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LIANZA prepares for conference

Hundreds of librarians from around New Zealand and the Pacific are set to converge on the SkyCity Convention Centre in Auckland next week for the annual Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA) conference.

LIANZA's annual conference is one of the largest gatherings of library and information professionals in Australasia.

This year's themes Poropitua Outside the Box, which reflects the shifting nature of the profession and the need for libraries to develop and grow with the communities they serve.

The highlight of the conference will be keynote speaker Professor Lawrence Lessig, Professor of Law at Stanford Law School and founder of the school's Centre for Internet and Society.

Lessig will address the conference on 'Keeping the Outside Outside the Box: The Role of Independence in the Profession of the Librarian, and Academy, and the Threats Both Now Face'.

Other keynotes include:

- New Zealand comic artist and writer Dylan Horrocks will discuss how comics and graphic novels, once considered a much-maligned social problem, became a cutting-edge literary form and an increasingly important part of library collections;
- Dr Diane Mara, national president of PACIFICA Inc (Pacific Women's Council), will give a personal perspective on the nature of knowledge, the creation of knowledge and information, and the effects of new information technology in Pacific communities in Aotearoa New Zealand;
- Professor Mason Durie, currently Professor of Maori Research and Development and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Maori) at Massey University will discuss the double edged prospect of global colonisation, the new opportunities created for the nation as well as the challenges to the Kiwi tradition;
- Mark McCrindle, internationally regarded social researcher and acknowledged expert on Generations X and Y, will give insights into the motivations and learning modalities of students Generations Y and Z, and equip librarians and educators with strategies and tools to engage effectively with this multi-modal generation; and
- Professor Marilyn Waring, known internationally for her work in political economy, development assistance and human rights, will be sharing some of her internationally significant work and research on political economy.

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NEWS

Luminaries at State Library to launch new exhibition



A multimedia exhibition entitled *Wisdom*, featuring 51 of the world's most inspiring and iconic personalities over the age of 65, has been launched at the State Library of NSW.

Musician Jimmy Little and author Bryce Courtenay (*pictured*), who are featured in the exhibition alongside former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, were at the State Library for the launch.

The three Australians are joined in the exhibition by people such as Nelson Mandela, Buzz Aldrin, Judi Dench, Clint Eastwood, Frank Gehry, Billy Connolly

and Desmond Tutu.

Award winning photographer and filmmaker Andrew Zuckerman traveled the world interviewing and photographing the world's most iconic elders, handpicked by Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

The resulting exhibition combines large-format portraits, candid insights and revealing interview footage.

A hardcover book of the same name was also officially launched by Courtenay.

'The State Library of NSW was thrilled to partner with this remarkable project as it offered an inspiring showcase of thoughts, ideas and images that presented some great synergies for the library,' State Librarian Regina Sutton said.

'We are encouraging people to contribute to this inspirational exhibition by sharing their own wise words on our dedicated Words of Wisdom blog.'

Zuckerman will select the best blog entry, with the winner receiving an exhibition print of their choice and a signed *Wisdom* book.

The Words of Wisdom competition closes on November 16, the same day the exhibition closes.

LIANZA prepares for 2008 Outside the Box conference

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Learning opportunities at the conference include workshops, panel discussions and hands-on sessions in the computer labs.

Other topics covered will be culture and heritage, digital services, local history, preservation of material, non-book formats, copyright, equitable access and the community.

The achievements of the profession will be recognised at an Awards Ceremony on Monday, where LIANZA will celebrate the success and honour the professional achievements of its members and libraries through professional awards, prizes and scholarships.

ACT election result puts end to Griffith Library hopes

Any chance of Canberra residents getting a reopened Griffith Library appear over after the last week's ACT election.

Liberal Party Urban Services spokesman Steve Pratt, who lost his seat, had committed the Opposition to reopening the Griffith Library, controversially closed by the Labor government after the opening of the city's flagship library in nearby Civic.

Residents responded by opening a volunteer library, which has now been operating for over a year.

