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Welcome to the latest issue of Biblia. We seem to have moved to a bi-monthly issues at the moment, a situation which has come about because of lack of time on the part of the editors, and sadly lack of material to print! However, be that as it may, we have a great issue for you this month. We revisit the success of the ALIAWest Icebreaker held at Midland, and congratulate the student award winners from the ARL Icebreaker. We get a chance to enjoy the innovative artwork installed at the TL Robertson Library at Curtin University. I am particularly pleased to see the artwork that has been installed because it is evidence that the library is becoming more than just a repository for books, it is a space and place that sums up the endeavour of the University. It is always a good thing when a library service engages with its community on more than one level. Examples abound in the public library sector. A notable example is the Knowledge Centre in Gosnells. The council took full advantage of building a new library space to integrate the communities interests into the library space. I am particularly fond of the 'community jigsaw puzzles' which are large jigsaw puzzles laid out on tables for the public to add pieces to. More information can be found at <http://www.gosnells.wa.gov.au/> [search under community for the knowledge centre]

Library and Information Week is fast approaching. Come and kick off LIW with us at the Fremantle Hospital Library. For more information on LIW check out the ALIA website, <http://www.alia.org.au/advocacy/liw/>. Or, see what's on at your public library!

Happy Reading  
*Bonnie Rae Bruce.*

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### ALIAWest Ice Breaker at Midland

The ALIA West 2006 Icebreaker event was held in the WA Department of Land Information's Midland headquarters on Tuesday 21 March. The event was attended by approx. 17 librarians from Commonwealth, State, and private sector organisations, members of DLI and other interested parties. The function commenced in the Department's Amenities Room with drinks and nibbles. Guests chatted while browsing a range of publications on display from DLI, the Midland Redevelopment Authority and the Swan Valley Tourist Village.

A brief slide-show featuring images of land and property was a prelude to a PowerPoint presentation by David Daw-Smith (DLI's Librarian) and Paul Karas (DLI's TRIM Administrator): "TRIM and the Library: A New Way Forward". The aim of the presentation was to provide an overview of how TRIM came to be implemented in the library to manage its catalogue data and provide the Department with online access to its own library's holdings for the first time. Guests were interested in how DLI is applying a records management system such as TRIM within the library, as opposed to using one of the many database systems designed with libraries in mind, such as DB/TextWorks. Library data was migrated from version 2.1 of DB/TextWorks to TRIM Captura in February 2005.

Roy Watkins, Manager of the Records and Information Services Branch in which the Library resides was among the guests and fielded several challenging questions and issues raised by the audience. David emphasised that it really had been a new way forward for the Library, which until the implementation of TRIM had largely been a stand-alone unit in the organisation, using a system that went largely unsupported by the IT unit. Staff members wishing to learn what was available in the library had little choice but to come in, with any required catalogue search provided by the Librarian. Although this was not necessarily a bad thing at the time, there was both the need and the demand to bring library data online.

David pointed out that established library practices co-existed effectively with TRIM, and that standards were still adhered to for cataloguing and classification. During the implementation period there were some compromises that had to be made in order to move forward. But the goal – to make library data available online to the agency – was kept well in sight and overshadowed the loss of the familiar features of the old system. David says that just over a year into using TRIM, there is still much work to be done in the Library including retrospective bar-coding of stock.

The presentation was followed by a visit to the DLI Library where refreshments were served and guests browsed, socialised and gathered around PC workstations while David and Paul demonstrated TRIM's capability with library data.

The Department of Land Information is the oldest Government agency in Western Australia, originating in 1829 as the 'Board of Counsel and Audit for the Management of Property within the Settlement', an organisation created by Captain James Stirling, the Governor of the Colony of Western Australia, while the ship "Parmelia" was still en route to the Colony.

The Board later became the Survey Office, then the Department of Lands & Surveys and from 1986 to 2003 the Department of Land Administration (DOLA).

DLI is on the way to becoming a Statutory Authority with commercial powers, and will then be known another name (as yet unconfirmed).

