

THORPE-BOWKER'S AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY NEWS

The weekly news & information service for library & information professionals



Innovation wins in Victorian budget

The Victorian Government will spend \$3 million boosting innovation and collaboration in the state's public library sector, Treasurer John Lenders announced in Tuesday's state budget.

The funds will go towards a variety of projects, including wireless services in public libraries, internet safety and the introduction of a state-wide borrowing card.

'Library users across Victoria will have the flexibility to access free wireless internet services in libraries from their own computers, while making use the full range of library resources, thanks to this \$3 million investment,' Local Government Minister Richard Wynne said.

'It will also go to projects to help ensure all online facilities provided by public libraries are safe for all to use, especially children, and that they are easy to manage for library staff.'

Part of the \$3 million fund will see \$900,000 spent over four years to bring Victoria a step closer to a single library membership system.

'Since 2000 our government has funded 86 projects – almost one third of Victoria's public library services – through the Living Libraries Program,' Wynne said.

'These grants have provided new or improved library infrastructure and supported the role of public libraries in strengthening communities as a meeting place, fostering life-long learning and as providers of free access to information resources.'

The Municipal Association of Victoria welcomed the innovation grants, but attacked the government over its failure to address the issue of recurrent funding.

'It's pleasing to see an extra \$2.9 million for a connected libraries program to improve integration of library services, wireless internet access, computer safety and a single library membership card,' MAV president Dick Gross said.

'This is a smart investment in joined-up, user friendly services for Victoria's 2.5 million library users.'

'However, the state has again failed to address recurrent funding for public libraries.'

'Ratepayers continue to prop up library services crumbling under the strain of increasing infrastructure, staffing, IT and book stock costs as the government's proportion of funding declines.'

The government's big ticket item for libraries in Tuesday's budget was the \$10.3 million for the Centre for Books, Writing and Ideas at the State Library of Victoria.

The centre, the focal point of Melbourne's bid to be recognised internationally as a UNESCO City of Literature, will receive \$3.2 million for a fit out and a further \$7.1 million in funding for programs.

Arts Minister Lynne Kosky said the centre would be a 'key addition to the literary and ideas precinct' based around the State Library of Victoria.

May 8, 2008 Issue 323

Contents

News:

Opposition demands Garrett safeguard institutions .. 2
Reading conference approves recommendations .. 3

Academics:

Delegates hail IATUL conference a success .. 4

Publics:

Albury library project wins cultural award .. 4
Donation to help Napier's special collection .. 5

Specials:

Archives NZ finishes photo digitisation project .. 5

Schools:

Attacks stepped up over funding of digital revolution .. 5

Continued Page 3

PUBLISHED BY THORPE-BOWKER, A DIVISION OF R R BOWKER LLC
(ABN: 87 082 599 102)
Level One, 607 St Kilda Road
Melbourne VIC 3004
www.thorpe.com.au

ISSN: 1445-8446
© Copyright THORPE-Bowker
2008

Editorial submissions

Andrew Dent, Editor
Tel + 61 7 3202 5853
Fax + 61 7 3202 8738
e-mail aln@thorpe.com.au

Publisher

Tim Coronel
+61 3 8517 8343
e-mail
tim.coronel@thorpe.com.au,

Advertising

Xeverie Swee
tel +61 3 8645 0308
+ 61 3 8645 0368 (Fax)
advertising@thorpe.com.au

Subscriptions

This weekly news service is provided to subscribers 48 times a year. To subscribe contact Thorpe-Bowker subscriptions at:
+ 61 3 8645 0301 (Tel)
+ 61 3 8645 0368 (Fax)
e-mail
subscriptions@thorpe.com.au

Subscription costs:

One staff member - \$275 per year + GST
2-5 staff members - \$310 per year + GST
6-10 staff members - \$370 per year + GST
11-50 staff members - \$495 per year + GST
51-100 staff members - \$700 per year + GST
101+ staff members - \$950 per year + GST

Copyright warning

Each edition and update is copyright. Other than for purposes prescribed under the Copyright Act and subject to the conditions of the Act, no part of any edition or update may be reproduced by any means, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted without prior written approval of the publishers

Opposition demands Garrett safeguard institutions



The federal opposition has called on Arts Minister Peter Garrett to safeguard the collections of Australia's major cultural institutions ahead of next week's budget.