At the weekend elections, ACT voters elected a hung Parliament, with the Greens holding the balance of power and undecided over with whom to form a minority government when ALN went to press.

However, indications are that they will side with the Labor Party.

Quote of the Week

'I always tell people that I became a writer not because I went to school but because my mother took me to the library. I wanted to become a writer so I could see my name in the card catalogue.'

Sandra Cisneros - US author (1954-)

Wollongong extension wins architecture award



The architectural firm that transformed the University of Wollongong's library into a bright, light-filled building with extensive use of glass and steel has won a major architectural award for the project.

Wollongong-based Graham Bell and Bowman Architects has won an Australian Institute of Architects (AIA) award for the \$9 million library extension, which opened in February.

The project has taken out the AIA's NSW Country Award for Non-residential Architecture – alterations and additions, announced in October.

Graham Bell and Bowman spokesman Terry Graham said prior to its refurbishment the library was dominated by heavy concrete panels which prevented natural light entering much of the interior.

He said the building had been transformed into a transparent, inviting environment that recognised and celebrated the building's landmark location in the heart of the campus.

'The idea was to create a light, bright, transparent identity for the library, fashioning both a conceptual heart and communal hub for the campus,' Graham said.

He said the inclusion of a café with outdoor tables was designed to stimulate activity at the entrance of the library and provide opportunities for formal and informal social interaction.

Graham said the project had been a great team effort involving library staff and the builders, as the library had to continue functioning throughout to service the campus community of more than 20,000 students.

'University librarian Felicity McGregor and her staff played a key role in all aspects of the design and construction phases of the project, while the builders were very cooperative and able to complete the work ahead of schedule,' he said.

McGregor said that students and staff had risen to the many challenges of the construction period.

VUW puts more than 1200 PhD theses online

Victoria University of Wellington's library has just completed a major project to digitise more than 1200 PhD theses dating from 1947.

'Having the entire PhD collection freely available online is the best way to showcase individual research and the university as a whole,' Victoria's New Zealand Electronic Text Centre director Alison Stevenson said.

'All universities in New Zealand are at various stages of implementing a similar system.

'We have theses covering all the diverse subject areas the university has on offer.

'The most recent thesis was submitted just last week and the oldest one dates back to 1947.'

Stevenson said the library could only make theses publicly available online when it had the permission of the original author.

'In the past, PhD graduates would submit a hard copy of their thesis to the library,' she said.

'Library staff are now recruiting current and past research to publish online and we are hoping to get in touch with alumni who might be happy to have their thesis published online.'

The library holds a print copy of all PhD theses for physical access and long term preservation.

Next year the library will undertake a similar digitisation project for a large proportion of the Master's thesis collection.

Students research area as part of library project

An exhibition of personal stories of the past brought to life by young students of Mosman begins on Friday at Mosman Library in Sydney.

The exhibition will showcase the Mosman Council Intergenerational Biography Project for Schools 2008, in which students from five schools in Mosman – Beauty Point, Blessed Sacrament, Mosman High, Mosman Prep and Queenwood – participated over the past few months.

As part of a commitment to intergenerational harmony, Mosman Council provided an opportunity to promote empathy and understanding across the generations in the form of a Biography Project for primary and secondary schools.

The students focused on researching, interviewing, recording and writing about the lives of those citizens of Mosman who had spent a considerable part of their lives in the area.

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The exhibition showcases a range of people, including Peter Lovell from Lovells Haberdashery, local artist Ken Done and Keith Jackson from the former Australian School of Pacific Administration on Middle Head.

'Schools in Mosman were given an opportunity to adopt this project as a class activity and the response was enthusiastic, with Years 5, 6 and 7 students taking part in the project,' project coordinator Mary Lou Byrne said.

'Those participating students developed their listening and writing skills in workshops facilitated by Mosman Council under the guidance of Dr Rae Luckie, renowned teacher of life writing,

'The project aimed to highlight to the community at large the talents of the young writers and the value of the personal stories of their older subjects.

'This has provided a significant resource in social history for Mosman Library's Local Studies Collection.'

