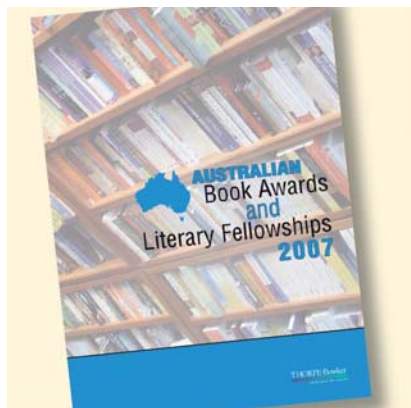


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## Future of learning centre in doubt

Christchurch's innovative **South Learning Centre** may be closed after the New Zealand Government knocked back Christchurch City Council's application for continued annual funding of just \$205,000 (\$A182,000).

The South Learning Centre was established in September 2003 at the South Christchurch Library following the closure of the nearby Sydenham School.

The centre provides leading edge technology and innovative learning opportunities for 23 schools in the South Christchurch area, and also for the local community.

Christchurch Mayor Garry Moore said he was disappointed the Ministry of Education had left it to the last minute to decline the application.

'It is unacceptable to have waited more than five months for a decision from the Ministry and now be told with less than five weeks of funding remaining that the Ministry is "unable to find a ready source for on-going funding of this centre", which has been a partnership with council,' a clearly angry Moore said.

'I acknowledge that when the Ministry contributed \$NZ850,000 (\$A754,000) in 2003 to set-up the centre it was a one-off grant to fund expenses related to use by local schools, but surely this centre has been such an outstanding success, making a significant contribution to the learning of students in South Christchurch, as well as the professional development of these teachers, why kill a success story?'

Moore said the city council had asked for an on-going financial commitment from the NZ Government for the next five years of \$205,000 (\$A182,000) annually – which equates to \$NZ20 (\$A18) per student per annum.

He said the schools had reported that the centre had brought technology into the classrooms, making it part of everyday life for students.

'Student motivation and engagement in learning has been enhanced by the experience and parents have been able to join in sessions and learn alongside their children,' he said.

'Not only is South Learning Centre held up as an example of education excellence and innovation in this country, but it is recognised internationally. It is one of this country's flagships for digital development.'

He said this status was recognised by the government in 2005 when it co-located Parliament's launch of New Zealand's Digital Strategy at the South Learning Centre.

Moore says educational parties from Australia and Malaysia had visited the centre to look at introducing a similar concept within their own countries.

And he said Victoria's Ministry of Education would also be visiting South Learning Centre to 'look at it as a model of New Zealand educational excellence'.

'If the Ministry remains unwilling to fund the centre, council will consider closing the facility at the end of next month when funding runs out,' Moore said.

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### First ERA subscriptions due to commence by October

The first subscriptions to products selected to be part of the new **Electronic Resources Australia (ERA)** national library consortium are expected to be operating by October this year.

As previously reported, the ERA consortium selected products from EBSCO Publishing, Forward Learning (World Book), Oxford University Press, ProQuest-CSA and Thomson Gale to be part of the initial offerings to libraries.

ERA offers libraries an opportunity to provide free public access to quality online information in the areas of health, general reference, news and business.

The consortium is a response to a recommendation of the 2003 Senate report on *Libraries in the Online Environment*, which highlighted the public need to have greater and coordinated access to full text electronic resources.

Following the Senate report Australian libraries identified the areas of greatest information need, which led to the panel of products offered today through ERA.

President of the Australian Library and Information Association and chair of the ERA executive committee, Roxanne Missingham, said the consortium would allow libraries to subscribe to an excellent panel of products and provide free access to their clients.

'Anyone who is a member of an Australian library that subscribes to one or more of the nine products on the panel will be able to access the content for free at their chosen location,' she said.

### Art exhibition marks 40 years since 1967 referendum

The **National Archives of Australia** is hosting an exhibition of some of Australia's most impressive indigenous artworks, together for the first time, to mark the 40th anniversary of the 1967 referendum.

The referendum, which received a record 90 per cent yes vote from the Australian people, is largely remembered as a vote that gave the federal government specific power to make laws regarding indigenous Australians and opened the door to Commonwealth involvement in indigenous affairs.

Forty years on four key Australian government organisations have come together to encourage reflection on the implications of the referendum.