Shadow Arts Minister Dr Sharman Stone (pictured) expressed 'deep concern' about possible funding cuts to the institutions such as the National Library, National Gallery and National Museum.

Cuts, she said, were not

announced by the Labor Party prior to the election.

'Peter Garrett must defend the collecting institutions which are also reeling from the new impost of the two per cent efficiency dividend to apply to their budgets,' Stone said.

'Nor has the Labor government made it clear that it will continue to reimburse the institutions for their depreciation costs.

'If not reimbursed this would amount to a further cut in funding totalling 3.25 per cent.'

Stone claimed that since its election, the government's 'razor gang' had slashed \$40 million in arts funding.

'This has included cuts to the National Library and the National Gallery, the overseas touring support, Chamber Music Australia, Croc Fest and now it seems Regional Arts Australia is in the firing line,' she said.

'Minister Garrett's failure to stand up for the arts in Cabinet has seen the National Library of Australia forced to find \$250,000 this year alone – next year that increases to \$800,000.

'This will severely impact on their ability to purchase new works and to invest in heritage preservation in local communities.

'At a time when Australians are increasingly valuing their early written works, the library is having its wings clipped.

'The cut in the touring budgets for the national institutions will restrict the number of people with ready access to the significant collections that their tax dollars have largely funded.

'It would be very sad to see access to collections restricted to those who can visit Canberra'

Stone said the call for increased digitisation of the national collections during the 2020 summit, as well as calls for an arts endowment fund, underscored the need for steady and increasing funding in the future.

'The coalition government began the process of digitising the national collection,' she said.

'This is slow, expensive but important work to secure the future of access to the collections.

'Without a commitment from the Rudd government to continue that work, and to properly fund the institutions that are carrying out the work, Australia's reputation as a country caring for its culture will decline.'

Quote of the Week

'I'm really a library man, or second-hand book man.'
John Le Carre – English author (1931-)

Innovation wins in Victorian budget

From Page 1

'This new investment builds on our previous commitment to establish the Centre for Books Writing and Ideas and will support Melbourne's vibrant independent literary scene,' Kosky said.

'Importantly, the centre also receives \$7.1 million to deliver and promote innovative public programs, such as book launches, keynote lectures, think tanks and university links.'

The centre, due to open in late 2009, will see the co-location of many of Victoria's leading writing organisations including the Victorian Writers' Centre, Express Media, Melbourne Writers' Festival, Emerging Writers' Festival and the Australian Poetry Centre.

Museum Victoria will receive \$8 million for exhibition renewal, covering its three museum campuses – the Melbourne Museum, Scienceworks and the Immigration Museum.

'This funding will ensure that Museum Victoria can continue to refresh and invigorate its exhibition program to ensure that it remains relevant to the people of Victoria, attractive to tourists and at the leading edge of museums practice,' Kosky said.

In other news, the Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE's Epping Campus has been allocated \$10.5 million for stage one of its redevelopment.

The redevelopment will include a new library and student services building.

Reading conference approves recommendations



The recent Reading Critical: Developing Readers in Australia and New Zealand conference held at the State Library of Victoria has sent a number of recommendations to governments, agencies and associations.

Conference convener Dr Alan Bundy (pictured) said the recommendations were to encourage better awareness, investment in, and promotion of the importance of reading in both Australia and New Zealand.

