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Packing up

As the National Library of New Zealand prepares for a \$52 million redevelopment, Archives New Zealand gets ready to receive some of its most precious collections for safe-keeping during the building work.



Two of New Zealand's major cultural institutions have demonstrated the benefits of collaboration by joining together to create almost 10 kilometres of shelving in the Archives New Zealand building, to accommodate the National Library's most valued items.

The buildings are less than a hundred metres apart, so the collections will not have far to travel when they are moved early next year. Items include the majority of the Alexander Turnbull Library's manuscripts; a selection of oral history materials, and the Dorothy Neal White collection of pre-1940 children's books.

National Library chief executive Penny Carnaby explained, 'This initiative means researchers will continue to have onsite access to heritage collections through a jointly-operated reading room, while the material is stored in a safe and secure place. A heritage collection protection expert will assess our moving plans and packing arrangements. The library's conservators and curators will also be involved.'

A good week for ...

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A bad week for ...

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NEWS

Sydney venue for NSW town and country public libraries' first joint conference and exhibition

SWITCH: Public Libraries in a Changing Environment is the title of the inaugural joint conference and exhibition of the NSW Metropolitan and Country Public Library Associations, which will take place from 22-24 November, 2009, at the SMC conference centre in Sydney.

The theme of the conference is sustainability: economic, social, cultural and environmental, and the role that public libraries play in social inclusion, community development and sustainability. Speakers include journalist and commentator Michael Pascoe; social researcher and novelist Hugh Mackay, and Kathleen Chau, from the American Library Association.

The event includes a welcome reception on the first evening and a gala dinner on Monday night, when the NSW public libraries marketing awards and the multi-cultural services awards will be presented.

A full program and registration details at www.plmnsw.org.au.

Google invites users to play in its sandbox

Google is carrying out a major overhaul of its search engine architecture and has called for feedback on its new search technology pilot, called Caffeine.

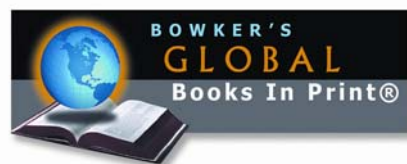
Go to www2.sandbox.google.com to play with the test version. It looks the same as the original but there are subtle variations in the results.

Matt Cutts, a principal engineer at Google, explained the thinking behind the project. 'Caffeine is a fundamental re-architecting of how our indexing system works. It's larger than a revamp. It's more along the lines of a rewrite. It gives us a lot more flexibility, a lot more power. The ability to index more documents. Indexing speed—that is, how quickly you can put a document through our indexing system and make it searchable—is much much better.'



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IN BRIEF

Sony turns up heat on Kindle

The world's technical press is predicting a 25 August launch for two new Sony e-book readers, which will be in direct competition with Amazon's Kindle.

The versions will retail for US\$199 and US\$299, making them US\$100 cheaper than Kindle.

For reasons of territorial copyright, the e-book readers will not be launched at this time in Australia and NZ.

ACT library 'bestsellers' list

Vanessa Little, ACT director of library and information services, has provided her local newspaper with a list of libraries' most popular books and DVDs.

Currently, the three most borrowed books are *The Slap*; *White Tiger*, and *Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance*, and the top three films *Wall E*; *Mamma Mia*; *Underbelly*.

Margaret Allen of the State Library of WA will be our guest editor next week



NEWS

World library community helps design the future

A draft of the final report on the Open Library Environment (OLE) project is now available to view on the website at <http://oleproject.org/final-ole-project-report>.

The project has involved some 400 participants from libraries around the world, who answered the call for the international library community to assist in designing an alternative to the current standard model of the integrated library system (ILS).

The stated goal was to 'produce a design document to inform open source library system development efforts, to guide future library system implementations, and to influence current ILS vendor products.'

The National Library of Australia was one of the 14 leading project partners in OLE, and the only one based outside the US. In addition, library people from Europe, Asia and Africa took part in workshops and webcasts.

Australian institutions involved in the process included the University and State Library of Tasmania; Deakin, La Trobe and Swinburne Universities and the Chisholm Institute, in Victoria; the Australian Digital Futures Institute, at the University of Southern Queensland; the State Library of NSW and the Murdoch University, WA.

The partners in the project are in discussions with potential investors to use the findings of the report to develop a new library technology platform.