The Department's head office was located in the Treasury Building in the Perth CBD until 1993 when it moved to brand new headquarters in Midland.

The Library is thought to have originated from a collection of documents belonging to the first Surveyor General of Western Australia, John Septimus Roe.

The collection is strong in land registration practice, as well as the history of surveying and cartography in Western Australia.

Highlights of the collection include a comprehensive set of the WA Government Gazette dating back to its beginning. Library staff are happy to respond to requests for extracts from the very early editions of the Gazette, some of which are on microfilm reels.

For most of its life, the Library had been a One Person Australian Library (OPAL). There have been only three (3) permanent professional librarians on staff in the Department's history – all serving at different times. Efforts to secure an additional full-time staff member continued until 2002 when Carolyn Leach (who was then a Records Officer) took up an opportunity to assist David in the Library. Carolyn is currently studying part-time for a qualification as a Library Technician. In 2006, a Branch restructure saw the Records Officer position formally transferred to the Library, providing two (2) full-time permanent staff members for the first time in its history: A Librarian (PS Level 2/4) and a Library Assistant (PS Level 1).

How did the DLI Library come to host the event? David attended an ALIA West Committee meeting where the venue for the 2006 Icebreaker was on the agenda. When David suggested having the Icebreaker at DLI, the committee responded enthusiastically. DLI staff members across the agency who were consulted or provided resources for the event were very supportive. David has thoroughly enjoyed his experience in hosting a library industry event.

“Hosting the 2006 ALIA West Icebreaker in DLI was a wonderful opportunity to promote our Library, our information management practices, and what we do here in DLI. In many ways I can see all of our corporate values (Creativity, Sustainability, Growth and Learning, Celebration and Excellence) reflected in this event – but the one that I believe shines most brightly is Celebration. This is because of the way DLI will now hopefully be recognised by the library and information-related professions as one of the very few agencies at the moment using TRIM for its library.”

“I thoroughly enjoyed coordinating and hosting the Icebreaker and would definitely do it again if the opportunity arises”.

David Daw-Smith Librarian, Dept of Land Information.



David with some of the Icebreaker attendees.



“Paul and David take a moment to reflect on the success of the Ice-

### **Student Awards Night Academic and Research Libraries (WA Branch) Group ALIA**

Each year the Academic and Research Libraries (ARL) (WA Branch) Group ALIA offers prizes to library studies students in Western Australia. By tradition the group's icebreaker event is a student awards night where prizewinners receive their awards, and then give a short presentation on their research topic. This year the student awards night for the 2005 academic year was held on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Two prize categories are offered. In the first category sponsored by Blackwell's Book Services, an award is made for best practicum, completed by a student during their final year of study. Natasha Sykes was the recipient of the ARL/Blackwell's Book Services prize for 2005. Natasha was an international exchange student who studied at Curtin University of Technology, and completed her practicum at Murdoch University Library. Natasha returned to the United States soon after completing her studies, and so could not be present at the awards night. Instead, the ARL committee wrote to Natasha offering congratulations on her achievements, and forwarded her prize.

In the second category, a total of three prizes are awarded for best essay or presentation with a research component, undertaken at graduate or graduate diploma level. This prize is sponsored by DA Information Services. The 2005 winners of the ARL/DA Information Services prize were Janine van der Kooy from Curtin University of Technology, Matthew Hayes from Central TAFE, and Jodie Ward from Edith Cowan University. After completing her studies, Jodie travelled to the United Kingdom where she is currently working.

Following the prize giving, two recipients spoke on their research topics. Janine van der Kooy gave an excellent paper on her research, entitled "The information profession and the blogosphere". Matthew Hayes then provided a very entertaining paper on his research project, conducted while working at a local public library. He investigated whether any particular weeknight could be identified as the best time to offer family friendly activities, and help to attract more family groups to their public library.

A lively question and answer session followed the presentations. It was agreed by the audience that the prizewinners demonstrated a professional approach to their research, and had proven themselves to be worthy winners of the prizes offered by the Academic & Research Libraries (WA Group) ALIA.