'After two days of 20 stimulating papers and panel sessions from international and other speakers, it was evident to the 150 conference delegates that both Australia and New Zealand have a long way to go in the renaissance of reader development and readers advisory as the core mission of public libraries,' Bundy said.

'The UK arguably has the most pervasive and innovative approach to reader development, courtesy in part at least of both the Blair and Brown governments.

'These have clearly recognised that investment in literacy and reader development pays off, from very early childhood onwards.'

Reader development manager from Essex County Libraries in England June Turner highlighted the UK whole of government support in her paper.

She quoted Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who in launching the UK's Year of Reading in January, asserted that investment in reading was 'one of best anti poverty, anti deprivation, anti crime, anti vandalism policies you can think of'.

Delegates strongly recommended that a seminal Year of Reading needed to be held as soon as possible in Australia and New Zealand to profile the importance of reading and the partnerships between government, libraries and many other agencies such as publishers, booksellers, writers and public broadcasters which have been so effective in the UK.

Among the other seven recommendations were:

- The establishment of national reading agencies;
- That Australian and New Zealand health ministers should examine the cost effectiveness of bibliotherapy, which is growing in the UK with government, health professionals and library support;
- That reader development is articulated in all public library strategic plans and job descriptions; and
- That Australia and New Zealand develop coordinated reader development online and other training programs and networks for public libraries.

The full proceedings of the Reading Critical conference will be available in late May from Auslib Press.

Delegates hail IATUL conference a success



The International Association of Technological University Libraries (IATUL) conference held recently at the Auckland University of Technology is being hailed as an outstanding success.

The theme of 29th IATUL conference was Digital Discovery: Strategies & Solutions.

IATUL libraries play a vital role in the success of national strategies by contributing to digital discovery in their own institutions, through developing e-infrastructure for research discovery and using Web 2.0 for learning discovery.

Delegates were invited to follow in the footsteps of the Polynesian explorers on their voyages of discovery, and the European re-discovery of Aotearoa New Zealand, and share experiences of digital discovery for the digital future.

A study tour took delegates to Waitangi, where they heard a presentation by Evelyn Tobin, Library and Information Advisory

Commission, on the Digital Strategy and Mataranga Maori (Maori knowledge).

The conference attracted excellent keynote speakers including: Dr Paul Ayris, director of UCL (University College, London) Library Services; Dr Rhys Francis, executive director of the Australian eResearch Infrastructure Council); and Dr Joan Lippincott, associate executive director of the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) based in Washington, DC.

IATUL is an international forum for the exchange of ideas relevant to librarianship in technological universities throughout the world.

The main objective of IATUL is to provide a forum where library directors and senior managers can meet to exchange views on matters of current significance and to provide an opportunity for them to develop a collaborative approach to solving problems.

Pictured is Russian delegate Alexander Plemnek with AUT university librarian Ainslie Dewe.

PUBLICS

Albury library project wins cultural award



Albury's new LibraryMuseum (pictured) has won the Cultural Infrastructure Award in the NSW Local Government and Shires Association Cultural Awards.

Albury City's entry into the awards highlighted how the building has become a city landmark and community hub since its opening last July.

The submission highlighted how ambitious the LibraryMuseum project was 'to create a signature facility that had the dignity of a civic building and the ability to speak to future generations'.

'The dramatic orange crossed façade has become a city landmark, and the building is a community hub with more than 800 people coming each day to borrow books, browse, visit exhibitions, attend storytime, surf the net, research family history, attend meetings, shop, listen to music or to simply hang-out,' the submission said.

The expressive elements, including a planted granite embankment and the dramatic crossed façade, are inspired by the region's history and heritage.

The building is also environmentally friendly with a focus inside on the latest technology and world-class facilities.

These include the Crossing Place exhibition, telling the story of Albury; free wireless access; a groundbreaking web portal giving catalogue access to the city's library; heritage and art collections; interactive film and photographic kiosks; and Making Tracks, a children's trail exploring the LibraryMuseum.