The National Archives of Australia is working in conjunction with the Australian Public Service Commission, the National Museum of Australia and the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to exhibit a selection of artworks from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Art Collection.

Each organisation is working in different ways towards reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians.

'The collection represents more than 30 years of collecting by a succession of Australian government agencies,' said Ross Gibbs, director-general of the National Archives.

'One of the most exciting aspects of this exhibition is that members of the public will be able to see these works of art together for the first time.

'We feel very privileged to showcase them at the National Archives.'

The collection shows a diversity of artists, communities and styles and the works on display represent the best of the different indigenous art styles and regional differences.

The Drawing Together exhibition features 70 works of art, many by well-known artists including Sally Morgan, Mini Heath, Fiona Foley, Jimmy Pike and Queenie McKenzie.

The whole collection contains 1500 items, valued at \$3 million.

Drawing Together - Showcasing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Art Collection will be on display at the National Archives until July 15.

### Swinburne first university to have a Living Library

The Melbourne-based **Swinburne University of Technology** on Monday became the first university in Australia to introduce a Living Library scheme.

The 15 items available to be borrowed at the university's Wantirna Campus include a punk, a teen mum and 'Dr Cybersound'.

Swinburne's Dr Joan Cashion said the aim of a Living Library was to overcome stereotyping people and to promote diversity and understanding.

'The books in the Living Library are people from all walks of life with a variety of lifestyles and cultures,' she said.

'The discussions provide borrowers with an opportunity to share the story of someone they may not otherwise spend time with.'

The 'books' were available to borrowers for a half hour discussion.

They chose their own titles, such as Student on Wheels and Bipolar Architect, to highlight the notion of 'never judging a book by its cover'.

Cashion said the idea was that once borrowers had a chance to chat to them they would discover what lay behind the stereotype of the title.

Cashion said the Living Library was offered to Swinburne staff and students and she said other specifically-themed Living Library sessions would be scheduled throughout the year.

'The Living Library is a simple, yet effective way to help create a stronger Swinburne community and celebrate diversity,' Cashion said.

## PUBLICS

### Hervey Bay residents give 150kg of food during amnesty



Borrowers who use the **Hervey Bay City Council** libraries in south-east Queensland have handed over 150 kilograms of food during a book amnesty in the city.

The amnesty was part of the celebrations to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of the opening of the library, gallery and University of Southern Queensland in the civic precinct.

Like many other amnesties, borrowers were asked to donate a non-perishable food item to the library.

Hervey Bay circulation services librarian Tara Georges said that in the past the library had had people who wanted to donate pumpkins and fruit to pay off fines.

The size of the fines varied.

'Some were up to \$60,' Georges said. 'Fines range from 10 cents a day for books and items from the Hervey Bay City Council Library up to \$1 a day for books from the USQ library.'

'Because borrowers can have up to 20 items checked out at once the fines can add up very quickly.'

The 20 boxes of food collected from the Pialba, Howard and Burrum Heads libraries will be donated to the Salvation Army and St Vincent De Paul Society.

### Inaugural storytime session held for families

**Penshurst Branch Library** in southern Sydney held its inaugural Family Storytime last Friday to encourage families to celebrate National Families Week 2007.

The session was attended by 22 adults and 27 children and was so successful that organisers have said they will definitely hold another one in the future.

Unlike traditional storytime sessions, which are held each Wednesday during the day, Family Storytime was held at 6pm.

The evening session provided the opportunity for working parents and particularly fathers to come to the library with their children.

Highlights of the event included interactive stories, where both adults and children were dressed up, movies, games and refreshments.

## ALN News

### Thoughts of top sportspeople to be recorded and kept

The **Australian Sports Commission (ASC)** has reached an agreement with the **National Library of Australia (NLA)** whereby the thoughts and knowledge of the country's sportspeople will be recorded and preserved.

Acting CEO of the ASC Brent Espeland said sport had always played a unique and vital role in Australian life.

'Sport and the lives of sportspeople is one of the single most talked about, watched and read about subjects in Australian daily life,' Espeland said when announcing the new program.

'Australia is recognised the world over for its leading role in sport.

'Australian athletes, coaches and administrators have been responsible for many of the world's most significant sporting achievements.'

He said the National Library's 'unparalleled expertise' in recording, preserving and archiving some of Australia's most precious history and artefacts was vital to the success of this project.