The presentation of the stories will be in a variety of formats and will be on display until November 1.

Liverpool welcomes the Beatles to NSW



Liverpool City Library in Sydney's west has partnered with its English namesake for a new exhibition of Beatles memorabilia.

A Hard Day's Night was launched last week by rock historian Glenn A Baker and British Consul General Richard Morris.

The exhibition features Beatles memorabilia including a DVD playing Beatles music, images of band members and letters written by fans from around the world.

General manager for Liverpool City Council Phil Tolhurst said the community would find plenty in the exhibition to interest them.

'The official launch will be a great afternoon for fans of The Beatles and those who have an appreciation for timeless music,' Tolhurst said.

'It's a fantastic exhibition, which tells the story of four men from Liverpool, England who influenced popular music in a way that, perhaps, will never be seen again.

'I would encourage residents to visit the library and see the exhibition whilst it is in Liverpool City.'

The exhibition was largely provided by the Liverpool City Library and Information Services in the UK.

It runs until February 15, 2009.

Librarian to give residents a tour of the graveyard

This year's Spirited Cemetery Tours, part of Christchurch City Libraries Heritage Week 2008, will visit the mass grave of victims of the 1947 Ballantyne's fire, among other historical graves.

The tours will be led by librarian Richard Greenaway, recipient of the Canterbury History Foundation's 2008 AC Rhodes History Medal.

Like the libraries' other Heritage Week 2008 activity – an historical photo competition – the cemetery tours will focus on the 1940s to 1970s and visit the graves of people who held prominent positions in Christchurch during this time.

The photo competition also focused on this era.

It opened last month and members of the public were invited to enter photos, with a digital camera and photography vouchers up for grabs.

Photos were entered in one of seven categories – fashion, transport, buildings and streets, sport and recreation, occupations, events, and everyday life.

'We're seeing a great response to the competition – the photos coming in are a fascinating insight into Christchurch's recent history,' Christchurch Central Library's Aotearoa New Zealand Centre team leader Annette Williams said.

'They're being exhibited at libraries throughout the city and we'll announce the winners on October 28.'

Photos entered in the competition can also be seen on the libraries' online photo album at flickr.com/photos/christchurchcitylibraries.

New library proving an immediate success

The new \$5 million Logan North Library in the southern Brisbane suburb of Underwood has been officially opened last night by Logan Mayor Pam Parker.

Parker told guests at the opening that since the 1500 square metre library opened to the public on August 4, 800 new members have joined and more than 75,000 loans processed.

'The new library replaces the old library which had been located in rented premises at the former IKEA Centre in Springwood Road since 1996,' Parker said.

'With an excellent collection of resources to choose from, including expanded internet facilities, a community meeting room, drive-through stop and drop, accessibility centre, undercover parking, plasma screen with Foxtel, self-service coffee station and a community workshop area for author visits and functions, it is undoubtedly a library masterpiece.'

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'Council invested \$5 million into the state-of-the-art library, including a \$900,000 state government subsidy, and I know the community is really excited by what we've created here.'

Councillor Hajnal Ban said the new library demonstrated council's commitment to providing quality facilities to the city's residents.

'Not many towns can boast libraries of this kind,' she said.

'Our libraries are some of the best in the state, thanks to the fantastic librarians on staff.

'We regularly host guest speakers and information sessions on a range of topics, with the most recent being a visit by author, Markus Zusak, who was incredibly popular.

'One other thing that's great about Logan North Library in particular is the display of artwork by Zimbabwean-born local artist Tendai Chitsike.

'His exquisite series of sculptures have been created using recycled metal and are on display throughout the library.

'I'd encourage everyone who visits the library to check them out next time.'

SPECIALS

Archivists calling for ATSI scholarship applications

The Australian Society of Archivists' (ASA) Indigenous Issues Special Interest Group (IISIG) is calling for applications for the ASA Loris Williams Scholarship, with applications closing on October 31.

Two Loris Williams Scholarships are available each year for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who wish to train for careers in archives and records management.

