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USQ opens new e-resource centre



The Toowoomba-based University of Southern Queensland has developed what it is calling the nation's most extensive electronic resource.

The resource was developed to further enhance the university's role as a leading provider of flexible education.

The university, which also has campuses at Hervey Bay and Springfield Lakes, says the digital resource system, DiReCt, will 'not only revolutionise the way USQ delivers study materials but how students access information'.

Executive director of the division of academic information services, Professor Alan Smith, said that while other universities had introduced similar resource

systems, none was on the scale of the one developed at USQ.

'DiReCt is a joint project between staff in the library and the distance and e-Learning centre, which is quite complex,' Smith said.

'It allows the university to provide study materials more efficiently as it avoids unnecessary duplication of the same information in different courses and will reduce copyright expenditure. It will also allow students to access study material more easily and from a single central source.'

DiReCt will allow lecturers to upload study material to a central source, which can then be accessed by students anywhere via the web.

The project will help the university reduce the printing and distribution costs associated with producing and sending hardcopy materials.

Once loaded to CDs, information will also be uploaded the system allowing students to access all their material in one location.

Lecturer in history Dr Catherine Dewhirst praised the new system, saying her students were already in favour of the concept.

'At the end of last semester I asked the students verbally what they thought of the resource centre concept,' Dewhirst said.

'A number of students said DiReCt was such an improvement on WebCT.'

Smith said the new system had great potential, and he looked forward to seeing it develop further.

'DiReCt is an important step in making available information resources to all USQ students regardless of location,' he said.

'It complements the other resource systems used by the library and reinforces our strong commitment to students and the concept of resource-based learning.'

(Pictured are staff from USQ's library and e-Learning centre)

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NEWS

Long-list for Inky youth literature awards announced

A long-list of 20 youth literature books in the running for the second annual Inky Awards have been announced at the State Library of Victoria.

The Inkys are Australia's only teen choice book awards, reflecting what teenagers want to read rather than what they are told to read.

They were created by the State Library of Victoria's Centre for Youth Literature to encourage reading for pleasure amongst teenagers.

The long-list of 10 Australian books and 10 international books has been selected by the Centre for Youth Literature.

This long-list is then read by a panel of six young judges, who will whittle the list down to six books (three Australian, three international).

On September 12 voting opens to teen readers on oninsideadog.com.au. The books with the most votes win.

There are two awards: the Golden Inky for an Australian book, and the Silver Inky for an international book.

The winner of the Golden Inky will receive a trophy and \$2000 in prize money. The winner of the Silver Inky will receive a trophy.

This year a new award, the Inkys Creative Reading Prize, will be awarded to a reader who develops the best creative response to a book on the Inkys long-list.

The response can come in any form be it short-stories, songs, poems or video.

The winners of the Golden and Silver Inkys and Creative Reading Prize will be announced at the State Library of Victoria on November 6.

Shortlist announced for new PM's Literary Awards

The shortlisted titles for the inaugural Prime Minister's Literary Awards have been announced.

The Australian Government has introduced the Prime Minister's Literary Awards 'to recognise the major contribution of Australian literature to the nation's cultural and intellectual life'.

The awards offer a tax-free prize of \$100,000 for both a fiction and nonfiction work 'judged to be of the highest literary merit' in each category.

Ninety-one fiction and 103 nonfiction titles were entered into these inaugural Prime Minister's Literary Awards.

The shortlisted titles are:

Fiction

- *Burning In* (Mireille Juchau, Giramondo)
- *El Dorado* (Dorothy Porter, Picador)
- *Jamaica* (Malcolm Knox, A&U)
- *Sorry* (Gail Jones, Vintage)
- *The Complete Stories* (David Malouf, Knopf)
- *The Widow and Her Hero* (Tom Keneally, Vintage)
- *The Zookeeper's War* (Steven Conte, Fourth Estate)

Nonfiction

- *A History of Queensland* (Raymond Evans, CUP)
- *Cultural Amnesia: Notes in the Margin of My Time* (Clive James, Picador)
- *My Life as a Traitor* (Zarah Ghahramani with Robert Hillman, Scribe)
- *Napoleon: The Path to Power, 1769-1799* (Philip Dwyer, Bloomsbury)
- *Ochre and Rust: Artefacts and Encounters on Australian Frontiers* (Philip Jones, Wakefield)
- *Shakespeare's Wife* (Germaine Greer, Bloomsbury)
- *Vietnam: The Australian War* (Paul Ham, HarperCollins)

The exact date for the announcement of the winners is not yet known but will be confirmed shortly and is expected to be 'within weeks'.