The two organisations will coordinate a group to oversee the development of a list of possible subjects for interview.

The project is expected to begin within a few months.

### Melbourne council publishes bilingual storytime books

The **Hume Global Learning Centre** in Melbourne was filled with children singing songs and nursery rhymes in different languages last Thursday to celebrate the launch of *My Favourite Songbook*, a collection of children's songs in English and Arabic and English and Turkish.

Hume Mayor Gary Jungwirth said the council was extremely proud of its unique bilingual storytime program which 'celebrates our diversity and gives children and parents the opportunity to learn, read stories and sing songs and rhymes in English and Arabic and English and Turkish'.

'When children and parents interact through bilingual songs and rhymes that are simple and easy to learn, parents use their first language with their children,' Jungwirth said.

'This encourages children to embrace languages and gives them the best start in life.'

The idea came from the bilingual storytellers Roula El Jammal (Arabic) and Nezaket Kilicaslan (Turkish).

The pair wanted to include Arabic and Turkish children's songs they knew from their own childhood into the songbooks.

The Arabic songbook features songs about babies and animals and there is a version of Incy Wincy Spider in English and Arabic.

The Turkish songbook has songs about bees and fish and there is even a version of Hokey Pokey and Old Macdonald, which is called Ali Baba in Turkish.

'Not only do the songbooks contain songs in English and Turkish and English and Arabic, there are a number of activities in the books for parents and children to do together,' Jungwirth said.

'Reading, singing and playing with even the youngest baby is vital to their language and literacy development.'

The songbooks will be used by the bilingual storytellers in their sessions, playgroup facilitators, parents, people working with families and early childhood services, and schools.

The program is supported by Hume City Council together with the Telstra Foundation through the Best Start Early Years Partnership.

The bilingual storytimes program commenced in 2005 and was the first program of its kind in Victoria. It is now a model for other local governments to follow.

The program has gone from strength to strength with over 9200 parents and children taking part in bilingual storytime sessions last year.

Arabic and Turkish songbooks can be borrowed from Hume Libraries.

## SPECIALS

### Special programs to celebrate sound archives' 50<sup>th</sup> birthday

The **Radio New Zealand Sound Archives** will broadcast several special programs next week to help it celebrate its 50th birthday.

The programs will begin with features on Queens Birthday Monday dedicated to Sound Archives.

During the rest of the week Radio New Zealand National will carry more archival material in Afternoons with Jim Mora.

Sound Archives as it is known today grew out of two separate organisations – Sound Archives (which houses the general radio collection, early acetate discs, Mobile Unit Wartime Recordings and New Zealand Oral History Recordings) and Nga Taonga Korero (predominantly Maori audio)

In 1998 the two organisations were amalgamated following a 1996 review of NZ on Air's media archiving policy.

This new unit is now separately funded by NZ on Air to act as a national broadcast radio archive for all sectors of the radio industry.

## CIT celebrates library week with CEO visit

Canberra Institute of Technology celebrated Australian Library and Information Week by launching several new services and facilities.



The library and learning centre hosted Dr Colin Adrian, chief executive of CIT, at the launch of its federated searching tool SuperSearch.

The tool allows users to search across a wide range of databases including the library catalogue through a single interface and presents a single search result.

CIT selected 360 Search by Serials Solutions as its federated searching provider and the Flexible Learning Centre's Margaret O'Connell said the library and learning centre was 'delighted' with the service received in implementing the tool.

She said CIT staff trialling the tool felt it had the ability to 'significantly increase' the access and use of databases to which the library subscribes.

'For many of our students, often studying in highly practical contexts, getting to understand how databases work can be more trouble than it's worth,' O'Connell said.

'So the federated search tool should go some way to alleviating the frustration of locating a relevant database and articles.'

Adrian also declared open a new desk in the library, based on an integrated service concept by interior design students from the Faculty of Design, to library staff specifications.

Student design work on the integrated desk and other interior work were on display (pictured).

Adrian emphasised that the refurbishment was crucial in creating an effective, adaptable and welcoming place to meet current and future student needs.

He applauded the collaboration that had been undertaken by library staff, teaching staff and students and said he looked forward to further collaborative ventures that met the need of increased access to electronic information and more adaptable and flexible teaching spaces within the library context.

## SCHOOLS

### Minister opens WA school's new library

Western Australia's Education Minister Mark McGowan has officially opened **Pinjarra Primary School's** \$2.6million refurbishment, which includes a new library.