Gaye Sweeney Convenor: Academic & Research Libraries (WA Group) ALIA



Janine van der Kooy and Matthew Hayes, 2005 prize winners

Library Art@Curtin

Late in 2005 the Library and Information Service of Curtin University purchased a number of artworks from graduating students at the Curtin Department of Art. The artworks are now on display in the TL Robertson Library where they are providing great colour and life.



University Librarian, Imogen Garner, discusses a painting with artist Di Cubitt

## FA SHARR MEDAL

ALIAWest invites nominations/self nominations of 2005 graduands to be considered for the 2005 FA Sharr Medal.

Information on the FA Sharr Medal, application form and the names of recipients can be found on the ALIA web site at:

<http://www.alia.org.au/awards/merit/sharr.medal/> Please note that the contact information, and the timing information on the web site is not current – as of 4 May 06, but will change soon.

For those who have no knowledge of the FA Sharr Medal, I reproduce the introduction from the web site:

**The F A Sharr Medal is an award given to the graduand who exhibits the most potential; the one most likely to have a positive impact on their preferred stream of the library profession.**

It is named after Francis Aubie (Ali) Sharr, state librarian from Western Australia from 1953 to 1976, in recognition of his contribution to libraries and librarianship in this state and to the profession.

The award was inaugurated in 1976 when the first commemorative medal was presented to Mrs Jean Ryding, a Western Australian student of librarianship. ALIA West makes three annual awards to a graduand librarian, teacher-librarian and technician. The most outstanding of these award winners is presented with the F A Sharr Medal.

If you know of a Western Australian who completed their library studies in 2005, please consider them for this medal or draw their attention to it so they may self-nominate.

The closing date for applications is 30 June 2006, and the medal will be awarded at the Biennial ALIA conference, CLICK 06 – see\_ <http://conferences.alia.org.au/alia2006/>

Please send your nomination and accompanying paperwork to:

Nadine Gibbons.  
 Librarian DLS-PERTH Information and Research Centre  
 Locked Bag 5001,  
 FREMANTLE WA 6959. Tel: 08 9311 2286

***Words from a previous Sharr Medal recipient, delivered at the Alexander Library, Perth on Wednesday 6th March 2002. The F A Sharr Medal is awarded to a graduand in Western Australia who is 'the one most likely to have a positive impact on their preferred stream of the library profession.'***

Distinguished guests, fellow nominees, ladies and gentlemen, I am very honoured to receive the 2001 F A Sharr Medal, particularly as the award is named in honour of a man who has achieved so much in librarianship, and who was largely responsible for the fine library and information service that many of us here tonight are a part of. I hope that I will be a worthy recipient.

For me personally, it has been a long and winding road to where I stand today, as a librarian. My most vivid and early memory of libraries and librarians took place on 7 February 1967, when the most disastrous bushfires in Tasmania's history destroyed 95 per cent and eleven inhabitants of the little town I lived in, a place called Snug. On that day, when I was 10 years old, the fires cut our town in two so that half the population of about 500 took refuge on the beach while the rest of us made it to the brick school. At 1:00pm it was pitch black outside, while inside 200 frightened souls tried to survive what can only be described as 'a firestorm'.

As the fires raged outside (in fact, the school itself was on fire, but we did not find that out until later), and the burnt and crying people lay along the corridors, our school librarian opened the big double doors of the library, gathered up every child she could find, and told us that we could choose any books we wanted. While my brother and I read our favourite Tintin books in a quiet corner, the librarian read stories to many of the other children as the fires moved on towards the next town down the valley. And so an incredible day of catastrophe became something almost unremarkable to the children in that library.

