

Bush Poets – Maestros or Minstrels, an evening with Ean McDonald – Author, Businessman, Graphic Artist and Orator. Tuesday 24th at 7.00pm.

Forrestfield Library

Would you like to know more about Schizophrenia?

Lynne Folkard author of “The Rock Pillow” gave a talk about her journey through schizophrenia to a happy ending. Tuesday 24th at 2.30pm

Kalamunda Library

Statistics @ your library.

Introduction to the range of statistical information online at the library and a demonstration of how a community profile can be created. Thursday 26th 11am.

High Wycombe Library

Historical Talk

Dr Charles Eadon-Clarke gave a humorous historical talk on Henry Trigg – first foreman builder in the colony Monday 23rd 7pm

City of Perth Library offered even more this year.

Anyone wishing to have access to hundreds of specially selected magazines, newspapers & reference materials from overseas & around Australia could learn how during Library Information week. Special training sessions were run for user-friendly database (EBSCO) which links to articles in magazines such as Fortune, Men’s health, Choice, Bulletin, and newspapers such as the Sydney Morning Herald, The Australian and The Times (United Kingdom).

Library users have access to EBSCO via the Internet in the Library or at home through the Library’s webpage. (a library membership number allows access)

Training sessions for EBSCO were held regularly during Library Information Week. The response was surprisingly good.

LIW is an excellent time to try a new way to spread the word about libraries and their services. This year the City of Perth Library targeted business and retailers in the CBD and environs. A bright red bag was distributed containing a letter inviting people to make use of the Library, brochures about services, a Memories of Perth postcard and several booklists. Response to date has been positive.

As the City of Perth Library is on the lower ground floor and does not have any street frontage a novel method of attracting attention was tried. Big yellow footprints led from a Library “shopfront” at the Town Hall to the Library entry on Hay Street. Staff offered library information (bookmarks including a location map) and the opportunity to take part in a quiz designed to lead people to the Library. A number of people went to the Library as a result of the contact with staff and many quiz entries were lodged. A number of new memberships were recorded.

Helen Gishubl

Librarian

Library Services



The Big Library Lunch South of the River

A small but lively group met for lunch at the Bistro in Technology Park. The food was great and the networking is always valuable. It was especially good to meet with librarians across different sectors – academic, government and special. We enjoyed it so much we decided we didn't want to wait a whole year before doing it again, so will organise another one in a few months.

Pauline Sawyer

The Big Library Lunch at Fremantle.

Sixteen participants enjoyed lunch at the Grosvenor Room which is Challenger TAFE's training restaurant and bar at the Grosvenor Street Campus, Beaconsfield. The food was very good, the service fantastic and at a cost of \$15.50 for a three course lunch including coffee, the value was excellent. Thanks must go to Pauline Hodson, manager of Challenger TAFE Learning Resource Centres for organizing the venue. Lunch participants hailed from several sectors of the library world, from Murdoch and Curtin Uni, Challenger and Central TAFE, DEET, Fremantle Hospital, and others. Conversation was lively and folk wandered from table to table in order to get around to as many people as possible. I personally had great fun catching up with folk that I have met at other ALIA gatherings and playing the 'Didn't we meet at that workshop/conference/meeting/icebreaker last month/week/year?' game!

I must say I agree with Pauline Sawyer that a whole year is too long to wait for another chance to get together, so will look forward to the next library lunch.

Bonnie Bruce



for the free skeleton posters

Like many libraries, each year the Curtin University of Technology Library and Information Service asks for user feedback about the quality of our libraries and the services they provide. The feedback we receive is used to improve our libraries and to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of our users.

Feedback received in the 2004 survey revealed that library users were experiencing difficulties in finding relevant material in our libraries and on our databases and catalogues. We felt that the best solution to this problem was to encourage users to 'just ask' a librarian for assistance. To make this easier we introduced additional ways for users to contact a librarian. Library users can now

- SMS a query
- ask a reference question online @ [ask online](#)

Contact us [electronically](#)

To reinforce this simple answer we decided to create a number of posters and signs that encouraged users to 'just ask' their librarian. After some creative discussion, rife with puns, we settled on the idea of using an image of a skeleton to represent a library user who had waited too long to ask a librarian for help.