ALN News

Donation to help Napier's special collection

The daughter of the man who abolished capital punishment in New Zealand has made a \$NZ30,000 donation to the Napier Public Library.

Jocelyn Robson, the daughter of the late John Robson, made the donation to the library's archive which bears her father's name.

The John Robson Collection had initially been presented to the library by Mayor Alan Dick in 1990 and has since been developed by the library and the Napier Pilot City trust.

The 800-title collection, which embodies the ideals of restorative justice, community equity and racial harmony, contains material not held at other libraries.

Library research and technology manager Justin Farquhar said the donation would be used to purchase books and electronic archive material for the collection.

SPECIALS

Archives NZ finishes photo digitisation project

Around 850 images of Waikato-Tainui land confiscation records dating back from the 1830s to the early 1900s have been digitised by Archives New Zealand in a project to help make the archives more accessible.

A CD of all the images was presented to Waikato-Tainui as part of a ceremony marking the beginning of their anniversary to celebrate 150 years of Kiingitanga.

'Today is a significant day to make the presentation because it is a day to reflect and acknowledge those who have passed on, many of whom have been remembered in the records captured on this CD,' Archives Minister Judith Tizard said at the presentation.

'The CD is an important legacy for Waikato-Tainui people as it gives them the records of their past at their fingertips.

'The wider community will also be able to learn and understand from it.'

The records include letters written by King Taawhiao and Major Wiremu Te Wheoro, whakapapa charts and photographs of Tainui tuupuna, as well as correspondence between Governor Grey and King Tawhiao and his father King Matutaera Potatau.

Original publications from the time and a variety of land confiscation petitions signed by many rangatira from different iwi are also included.

The digitisation project is the culmination of a year's work between Archives New Zealand and Waikato-Tainui and is the pilot for other projects to improve access to information for iwi, hapu and the wider community.

'This is a significant milestone for Archives New Zealand as the organisation continues to understand and meet the needs of people who do not live near one of its four repositories in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin,' Tizard said.

'Archives New Zealand has a mandate to be part of this country's digital transformation, to improve its access to records for people throughout the country and to be responsive to Maori.

'This CD is a major step in this direction.'

SCHOOLS

Attacks stepped up over funding of digital revolution

The federal opposition has attacked the government over its ambitious \$1 billion digital schools revolution, saying West Australian Premier Alan Carpenter had thrown doubt on the project.

Shadow Education Minister Tony Smith said Carpenter had told the 7.30 Report that the so-called digital revolution would be useless unless there was adequate funding to actually make the computers work.

Smith said Carpenter had reiterated that he didn't think the state governments should be expected to pay for the federal Labor's election promises, particularly when it could cost the Labor states an extra \$3 billion.

'It's a matter of how you implement it, rather than having boxes of computers which nobody can afford to use in schools,' Carpenter said on the 7.30 Report.

Smith said it was 'incredible' that six months after the election and three COAG meetings later, the government still had to work out who was going to pay the costs to make the computers work.

'The first computers will begin arriving next month and there'll be no internet connection, inadequate infrastructure and not enough power points to actually make them work,' Smith said.

'And there'll be no further discussion on this until the next COAG meeting in November – exactly one year after the election.

'At this stage the computers will be sitting useless in boxes at schools.'

New publisher for Thorpe-Bowker

Tim Coronel has been appointed as the new publisher for Thorpe-Bowker, the publisher of *Australian Library News*.

Coronel takes over from Andrew Wilkins, who has left Thorpe-Bowker to pursue personal interests in book publishing and other opportunities.

Coronel was previously deputy editor at Thorpe-Bowker.

Law moves to new ProQuest role

ProQuest has announced the appointment of John Law to the newly created position of vice president of discovery services.

In his new position, Law will oversee business, technical, and project leadership for building information solutions aimed at getting librarians and end-users to their 'information discovery moment' effortlessly.