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## *Library and Information Week Event*

**"Ideas and people meeting up at Fremantle Hospital Library"  
Ever been to a hospital library? Do they have skeletons  
hanging from  
the ceiling? Do they have explicit posters on the walls? Do  
they use  
plaster casts for bookends?**

**Help celebrate Library Week - Come to Fremantle Hospital  
Library and see  
for yourself.**

**Michelle Brennand, newly elected to the ALIA Board of  
Directors, will be speaking.**

**6:30 on Monday 22 May 2006**

**Drinks and finger food supplied.**

**Costs to be advised, watch WAIN for details!**

**Go to dinner afterwards - the Norfolk Hotel and Capuccino  
strip are just  
up the street.**



### **Lively lunchtimes in the Library Lounge**

Lunch time in the City need no longer be a boring blur. City of Perth Library has organized a series of talks on the third Tuesday of each month at 12.15 – 12.45. If you are interested in success, Ikebana, strength training through life, our Anzac heritage, origami, the importance of a will, Perth Zoo, writing your life story, writing blind or surviving the water shortage there is something to inspire you.

The topic for the first talk on February 21<sup>st</sup> is Life Coaching by Katie Gallagher of Mint Coaching. Her mission is to help clarify your thoughts, encourage you to explore dreams and create realistic actions plans for the future.

The Library is at 573 Hay St (just east of the Town Hall). Everyone is welcome to these free events – no booking required.. You can even bring your own lunch to the Library Lounge which is a separate area close to the Service Desk.

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In celebration of National Library Technicians' Day on Tuesday May 23, the ALIA WA Library Technicians' Group invites you to breakfast at Vultures Restaurant at 7.30am. Cnr of William and Francis St, Northbridge

<http://www.vultures.com.au/breakfast.html>

Please RSVP before May 17, 2006 to [n.beebe@westnet.com.au](mailto:n.beebe@westnet.com.au)

Hope to see you there!

Judy Allan  
Convenor  
ALIA WALTG

**BIBLIA APRIL/MAY 2006****DIARY DATES****APRIL**

DATE: 1ST (SAT)  
 EVENT: Oral History Workshop for Beginners  
 PRESENTER: Judith Jacobs, Oral History Association of Australia (WA Branch)  
 VENUE: Joondalup Library  
 TIME: 9:30am - 4pm  
 COST: \$55  
 RSVP by 24/3 to 9400 4746

DATE: 6TH (TUES)  
 EVENT: WALTG meeting  
 Tour of the WA Museum of Childhood Archive  
 VENUE: Building 11, Churchlands campus of Edith Cowan University  
 Pearson Street, Churchlands  
 A short meeting following the tour, then dinner at the Swan Lake Chinese Restaurant  
 TIME: 5:45 for 6pm  
 RSVP by 3/4 to Judy Allan [allan@arach.net.au](mailto:allan@arach.net.au)

DATE: 11TH (TUES)  
 EVENT: ALLG(WA) Easter Breakfast  
 VENUE: Reveleys Café (Old Boys School)  
 139 St George's Terrace, Perth  
 TIME: 7:30 - 8:30am  
 COST: \$10  
 RSVP by 6/4/06 to Ann Tolson  
[Ann.Tolson@freehills.com](mailto:Ann.Tolson@freehills.com)

DATE: 11TH (TUES)  
 EVENT: Launch of the Australian Readers' Challenge  
 VENUE: Bookcaffe  
 137 Claremont Crescent, Swanbourne  
 TIME: 6 - 7:30pm  
 COST: Free  
 RSVP: 9385 0553  
<http://www.readerschallenge.com.au>

DATE: 21ST (FRI)  
 EVENT: Fellowship in Information and Record Keeping (FIRK) breakfast meeting  
 VENUE: Kailis Seafood Café  
 Oxford Street, Leederville  
 TIME: 7:30am  
 COST: \$16

DATE: 21ST (FRI)  
 EVENT: Making Libraries Count! Literature, Literacy and Learning  
 VENUE: Building 17  
 Edith Cowan University  
 Mount Lawley campus  
 TIME: 8:30am - 1pm  
 COST: \$40 WASLA/ALIA/AISWA/CBC members and students  
 \$55 non-members  
 ECU students free

<http://www.chs.ecu.edu.au/seminars/lis/>  
 Registration form online: <http://www.chs.ecu.edu.au/seminars/lis/registration.php>