McGowan said the library at the school, near Mandurah to the south of Perth, was a wonderful learning area for the school's 639 students.

'Pinjarra students can now access a range of resources including books, DVDs, CDs and the internet,' he said at the opening.

'It also has a space where classes can be held and quiet areas where the students can spend time reading.'

The Minister said the school's classrooms were also upgraded in the refurbishment, to provide teachers with an improved working environment.

'However, the old library has not been wasted. It has been converted into a new art and technology room, with a courtyard for students to work in,' he said.

Other improvements at the school include a revamped staff room with conference facilities, additional office accommodation and car parking bays, a preparation area for staff and extended covered areas for junior primary students.

### Queensland government attacked for axing Reading Recovery

The Queensland opposition has attacked the state government for ditching the \$20 million **Reading Recovery** program.

Shadow Education Minister Stuart Copeland said the decision was short-sighted and would leave children with reading difficulties and their parents with little hope of them catching up.

Copeland said the decision 'flew in the face' of the overwhelming support from parents for the intensive one-on-one tutorials that children in the Reading Recovery literacy program received.

'Every report I get from parents is they are bitterly disappointed with the government's decision,' Copeland said.

'I hope these parents have the wherewithal to pay for private support – either that or the time and experience to undertake reading support at home.'

Copeland said Education Minister Rob Welford had 'offered a watery excuse' that other literacy initiatives would be introduced.

'But no one knows what they are and how our young school children with reading difficulties will not be disadvantaged by his penny-pinching decision,' Copeland said.

### Two Australian libraries among awards finalists

Melbourne's **Yarra-Plenty Library Corporation** and **Holmesglen Institute of TAFE** have been named as finalists in the **SirsiDynix Building Better Communities Awards**.

The awards are designed to recognise libraries for creative and enterprising uses of technology to improve their user communities.

The awards committee selected the finalists from a field of more than 100 nominations world-wide.

The committee, consisting of independent library leaders from around the world, will select six libraries to receive \$US10,000 (\$A12,200) each for their creativity and accomplishments.

Through the program, SirsiDynix says it seeks to recognise library organisations that create better places to live, work and learn, while encouraging libraries everywhere to follow their examples.

The award recipients will be announced on June 24 at the American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington, DC.

Other finalists are the Alliance Library System of East Peoria (US), the British Official Publications Collaborative Reader Information Service (BOPCRIS) Project at the University of Southampton (UK), the Carl Shepard Library/Illinois College of Optometry (US), Jacksonville Public Library (US), Kankakee Public Library (US), Lincoln Trail Libraries System (US), North Carolina State University Libraries (US), Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County (US), Scientific and Technical Information Center at the US Patent and Trademark Office (US), Shanghai Library (China), Smithsonian Institution Research Information System (US), SUNLINK: Florida Department of Education (US), and the World Health Organisation Library (Switzerland).

'The diversity and creativity of great projects submitted for the Building Better Communities Awards are impressive and made it very difficult to narrow them down to just a few,' judge Gina Milsap said.

'It makes you proud to be part of the library profession.'

### National Library agrees deal for MusicAustralia site

The **National Library of Australia** and digital music provider **destra Media** have entered into a government-business partnership to enhance the MusicAustralia online service.

MusicAustralia, hosted by the National Library, showcases Australia's musical culture and helps people to discover and explore all types of Australian music, from the earliest published to the latest hit.

Its innovation lies in the way it links the business, arts, academic, cultural and information sectors to provide a coherent vision of the nation's music.

The new partnership has expanded MusicAustralia with more than 45,000 tracks of contemporary Australian music and added a new e-commerce function that allows people to obtain in-copyright recordings through legal downloads. Since its launch in 2005, MusicAustralia has attracted more than 20 million page views.

The partnership with destra Media enables the library sector to provide access to online in-copyright materials to anyone seeking Australian music.

It also helps the library support contemporary Australian artists by using rights management technologies to build digital music collections for the future.

destra Media has a comprehensive music catalogue that totals more than 1.6 million songs and is one of the largest commercially legal digital databases in Australia.

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### ALIA awards Fellowship to Schauder

At its May meeting the ALIA Board has approved the awarding of a Fellowship to Professor Don Schauder.

Schauder has had a very long and distinguished career in libraries and information science, contributing as a practitioner, educator, researcher and innovator.