Quote of the Week

'I took up a sort of a hobby of just hanging around the local library. I'd pick out an author and I would read all their books.'

Tom T Hall- US singer (1936 -)

ALIA forms digital alliance over proposed counterfeit treaty

The Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) has joined with a number of other bodies to express concern that the proposed Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) may be finalised by the end of the year without giving Australians much of a chance to comment on it, or even see it.

ALIA is concerned that measures in the treaty may impede Australians' access to information and ideas, and lead to a surveillance culture in which the monitoring of ordinary citizens' information-seeking behaviour is undertaken more widely than is permitted now.

'We do not want to see an agreement that punishes ordinary consumers and hinders innovation and Australia's digital economy,' ALIA president Derek Whitehead said in a statement.

ALIA has joined CHOICE and the Internet Industry Association to form the Australian Digital Alliance (ADA), which is urging the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to take the lead in ensuring that what it has identified as six vital principles are not compromised:

They are:

- Transparency and accountability: adequate opportunity to see and comment on text before it is concluded;
- Presumption of innocence: no enforcement, civil or criminal, without independent findings of infringement;
- Proportionality: legal enforcement must be proportionate to the infringement;
- Consideration of impact on other treaties and laws: no doubling up or inconsistency with Australia's existing obligations;
- Avoiding the prescription of surveillance technologies for IP enforcement; and
- Safeguards against liability for intermediaries such as educational institutions, libraries and Internet Service Providers.

Australian negotiators have headed to Washington DC for the next round of discussions.

The ADA is urging negotiators to demand a realistic timetable for the ACTA, to allow time for real consultation, and to ensure these principles are not compromised.

ACADEMICS

Notre Dame names medical library after Pope Benedict



The University of Notre Dame has named the medical library at its Sydney campus after Pope Benedict to acknowledge the Pontiff's visit to the university's Sydney campus during World Youth Day celebrations.

During his visit to the university, the Pope met Notre Dame students and staff, distinguished guests and also spent time with a group of disadvantaged young people who were able to share their stories with him.

The young people who met the Pope will be involved in a new program Alive+ being developed jointly by Notre Dame's Medical School and Centacare in Sydney.

A plaque commemorating the Pope's visit was unveiled as the Pope entered the university through the newly-named Pope Benedict XVI Medical Library.

Newly inaugurated vice chancellor Professor Celia Hammond and Cardinal George Pell, Archbishop of Sydney, formally welcomed the Pope to the Darlinghurst Campus.

Hammond said Notre Dame's Sydney Campus had embraced the chance to be identified with Pope Benedict XVI, particularly through its medical library.

(Pictured is Pope Benedict with Archbishop of Sydney George Pell outside the medical library)

Monash to reopen refurbished Pharmacy Library

Monash University's Pharmacy Library is relocating to its refurbished home in the Manning Building later this month.

On August 14 the library's temporary site at 407 Royal Parade will close and the new-look library in Manning will open to students.

Students will be welcome to use the study space and a limited number of computers during the two days.

Normal library services and computer availability will resume on Monday August 18.

'Rather than shutting down for a day which will leave students without any space to study, we decided a progressive

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relocation will allow us to offer limited services.’ Pharmacy Library manger Maxine Cuskelly said.

‘While students will not be able to use all 67 computers yet, the larger study areas in the refurbished library will surely be appreciated by all.’

Wireless access is available in the library for laptop use.

There are separate areas for quiet and group work. A training room opens up for students’ use when there is no library class or workshop booked.