Fortunately the Teaching Resources Library (TRL) at Curtin had a number of skeletons just hanging out to audition for the part of 'the skeleton' in the new series. After a couple of meetings, terms were agreed and we had a semester contract with George, a well loved skeleton who had shacked up with his skeletal sweetheart, Mildred, down at the TRL.

After some minor, and some not so minor, reconstructive craniofacial surgery, George performed provocatively for the camera and charmed staff with his tacit humour and implicit wit. George can now be seen on display boards and lift signs reminding users to 'just ask' their librarian. Some lucky library visitors can even meet the real George at his new desk on level 3 of the Robertson Library – don't be surprised though if you find that fame has made him somewhat detached and indifferent.

In a spirit of professional co-operation we are offering all libraries the electronic artwork (minus the Curtin logo) to our skeleton series of posters completely free of charge. If you would like to take up this offer please contact James Butterfield at j.butterfield@curtin.edu.au or on (08) 9266 4186

James Butterfield

Don't go to pieces!




Just ask
your librarian



Don't work your fingers to the bone!



Just ask
your librarian



Don't wait until it's too late!



Just ask
your librarian



Another library user who waited too long!



Just ask
your librarian



Building Libraries for the 21st Century – a Library Week event hosted by the Academic and Research Libraries Group (WA)

The Academic and Research Libraries Group (WA) hosted an evening on "Building Libraries for the 21st Century" during Library Week. Our wonderful guest speakers were Jane Long from UWA's Biological Sciences Library, Sylvie Huveneers from Central TAFE's Learning Resource Centre and Dan Archibald from Edith Cowan University. We had a great attendance of 45 people who were interested in knowing more about library buildings.

Jane Long has been investigating library designs for a new Science Library to be built at UWA. It will combine five separate libraries and is due to open 1st semester 2008. She showed us University of Queensland's Ipswich campus library which is rather innovative with a rainforest and stream through the middle of the building. You can view photos at: <http://www.library.uq.edu.au/ipswich/photogallery/photogallery2004.html>.

She also talked about the University of Sydney's plans for a new science and technology library (due for completion mid-2007). Details are available at <http://www.library.usyd.edu.au/libraries/scitech/>.

The main considerations that Jane has seen as important are: meeting a range of individual requirements, an increase in group study areas, a large and well-equipped training room, facilities for other ancillary services, wireless enabled, video conferencing to support collaborative research and the library being seen as a learning space rather than a storehouse.

Sylvie Huveneers talked about Central TAFE's plans to have a new learning resource centre (LRC) in the next five years. The learning centre staff are being proactive and stating what is wanted to ensure their needs are met. The new LRC will be highly visible and at the centre of all student services. The project team are using a WIKI to get input from staff and students to ensure the LRC meets everyone's needs (go to www.seedwiki.com and search for "Perth").

Sylvie also talked about the Technical University of Delft (where she used to work) which has a very unique design (see http://www.library.tudelft.nl/ws/113/f_EN.html and http://www.library.tudelft.nl/ws/185/f_EN.html) – so unique that they had to stop tourist buses and wedding groups from visiting! It is considered one of the most progressive libraries in the Netherlands. Other photos by the architect are available at <http://www.mecanoo.com/> (click on English -> library and mouseover to find the Library for the Delft University of Technology).

Dan Archibald provided observations on the Edith Cowan University experience. He talked about today's students as being social, highly technical, multi-tasking, customer service expected, working 24x7, connected and demanding. This all must be considered when designing a new library building. Dan also talked about good library examples such as University of Otago Library (<http://www.library.otago.ac.nz/admin/photos.html>). While he has grand ideas for the new Joondalup Library (due to start construction in June this year and due for completion at the end of 2006), there are of course budget constraints. The new library will be a student focus for the University with group study rooms and a variety of seating, a combined library/IT facility, a mega lab open 24x7, wireless enabled and including media services. The architects want all paths to lead to the library and are therefore wanting three entries/exits. Sorting out the security will be challenging! The aim is to be flexible (it's hard to predict the future) and get right those things that can't easily be changed.

The evening concluded with our guest speakers answering questions from the audience. All speakers agreed on the need for a "wow" factor for their libraries and the importance of flexible spaces to help accommodate future needs. We all came away enthused (and envious) for those who are going to get to work in new library buildings!