Prior to this appointment he managed the ProQuest brand online platform, with responsibility for strategic planning, user research and definition of new features.

He played a key role in the creation and implementation of ProQuest Smart Search, OpenURL linking solutions, authentication and a variety of innovations supporting federated search applications.

CLASSIFIED

Reach thousands of library and information professionals by placing your announcements in this section. Classifieds are charged at \$1.05 +GST per word, with a minimum charge of \$35 +GST. The deadline for all advertising material is 5pm each Tuesday, Victorian time. Send material, together with your full billing and contact details, to aln@thorpe.com.au or fax +61 (0)3 8645 0368. THORPE-Bowker cannot guarantee inclusion of material unless confirmation is sought and a response received before deadline.

Australian Book Awards & Literary Fellowships 2008 - a valuable reference book.

The definitive guide to almost \$2 million worth of awards, grants and fellowships available to Australian writers each year. Australian Book Awards & Literary Fellowships (ABALF) provides contact details, entry dates and requirements and descriptions for about 200 literary awards, prizes, competitions, grants and fellowships. From Australia Council grants to regional writing competitions, it's all there. ABALF also lists literary award winners for every major Australian and international award since the Second World War.

Updated annually, ABALF could be the best investment you ever make.

Secure your 10% early order discount by ordering before 2 May 2008. Orders can be emailed to customerservice@thorpe.com.au or faxed to (03) 8517-8399. If you require an order form, please contact Alex Heydon on (03) 8517-8341 or alex.heydon@thorpe.com.au.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Reach thousands of library and information professionals by placing your job in this section. Situations vacant advertisements are charged at \$1.05 + GST per word, with a minimum charge of \$35 + GST. The deadline for all advertising material is 5pm each Tuesday, Victorian time. Send material, together with your full billing and contact details, to aln@thorpe.com.au or fax +61 (0)3 8645 0368. THORPE-Bowker cannot guarantee inclusion of material unless confirmation is sought and a response received before deadline.

Subscriptions Specialist Mitcham, VIC DA Information Services

Join the DA team

DA is a progressive supplier of print and digital books, journals and databases to academic libraries throughout Australia, employing 85 people in our Mitcham Vic. office. We have vacancy in our journals/magazines customer service team, providing subscriptions to printed and online journals for large libraries of all sizes. Work locally and enjoy the team if you're skilled in databases, correspondence and good service.

- What you would do: Communicate mostly by email with librarians in academic and municipal libraries;
- Update the database for new prices, changes to frequency or amended titles etc.
- Receive annual renewal instructions from libraries for their journals and magazines;
- Correspond with publishers all over the world in order to activate subscriptions on time;
- Manage claims for missing issues by corresponding with the supplier and the customer;
- Learn to use our highly specialised computer system, coping with some tedious work;
- Research and discover information about new journals needed by libraries, from major bibliographic databases and publisher websites;
- Work in a timely and consistent manner in order to meet customer expectations; and
- Maintain good account relationships with customers by ensuring library needs are met/.

To enjoy it, you would have:

- Customer service experience – phone, email and confidence;
- Some understanding as a user of mainframe computer applications;
- Teachability in industry concepts;
- Good keyboard and basic Word/Excel, and database searching skills;
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team environment; and
- Ability to prioritise, show initiative and self-reliance

This is a full-time role in a busy team. To enquire or apply, please email dphillips@dadirect.com or write Dianne Phillips, DA Information Services, 648 Whitehorse Road Mitcham 3132.

Sales Manager Sydney or Melbourne Thomson Reuters

The scientific business of Thomson Reuters is a leading global e-information and solutions company serving researchers, librarians, clinicians and other professionals worldwide. Based in either Sydney or Melbourne and reporting to the director of sales, you will be responsible for driving sales growth to the pharmaceutical & biotech markets in Australasia.