A section in group study will also be equipped with a whiteboard and serve as a flexible learning space.

The library has been designed to be technologically enabled, more adaptable to changing study styles, easier to navigate, modern and consistent in design and layout. The library has the same look and feel as the other refurbished branches such as the Hargrave-Andrew Library in Clayton and the Berwick Library and Learning Commons.

High school internet resource grows in popularity

An internet resource conceived and developed by Bathurst-based Charles Sturt University (CSU) for Years 11 and 12 students studying for the NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC) has recorded its highest-ever traffic for the months of April, May and June.

Use of NSW HSC Online has grown steadily since it began 11 years ago, according to project director Bon Dengate.

‘In June around one and a half million page were delivered from the CSU server alone, an all-time record,’ Dengate said.

‘This does not include access by students from within NSW public high schools, so the true figure would be closer to two million hits.’

NSW HSC Online is designed to be a one-stop-shop for Years 11 and 12 students as they approach their NSW HSC exams, and was developed in collaboration with the NSW Department of Education and Training (NSW DET).

Dengate said the popularity of NSW HSC Online as a reference website could be seen in the increase in pages viewed over the past decade.

‘When the project began in July 1997, around 857 000 pages were viewed on the site annually.

‘Last year alone, more than 16 million pages were delivered from the CSU server,’ Dengate said.

The NSW HSC Online site is kept up-to-date in all curriculum areas.

It mirrors the syllabus of each subject and enables students to be interactive with their study.

Students can access subject discussion forums where they can more formally engage with topics for the HSC.

The forums use the same architecture used to support CSU subjects.

‘It is a state-of-the-art internet resource, in a world where children are very digitally literate and internet savvy,’ Dengate said.

PUBLICS

Goolwa Library celebrating 20 years of service



A week of birthday festivities is currently underway to celebrate Goolwa Library in South Australia’s 20 years of providing a service to the district.

The highlight of the celebrations was the unveiling of a community mosaic designed by local artist Michael Tye.

Members of the community, which is located 100 kilometres south of Adelaide, have been invited to go to the library and add tiles to the artwork, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Goolwa Library.

Celebrations throughout the week include GoGreen in the Library, Cupcakes in the Library, Otori in the Library, ending with lots of noise with Loud and Live in the Library for the teenagers and Lively in the Library for the younger children.

‘We are particularly proud and excited to have the privilege of hosting internationally acclaimed author Lian Hearn on August 9,’ Manager of library and customer service Jill Patmore said.

Hearn’s Tales of the Otori series, set in feudal Japan, has been described in the *Adelaide Review* as a ‘luminous and resonant epic which is absorbing reading’.

‘Celebrations will pay tribute to the past, with displays and a reunion held at the Cupcakes morning tea, acknowledge our achievements and looking to our future,’ Patmore said.

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Auckland teenagers embracing reading program

A free reading program that encourages teenagers to read and at the same time gives them a chance to win prizes is proving a big hit with Auckland teens.

Teenagers are being encouraged to join the JustRead program by visiting one of the Auckland City libraries and choose a book to read and then write a review.

The review needs to include the title, author, favourite character, the best bit of the story and a rating.

Reviews go into a weekly draw to win prizes, which include makeup, wallets, earrings, necklaces and chocolate.

‘We are undertaking this program to encourage teenagers to read more,’ Councillor Paul Goldsmith said.

‘It promotes libraries to young people as a place where they are welcome and can fit in.

‘The program also showcases the possibilities that exist within library doors and within the covers of books. We encourage all teenagers to get involved, to extend their knowledge and vocabulary but most of all, to have fun.’

JustRead began on July 28 and runs until August 18.

Literary awards celebrated in South Perth

A crowd of 80 literature enthusiasts gathered at the City of South Perth’s Civic Centre late last month to celebrate the creative talent of the city’s youth with the presentation of the annual Young Writers Awards.

A total of 435 entries were received this year, with youth services librarian Francine Nababan saying there was a ‘wonderful standard exhibited by the 14 winners from the five age categories for prose’.