DATE: 27TH (THURS)  
 EVENT: Health Libraries meeting  
 SPEAKER: Ian McLeod, EBSCO Publishing  
 TOPIC: CINAHL, EBSCO's fulltext databases, DynaMed, GIDEON and Nucleus Medical Images database  
 VENUE: Robin Miller Dicks Seminar Room, Royal Perth Hospital  
 TIME: 5:30 - 7pm  
 COST: Free  
 RSVP by 21/4/06 to Alex Petrie  
[alex.petrie@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:alex.petrie@health.wa.gov.au)

**MAY**

DATE: 9TH (TUES)  
 EVENT: IIM WA Breakfast  
 SPEAKER: Geoff Parcell, Practical KM (UK)  
 VENUE: WA Club, 101 St George's Terrace, Perth  
 TIME: 7:15 for 7:30 - 9am  
 COST: \$30 IIM members, \$45 non-members  
 Prepayment by 5/5/06  
<http://www.iim.org.au/perth/html/may2006.cfm>

DATE: 9TH (TUES)  
 EVENT: UNESCO Memory of the World Significance Workshop  
 PRESENTER: Roslyn Russell  
 VENUE: State Library of WA  
 TIME: 9:30am - 12:30pm  
 COST: Free  
 BOOKINGS: <http://www.amw.org.au/significance06/significance06.htm>

DATE: 9TH (TUES)  
 EVENT: Children's Book Council of Australia WA Branch (Inc) & WA School Library Association Boys and Reading: Linking Facts and Story for Successful Reading  
 SPEAKER: Professor Ron Jobe  
 VENUE: P. L. Duffy Resource Centre  
 Trinity College, Trinity Avenue, East Perth  
 TIME: 4:30 for 5pm  
 COST: \$5  
 RSVP by 5/5/06 to WASLA 0500 500 052 or  
[ceo@wasla.asn.au](mailto:ceo@wasla.asn.au)

DATE: 10TH (WED)  
 EVENT: Inmagic training course  
 Introduction to TextWorks  
 COST: \$495  
 BOOKINGS: Stephen Cayless  
 Infordata Pty Ltd 0402 352 777  
[indat@ozemail.com.au](mailto:indat@ozemail.com.au) 9389 9558  
<http://www.maxus.net.au/training.htm>



DATE: 11TH (THURS)  
 EVENT: Inmagic training course  
 Advanced Form Design  
 COST: \$247.50  
 BOOKINGS: Stephen Cayless  
 Infordata Pty Ltd 0402 352 777  
[indat@ozemail.com.au](mailto:indat@ozemail.com.au) 9389 9558  
<http://www.maxus.net.au/training.htm>

DATE: 11TH (THURS)  
 EVENT: Libraries Australia Document Delivery training  
 VENUE: State Library of WA  
 COST: \$264  
 TIME: 9:15am - 4:30pm  
 RSVP: Jane Jones 9427 3273 [jane.jones@slwa.wa.gov.au](mailto:jane.jones@slwa.wa.gov.au)

DATE: 12TH (FRI)  
 EVENT: Inmagic training course  
 WebPublisher PRO  
 COST: \$550  
 BOOKINGS: Stephen Cayless  
 Infordata Pty Ltd 0402 352 777  
[indat@ozemail.com.au](mailto:indat@ozemail.com.au) 9389 9558  
<http://www.maxus.net.au/training.htm>

DATE: 16TH (TUES)  
 EVENT: Step Two Designs  
 Improving Intranet Search  
 VENUE: Sheraton Perth Hotel  
 COST: Free  
 TIME: 9:30 - 11am  
<http://www.steptwo.com.au/seminars/060516/index.html>

DATE: 19TH (FRI) - 22ND (MON)  
 EVENT: Boyup Brook Book Bonanza  
 CONTACT: Sue White 9765 1510 or the Boyup Brook  
 Tourist Centre 9765 1444  
<http://bookbonanza.mysouthwest.com.au>

DATE: 22ND (MON)  
 EVENT: ALIA West LIW Launch  
 VENUE: Fremantle Hospital Library  
 TIME : 6..30pm  
 CONTACT: Jeanette.Hill@landcorp.com.au