To be successful in the position, applicants will possess:

- At least 3 years direct sales experience with proven sales success.
- A commercial awareness and technical appreciation of the pharmaceutical/life sciences market sector.
- Ability to report and project accurately
- A motivated, enthusiastic and pro-active approach to building lasting customer relationships.
- Effective communication skills and excellent organisation skills with an eye for detail are essential.
- Proficient working with MS Office

An attractive remuneration package that includes a car allowance, bonus scheme and superannuation will be offered.

Applications should be emailed to jeroen.prinsen@thomsonreuters.com.

WHAT'S ON

CONFERENCES

Open Road 2008 Conference: Multilingualism and the Information Society
May 15-16
State Library of Victoria
conference@openroad.net.au

Dreaming08: ALIA 2008 Biennial Conference
September 2-5
Alice Springs Convention Centre
<http://www.alia2008.com/>

SLAQ 2008: Take Flight
September 21-23
All Hallows School, Brisbane
http://www.slaq.org.au/Conferences/SLAQ%202008/slaq2008_home.htm

Second Melbourne Unconference – Learning through play
Thomastown Library

ACEC 2008: Australian Computers in Education Conference
September 28-October 2
National Convention Centre, Canberra
www.acec2008.info
enquiries@acec2008.info

Cultural Connections: MySpace is an ArtSpace: ARLIS/ANZ Biennial Conference
October 9-10
State Library of Queensland
conference@arlis.org.au

Poropitia Outside the Box: LIANZA Annual Conference
November 2-5
Skycity Convention Centre, Auckland
Beverly.fletcher@rodney.govt.nz
<http://www.lianza.org.nz/events/conference2008/index.html>

New Librarians Symposium
December 5-6
CQ Functions, Melbourne
<http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2008/>

AUTHOR LIBRARY VISITS

Bob Carr – My Reading Life
Stanton Library, North Sydney
May 8 1.00pm

Myfanwy Horne – Dying: A Memoir
Woollahra Library, Sydney
May 8, 6.30pm

Judith Lucy – The Lucy Family Alphabet
Adelaide City Library
May 12, 10.00am

Jodi Picoult – Change of Heart
Mt Barker Community Library, SA
May 12. 12.15pm

Jodi Picoult – Change of Heart
Greater Union Cinema Theatre, Marion, Adelaide
A City of Marion Library event
May 13, 6.00pm

Amanda Hampson – Two for the Road
Mona Vale Library, Sydney
May 14, 6.00pm

Vicki Hastrich – The Great Arch
Ashfield Library, Sydney
May 16, 1.00pm

Denton Tulloch – Beastly Tales
Newcastle Region Library, NSW
May 21, 7.00pm

Jodi Picoult – Change of Heart
Dorothy Winstone Centre, Auckland
An Auckland Libraries event
May 22, 7.00pm

Jodi Picoult – Change of Heart
Ilott Theatre, Wellington, NZ
A Wellington City Libraries event
May 23, 7.00pm

Peter Thompson – Pacific Fury
Stanton Library, North Sydney
July 1, 1.00pm

EXHIBITIONS

Selected Photographs from the Daryl Hewson Collection
State Library of Queensland
Until May 20

Sustainable Sydney 2030
Customs House Library, Sydney
Until May 30

Travelling For Love
Philip Bacon Heritage Gallery
State Library of Queensland
Until June 1

Multicultural Art Competition - Everyone is Welcome
Customs House Library, Sydney
Until July 5

Illuminated Manuscripts from Cambridge, Australia and New Zealand
State Library of Victoria
Until June 15

Up, Up and Away
Visitor Centre
National Library of Australia
Until July 19

Simple to Sumptuous: Bookbindings from 1450 to the Present
National Library of New Zealand
Gallery
Until July 19

A Capital Suburb: Pipitea Thorndon
National Library of New Zealand
Gallery
Until July 19

The Opening Chapter: Building the National Library
Visitor Centre
National Library of Australia
Until November 16