Mayor James Best welcomed those in attendance before presenting the awards, remarking on how fortunate the city was to have such great young creative talent.

The Christobel Mattingley Bronze Medallion was awarded to Penrhos College student Amy-Jane Miocevic for her entry, *Piece of Art*.

Other winners were:

- Lower Primary Middle Primary - Mia Smith and Evangeline Newby;
- Upper Primary Lower Secondary – Bradley Luketina and Natalie Thompson;
- Upper Secondary – Amy-Jane Miocevic.

The awards are open to students who live in or attend school within the South Perth municipality.

The awards are sponsored by the city to provide local students with an opportunity to develop their writing skills.

The Christobel Mattingley Bronze Medallion is named in honour of Christobel Mattingley’s contribution to children’s literature in Australia.

SPECIALS

ASA launches latest edition of flagship publication

The Australian Society of Archivists’ has launched *Keeping Archives 3rd edition*, the flagship publication published by the society.

The book was launched in Melbourne by Professor Verity Burgmann, fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences of Australia and Professor in Political Science at the University of Melbourne.

‘The book launch was held at the State Library of Victoria and not only celebrated a milestone in achievement by its authors and contributors, but brought together a broad cross section of the archival and library community who have awaited the new edition of this publication for quite some time,’ Jenni Jeremy from the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Library, said.

‘KA3 builds upon the foundations of its legendary predecessors by providing practical guidance for addressing many of the real-life challenges faced by professionals and non-professionals when working with archival records.

‘KA3’s balance of practical information and recordkeeping theory and concepts will assist archivists new to the profession and others with responsibility for managing archival records.

‘It will also provide a handy resource for professional archivists and librarians working in specialist areas where they have little experience or for those simply seeking to update their professional knowledge.’

Topics covered include Introducing Archives and Archivists, Appraisal and Disposal, Managing Acquisitions, Arrangement and Description, Access and Reference, Finding Aids, Digital Recordkeeping and Managing More than Paper: Maps and Plans, Photographs, Objects, and Sound Recordings and Moving Images.

The book was prepared by an editorial team comprising of Jackie Bettington, Kim Eberhard, Rowena Loo and Clive Smith.

Each chapter has been written by recognised subject matter experts and illustrated with photographs, diagrams and cartoons.

TAFE students join with library for storytime program



Swan Hill Rural City Council and Sunraysia Institute of TAFE in country Victoria have built further upon their partnership with the TAFE's Diploma of Children's Services students to conduct Wednesday morning storytimes at the Library.

Council's manager of cultural development and libraries, Camille Cullinan, said the library was pleased to be able to work with the local TAFE and to further build on the great partnership between the two organisations.

'The storytimes will provide a way for the students to put into practice what they have learned from their course,' Cullinan said.

'Council and the Swan Hill Library are very pleased to be working with our local Sunraysia Institute of TAFE campus to assist with professional development opportunities for their students,' Cullinan said.

'These storytimes will provide a way for these students to put into practice what they have learnt from their course.

'The library staff is very much looking forward to working with these students.'

Coordinator of children's services at Sunraysia TAFE's Swan Hill campus Gabrielle Schammer said the students would be gaining valuable experience in story reading and story telling as well as interacting with children, learning behaviour management and building partnerships with parents in the community.

'It is essential that these students develop a passion for supporting children in the early years to be exposed to the joys of reading and story telling,' Schammer said.

'It is fantastic that the Swan Hill Library is allowing us to gain this experience.

'As teachers we can only do so much in the classroom environment, but there is nothing like seeing the excitement on children's faces when they listen to their favourite story.

'If children love books and listening to stories, they will go on to loving reading.'

SCHOOLS

Federal treasurer opens Brisbane school library



Wavell State High School in Brisbane has unveiled its revamped resource centre with Australian Treasurer Wayne Swan (*pictured*) on hand for the official opening ceremony.

Swan, also the local member, and state member for Stafford Stirling Hinchcliffe were at the school for the opening of the rebadged library, which was rebuilt at a cost of \$210,000.