Each scholarship will provide up to \$3000 which can be used to pay fees, books and computing costs.

Students may be studying at university from bachelor's level up to PhD or in vocational education and training institutions from Certificate III onwards.

The scholarship application form explains why these careers are important for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and gives full details of how to apply.

Female factories examined in Parramatta exhibition

The Parramatta Heritage Centre in Sydney's west is hosting an exhibition examining what life was like for those colonial females who inhabited the so-called female factories.

Women Transported: Life in Australia's Convict Female Factories contains information and illustrations on the various female factories which operated in New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land.

While Parramatta is perhaps the best known, there were also female factories operating at Bathurst, Newcastle, Port Macquarie and Moreton Bay and in Van Diemen's Land at Hobart Town, Launceston, Cascades, Ross and George Town.

The exhibition also displays objects owned or made by the women as well as photographs of some in later years.

Of special note is a number of original letters which are on display from the NSW State Records' collection.

The exhibition gives an insight into the conditions that the women lived and laboured under including information on the riots in 1827 and 1833 where the women drew attention to their conditions.

It also looks at the skills and occupations of the women, assignment, marriage, punishments and medical services specifically for women.

The lives of the various Matrons, Superintendents and other officials directly concerned with the factories are also examined.

The exhibition is on display at the Parramatta Heritage Centre until November 9, after which it will tour to Queensland, the ACT and Tasmania.

TAFES/POLYS

Unitec researcher looking into mobile learning

A researcher from the Auckland-based Unitec is undertaking a study into how modern students are using mobile devices as educational tools.

Thom Cochrane is carrying out the research for his doctorate and is looking at how Wireless Mobile Devices (WMD) such as smart phones can use Web2.0 or social software tools such as blogs, wikis, podcasting and other interactive online tools to support and enhance student learning.

'What I'm really interested in is how using mobile devices such as smart phones or the iPod can increase students' learning experience and how to engage them with some real experience using technology that's relevant to their program,' Cochrane said.

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To test his theory, Cochrane has given students from three different Unitec programs smart phones they can use as part of their studies.

Students from the Bachelor of Product Design have been using the Nokia N80 (to be upgraded to the Nokia N95 this semester) while the Diploma in Landscape Design students have been using the Sony Ericson P1i.

The latest students to participate in Cochrane's research are from the Diploma of Contemporary Music program who have been given the iPod Touch to use.

'I've found most smart phones take a while to learn to operate having so much packed into them, which has taken some students a bit of time to get used to whereas most people who have an iPod or iPhone can use it pretty quick,' he said.

Each student has set up a blog which they can use to communicate with others in their classes, share videos and diary progress of certain projects they have been working on.

'One of the key findings so far has been the students' ability to communicate wherever they are with other students and with staff either by accessing emails or texting on their mobile devices, and their ability to record content wherever they are be it on camera or some music they have heard or written,' Cochrane said.

While most students have adapted the mobile devices to their daily learning, there have been some downfalls with using them.

When Cochrane began his research two years ago, he initially purchased PDAs but due to a lack of wireless hotspots available at the time, it didn't prove too popular with students.

If the trials prove successful, Cochrane hopes to complete his doctorate by the end of next year.

SCHOOLS

Record number take the challenge in Victoria, ACT

There may be a new Premier in Victoria but the reading results are still buoyant after a record number of Prep to Year 10 students read 3.6 million books in the 2008 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Premier John Brumby said more than 210,000 students had participated in the challenge, reading 200,000 more books than last year.

'Victoria's recent report card from Australia's first national testing of students (NAPLAN) showed that Victoria was among the highest-performing jurisdictions in Australia in a number of areas including literacy,' Brumby said in a statement.

'Along with all our other initiatives, this challenge is encouraging our young people to read more, and enjoy reading more which in turn is improving their literacy levels.'

The Premier's Reading Challenge has grown in popularity since it began in 2005, with Victorian students reading more than 10 million books over the past four years.