DATE: 23RD (TUE)  
 EVENT: Library Technicians Day Breakfast  
 VENUE: Vultures Café, Northbridge  
<http://www.vultures.com.au/breakfast.html>  
 Please RSVP before May 17, 2006 to  
[n.beebe@westnet.com.au](mailto:n.beebe@westnet.com.au)

DATE: 25TH (THURS)  
 EVENT: Libraries Australia Document Delivery training  
 VENUE: State Library of WA  
 COST: 9:15am - 4:30pm  
 TIME: \$264  
 RSVP: Jane Jones 9427 3273 [jane.jones@slwa.wa.gov.au](mailto:jane.jones@slwa.wa.gov.au)

DATE: 25TH (THURS)  
 EVENT: Swets Information Services  
 Swets on the Road tour of Australia and New Zealand  
 VENUE: Old Swan Brewery - Thomas Hardwick Room

173 Mounts Bay Road, Perth  
 TIME: 10am - 2pm  
 RSVP by 11/5/06 to Erin Pryor [epryor@au.swets.com](mailto:epryor@au.swets.com)  
 (03) 9655 3700

DATE: 26TH (FRI)  
 EVENT: Fellowship in Information and Record Keeping  
 (FIRK) breakfast meeting  
 VENUE: Kailis Seafood Café  
 Oxford Street, Leederville  
 TIME: 7:30am  
 COST: \$16

DATE: 26TH (FRI)  
 EVENT: Inmagic training course  
 Thesaurus, Linking and Customisation  
 COST: \$275  
 BOOKINGS: Stephen Cayless  
 Infordata Pty Ltd 0402 352 777  
[indat@ozemail.com.au](mailto:indat@ozemail.com.au) 9389 9558  
<http://www.maxus.net.au/training.htm>

## JUNE

DATE: 16TH (FRI) - 17TH (SAT)  
 EVENT: School Library Conference (WA)  
 Living Literacies through Libraries

## JULY

DATE: 7TH (FRI)  
 EVENT: Fellowship in Information and Record Keeping  
 (FIRK) breakfast meeting  
 VENUE: Kailis Seafood Café  
 Oxford Street, Leederville  
 TIME: 7:30am  
 COST: \$16

## AUGUST

DATE: 18TH (FRI)  
 EVENT: Fellowship in Information and Record Keeping  
 (FIRK) breakfast meeting  
 VENUE: Kailis Seafood Café  
 Oxford Street, Leederville  
 TIME: 7:30am  
 COST: \$16

## SEPTEMBER

DATE: 19TH (TUES) - 22ND (FRI)  
 EVENT: ALIA 2006 Biennial Conference

DATE: 22ND (FRI) - 23RD (SAT)  
 EVENT: RAILS 3  
 Research Applications in Library and Information Studies  
<http://cedar.humanities.curtin.edu.au/conferences/rails3/>



DATE: 29TH (FRI)  
EVENT: Fellowship in Information and Record Keeping  
(FIRK) breakfast meeting  
VENUE: Kailis Seafood Café  
Oxford Street, Leederville  
TIME: 7:30am  
COST: \$16

DATE: 29TH (FRI) - 30TH (SAT)  
EVENT: Transforming Information and Learning 2006  
Making and Keeping Connections: Life, Learning and  
Information Networks  
VENUE: Edith Cowan University, Mount Lawley campus

#### **NOVEMBER**

DATE: 10TH (FRI)  
EVENT: Fellowship in Information and Record Keeping  
(FIRK) breakfast meeting  
VENUE: Kailis Seafood Café  
Oxford Street, Leederville  
TIME: 7:30am  
COST: \$16

#### **DECEMBER**

DATE: 22ND (FRI)  
EVENT: Fellowship in Information and Record Keeping  
(FIRK) breakfast meeting  
VENUE: Kailis Seafood Café  
Oxford Street, Leederville  
TIME: 7:30am  
COST: \$16

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#### **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  
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