'The Wavell High resource centre is the library rebadged to more adequately describe the services now offered to students,' deputy principal Christina Smeed said.

Smeed said the project was funded by \$170,000 in federal government grants, \$20,000 from the state government and \$20,000 from the school's Parents and Citizens group.

'Our resource centre provides text resources as well as access to electronic data and information from a variety of media,' Smeed said.

'The wonderful facility we have today now provides students greater access to learning technology and information in a comfortable and contemporary setting which reflects our school's pursuit of excellence.'

The resource centre was operational at the start of the 2008 school year, although was not officially opened until last week.

Smeed said students at the school were already benefiting from the streamlined resource centre.

CATALOGUED

New manager comes from outside library sector

The Moonee Valley Library Service in suburban Melbourne has appointed a new manager from outside the library sector.

Sally Jones has been appointed as the service's new library manager.

Jones is currently the coordinator of parking and local laws at Moonee Valley Council and brings a wealth of local government experience to the new role.

She began in her new position on August 4.

Thewlis named head of OCLC Australasia

Chris Thewlis has been named regional manager of OCLC's Australia office, responsible for directing OCLC's Australia and New Zealand operations, including sales, implementations, marketing, training, and staff management.

Thewlis was most recently product manager, library systems, for Civica, one of the world's most experienced providers of software systems, consulting and managed services to the public sector.

Throughout his career with Civica, he was involved in business development, including a two year period in the UK where he helped to successfully launch the Spydus Library Management System to that market.

In addition to his work with Civica, Thewlis spent 11 years working in libraries in different capacities in Melbourne.

The OCLC office in Melbourne comprises a team of 11 staff members who provide local support and services to the Australasian region.

Thewlis will begin work at OCLC's Australia office on August 12.

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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

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

Alison Croggon – *The Gift: The First Book of Pellinor*
Diamond Valley Library, Melbourne
August 11, 6.30pm

Alison Croggon – *The Gift: The First Book of Pellinor*
Fitzroy Library, Melbourne
August 12, 1.30pm

Anita Heiss – *Avoiding Mr Right*
Bowen Library, Queensland
August 12, 7.00pm

Will Davies – *In the Footsteps of Private Lynch*
Willoughby Library, Chatswood, Sydney
August 13, 12.20pm

Alison Croggon – *The Gift: The First Book of Pellinor*
Lilydale Library, Melbourne
August 13, 1.30pm

Rochelle Davis – *Inside Their Minds*
Ringwood Library, Melbourne
August 13, 7.00pm

Alison Croggon – *The Gift: The First Book of Pellinor*
Brunswick Library, Melbourne
August 14, 7.30pm

Nick Bleszynski – *Bloodlust*
Ashfield Library, Sydney
August 18, 1.00pm

Anne de Lisle – *The Swim Club*
Maroochydore Library, Qld
August 21, 1.00pm

Mark Billingham – *In the Dark*
Takapuna Library, Auckland
September 4, 6.00pm

Simon Winchester – *Bomb, Book and Compass: Joseph Needham and the Great Secrets of China*
Mosman Library, Sydney
September 17, 7.00pm

Amanda Hampson – *Two for the Road*
Hornsby Library, Sydney
September 26, 10.30am

Christine Manfield – *Fire*
State Library of Queensland
October 9, 6.30pm

EXHIBITIONS

In The Line of Duty: Policing in Australia 1788-2006
State Library of WA
Until August 17

Antarctica: A Tale to Tell
Central Library, Auckland
Until August 24

Freestyle Books
slg Gallery
State Library of Queensland
Until October 12

Studio: Australian Painters Photographed by R Ian Lloyd
State Library of NSW
Until October 12

Sport and War
State Library of Victoria
Until October 26

Cautionary Tales – William Hogarth
National Library of New Zealand
Until November 6

Grimm Stuff: Folktales and Fairy Stories
National Library of New Zealand
Until November 6

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

A Modern Vision
Exhibition Gallery
National Library of Australia
Until November 16