Education Minister Bronwyn Pike joined Brumby at the National Gallery of Victoria to present 24 schools with certificates for their participation in the challenge.

'Congratulations to each and every student who had a go at the challenge – you are well on your way to developing a life-long love of reading,' Pike said.

'We believe that the best education occurs when it is viewed as a shared responsibility between schools, teachers, students, parents and the broader community and the Premier's Reading Challenge certainly reflects that thinking.'

'Teachers, parents, Premier's Reading Challenge ambassadors and librarians played an important role in motivating and inspiring students to discover the joys of reading.'

In the ACT, a record 60 ACT schools and 3600 students from kindergarten to year eight participated in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge, more than double the number in 2007.

This year's ACT challenge introduced a new age group from kindergarten to year two and for the first time a school for students with special needs, Cranleigh School, took part in the challenge.

For 2009, students in the upper primary and lower secondary years will be allowed to choose books from an increased range of genres, following a suggestion from a year six student who took part in this year's challenge.

SUPPLIERS

Uni of Melbourne installs Espresso Book Machine

The University of Melbourne is set to install the first retail Espresso Book Machine (EBM) on an Australian university campus.

The university has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with DA Information Services, which leases the machines in Australia, and will be the first Australian university to provide texts on demand via the EBM on campus.

This will include perfect-bound, library-quality versions of manuals, conference proceedings, public domain works, custom anthologies, dissertations from research studies, printings of digital collections, and facsimiles of rare books.

The EBM creates a paperback book in just a few minutes.

DA Information Services also oversaw the machine installation in September at the Angus and Robertson store in Bourke Street, Melbourne, and is planning to assist roll-out of the technology through major libraries in Australia to improve the delivery of content.

DA Information Services executive chairman Richard Siegersma said the EBM was a valuable tool in reducing the carbon footprint.

'This is a green technology because it eliminates the supply chain and shipping,' he said.

'There is the added benefit of having access to titles previously deemed as out-of-print.'

The EBM network distributes content digitally and the publisher retains full ownership and control over its content files.

'There is complete transparency for copyright tracking and the software automatically remits royalty payments to publishers,' Siegersma said.

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2009**

September 29-October 2
Perth Convention and Exhibition
Centre
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AUTHOR LIBRARY VISITS

Susan Duncan – *The House*
Stanton Library, North Sydney
October 23, 1.00pm

Peter Goldsworthy – *Everything
I Knew*
Stanton Library, North Sydney
October 28, 1.00pm

Peter Goldsworthy – *Everything
I Knew*
Mosman Library, Sydney
October 29, 6.30pm

Rochelle Jackson – *Inside Their
Minds*
Monash Public Library,
Melbourne
October 30, 7.00pm

Donna Carson – *Judas Kiss: The
Story of Donna Carson*
East Maitland Library, NSW
October 31, 12.30pm

Maggie Alderson – *How to
Break Your Own Heart*
Stanton Library, North Sydney
October 31, 1.00pm

Michael Connelly – *The Brass
Verdict*
Stanton Library, North Sydney
November 6, 1.00pm

Chris Patten – *What Next?
Surviving the Twenty-First Century*
State Library of Victoria
November 11, 7.30am

Michael Connelly – *The Brass
Verdict*
Takapuna Library, Auckland
November 12, 6.00pm

Richard Flanagan – *Wanting*
State Library of Qld
November 13, 6.30pm

Maggie Beer – *Maggie's Kitchen*
Stanton Library, North Sydney
November 18, 1.00pm

Amanda Tabberer – *My Amalfi
Coast*
State Library of NSW
November 27, 6.00pm

Camilla Nelson – *Crooked*
Kings Cross Library, Sydney
December 3, 5.30pm

EXHIBITIONS

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

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**Fine Folk: Design Work by Colin
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University of Otago Library
Until November 22

Ferdinand von Hochstetter
Central Library, Auckland
Until November 23

Nevermore – Artists' Books
Barr Smith Library
University of Adelaide
Until November 30

A Hard Day's Night
Liverpool City Library, NSW
Until February 15