Gill Westera
ARL Committee member

DIARY DATES**JUNE**

DATE: 8TH (WED)
 EVENT: WA Library Technicians Group AGM
 VENUE: Room 2.9 State Library Building
 Perth.
 TIME: 5:30 pm
 RSVP to Judy Allan
allan@arach.net.au
 Meeting to be followed by dinner.

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 to Jane Jones 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 to Jane Jones jjones@liswa.wa.gov.au

DATE: 17TH (FRI) - 18TH (SAT)
 EVENT: School Library Conference 2005
 ENQUIRIES: Conference Coordinator Brianna Rose
 9291 6255 or 0437 290 299 briannarose@ii.net

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 to Jane Jones jjones@liswa.wa.gov.au

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

JULY

DATE: 6TH (WED)
 EVENT: WA Kinetica Users Group meeting
 VENUE: Room 2.9
 Alexander Library Building
 RSVP to Jane Jones jjones@liswa.wa.gov.au

DATE: 8TH (FRI)
 EVENT: State Records office of Western Australia Sand-
 wich Seminar
 TOPIC: Daisy Bates' genealogies
 SPEAKERS: Mark Chambers and Michael O'Connor
 VENUE: South West Room
 Alexander Library Building
 TIME: 12:30 - 1:30pm
 BOOKINGS: Book at the enquiry desk or 9427 3360

DATE: 13TH (WED)
 EVENT: Early Career Award 2005
 VENUE: Parmelia Hilton

DATE: 26TH (TUES)
 EVENT: ARL
 Leaders Forum
 VENUE: Edith Cowan University, Mt Lawley
 CONTACT: Lyn Leslie 9370 6254 l.leslie@ecu.edu.au

AUGUST

DATE: 1ST (MON)
 EVENT: Australian Copyright Council seminars
 General training
 Copyright essentials 11am - 1pm \$100
 Moral rights 2 - 3:30pm \$90
 Recent developments in copyright 4 - 5pm \$80
 VENUE: Advanced Manufacturing Technologies Centre,
 140 Royal Street, East Perth WA
<http://www.copyright.org.au/seminars/index.htm>

DATE: 2ND (TUES)
 EVENT: Australian Copyright Council seminars
 Educational institutions
 Introduction to copyright 9:30 - 10:30am \$70
 Educational institutions: text & images 11am - 1pm \$100
 Educational institutions: Internet & digital licensing
 2 - 4pm \$100
 VENUE: Advanced Manufacturing Technologies Centre,
 140 Royal Street, East Perth WA
<http://www.copyright.org.au/seminars/index.htm>

DATE: 3RD (WED)
 EVENT: Australian Copyright Council seminars
 Educational institutions: text & images 9:30 - 11:30am
 \$100
 Educational institutions: TV, radio and video
 12 - 1pm \$80
 Schools: music 2 - 4pm \$100
 VENUE: Advanced Manufacturing Technologies Centre,
 140 Royal Street, East Perth WA
<http://www.copyright.org.au/seminars/index.htm>



DATE: 4TH (THURS)

Australian Copyright Council seminars

Libraries

Introduction to Copyright 9:30 – 10:30am \$70

Libraries: text and images 11am – 1pm \$100

Libraries: internet and digital licensing 2 – 4pm \$100

VENUE: Advanced Manufacturing Technologies Centre,
140 Royal Street, East Perth WA

<http://www.copyright.org.au/seminars/index.htm>

DATE: 5TH (FRI)

EVENT: Australian Copyright Council seminars

Governments (Commonwealth and State)

Governments: use of copyright material

9:30 - 11:30am \$100

Governments: managing copyright 12 - 1pm \$80

VENUE: Advanced Manufacturing Technologies Centre,
140 Royal Street, East Perth WA

<http://www.copyright.org.au/seminars/index.htm>

DATE: 5TH (FRI)

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

TIME: 7:30am

DATE: 24TH (WED)

EVENT: State Records office of Western Australia Sand-
wich Seminar

TOPIC: Gwalia or Miners health

SPEAKER: Criena Fitzgerald

VENUE: South West Room

Alexander Library Building

BOOKINGS: Book at the enquiry desk or 9427 3360

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The deadline for copy is the 25th of the month.
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