He is chair of the Centre for Community Networking Research at Monash University and Professor of Information Management in Monash University's School of Information Management and Systems.

Schauder has been library director at the South African Library for the Blind, the University of Natal, Prahran College of Advanced Education, Chisholm Institute of Technology and RMIT University.

He founded INFORMIT Electronic Publishing at RMIT and was a co-founder of VICNE, Victoria's Network at the State Library of Victoria.

In addition Schauder has contributed as an ALIA member through participation in education committees and course accreditation.

The award will be formally presented to Schauder at an event later in the year.

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**SLANZA 2007 – Intersections - collaborative forces**

July 2-4  
Wellington High School  
[slanzja@cmskl.co.nz](mailto:slanzja@cmskl.co.nz)

**LIANZA Conference 2007: TRANZFORM –Te Tinihanga**

September 9-11  
Energy Events Centre, Rotorua  
[lianza@tcc.co.nz](mailto:lianza@tcc.co.nz)

**Hearts on Fire: Sharing the Passion – ASLA annual conference**

October 2-5  
Adelaide Convention Centre  
+ 61 2 9437 9333  
Fax + 61 2 9901 4586  
[aleks@conferenceaction.com.au](mailto:aleks@conferenceaction.com.au)

**ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Conference 2007**

October 9-12  
Grand Hyatt, Melbourne  
[alia07@icms.com.au](mailto:alia07@icms.com.au)

**Simply the Best 2: Reflections of women through records**

October 10-12  
Hawke Centre - University of South Australia  
[jenni.jeremy@unisa.edu.au](mailto:jenni.jeremy@unisa.edu.au)

**Libraries/Changing Spaces, Virtual Places - Vala2008**

February 5-7  
Melbourne Convention Centre  
[info@wsm.com.au](mailto:info@wsm.com.au)

## AUTHOR LIBRARY VISITS

**Jackie French – My Pa the Polar Bear**

Wallsend Library, Newcastle, NSW  
May 31, 5.00pm

**Peter FitzSimons – Torbruk**  
Penrith Library, Sydney  
May 31, 6.30pm

**Lincoln Hall – Dead Lucky: Life after Death on Mount Everest**  
Liverpool Library, Sydney  
May 31, 7.00pm

**Tom Keneally – The Widow and Her Hero**  
HJ Daley Library, Campbelltown, Sydney  
June 1, 6.30pm

**Carmel Bird – Writing the Story of Your Life**  
State Library of NSW  
June 2, 2.00pm

**Judy Horacek – The Story of Growl**  
Diamond Valley Library, Victoria  
June 3, 2.30pm

**Anita Heiss – Not Meeting Mr Right**  
Mosman Library, Sydney  
June 6, 7.00pm

**Dorothy Porter – El Dorado**  
State Library of Victoria  
June 8, 7.30pm

**Sam Everingham – Wild Ride: Cobb and Co**  
Orange City Library, NSW  
June 15, 6.00pm

**Maggy Maxwell – Isabella**  
Takapuna Library, Auckland  
June 19, 10.00am

**Anita Heiss – Not Meeting Mr Right**  
Kunanurra Community Library, WA  
June 23, 10.15am

**Tony Davis – F. Scott, Ernest and Me**  
State Library of NSW  
July 5, 5.30pm

**Andrew Charlton – Ozonomics**  
Stanton Library, North Sydney  
July 11, 1.00pm

**Barbara Ewing – The Mesmerist**

**Takapuna Library, Auckland**  
July 19, 1.00pm

**Catherine Taylor – Once Upon a Time in Beirut**  
Willoughby Council Chambers, Chatswood, Sydney  
A Willoughby Library Event  
August 21, 12.30pm

## EXHIBITIONS

**How's That**  
National Library of Australia  
Until June 27

**A Quick Stab at the Eighteenth Century**  
Central Library  
University of Otago  
Until June 29

**The Story of our National Capital : National Capital Authority**  
Gladstone City Library, Qld  
June 4-30

**A Nest of Singing Birds: 100 years of the School Journal**  
National Library of New Zealand  
Until July 20

**The A to Z: An Illustrated Alphabet**  
National Library of New Zealand  
Until July 20

**Broken Links: The Stolen Generations in Queensland**  
Philip Bacon Gallery  
State Library of Queensland  
Until August 26