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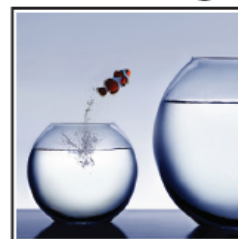
Visit the conference blog at <http://auspublib2009.wordpress.com/>

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INTERNATIONAL

Public libraries have a keen political ally—in Africa

A Nigerian politician has overcome opposition from peers and practical difficulties concerning road access, to build a new public library in the remote Ayobo-Ipaja area.

Prince Bisi Yusuf, executive chairman of Ayobo-Ipaja Local Council Development Area, was asked why a library was a priority. He said, 'Education is very important because if you build a road and you don't empower people with quality education, they will destroy the road in future.'

'The idea of building the public library came to my mind as a way of making books available to the students and to encourage them to cultivate the habit of reading. The public library is to mould the character of the youths.'

Left on the shelf

Two librarians from Detroit have set up a blog listing the worst books on library shelves. The aim is to encourage fellow librarians to clear their collections of obsolete titles, such as *Vans: The Personality Vehicles*. View more books <http://awfullibrarybooks.wordpress.com/>.

Library on the beach

Since 2002, Paris has boasted its very own beach, the Paris Plage, a man-made creation, constructed every summer on the Right Bank of the Seine—and this year, the various attractions include a public lending library.

Gosh, that's a surprise

National Archives in the UK have released files which show that the founder of scientology, L Ron Hubbard was exposed as a fraud by British diplomats in the 1970s. They discovered that he had awarded himself a PhD from a sham college that he and others had founded. His degree, from Sequoia University, was said to recognise his outstanding work in the fields of dianetics, his own version of spiritual healing, and Scientology.

NEWS

Can you help me? :-)

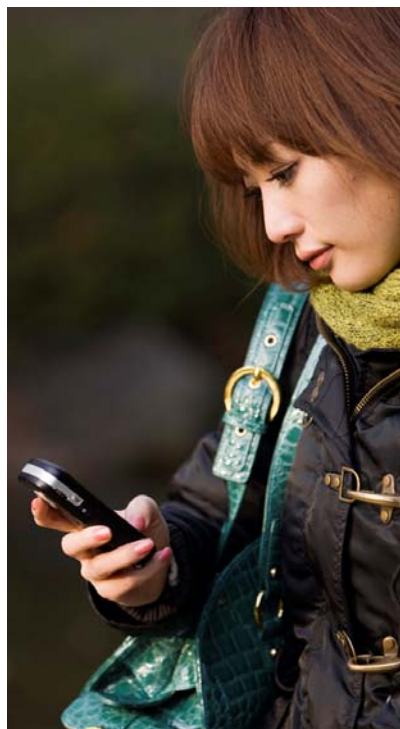
A new challenge looms for library reference staff, with the advent of text messaging enquiry services.

The aim is to provide users with answers to their questions, sent direct to their mobile phones, within minutes of them lodging their enquiry.

While individual libraries have dabbled in this area, My Info Quest has launched in the US, claiming to be the first collaborative venture of this kind, with 50 libraries taking part in the test.

The organisation behind the project, Alliance Library System, has developed partnerships with libraries and software providers.

Find more information at www.alliancelibrarysystem.com and www.myinfoquest.info.

**Minister thanks businessman for generous loan**

Arts minister Peter Garrett joined Jan Fullerton, director-general of the National Library of Australia, in thanking businessman Kerry Stokes for letting the library exhibit four rare Dutch navigational charts from his private collection.

The 18th century charts were used by merchant ships bound for the East Indies and two of the four show part of the western coast of Australia. They will go on display in the National Library's Treasures Gallery.

Peter Garrett said, 'The charts are an enduring testament to the skills of the early navigators, who managed to return safely to Europe after many arduous and dangerous voyages.'

Kerry Stokes has had a long association with collecting institutions and is a board member of both the Australian War Memorial and National Gallery of Australia. Jan Fullerton commented, 'Mr Stokes is a strong supporter of the National Library of Australia, and the loan of this truly unique and exceptional collection of charts is a wonderful opportunity to share an important part of Australia's history with the public.'

The National Library holds more than 600,000 maps, including 8,000 published before 1900.

SA university invests in search software

The University of South Australia has become the first academic institution outside the US to adopt the new Summon discovery service, enabling students and faculty to search the entire library collection in its various formats, using one library-branded search box.

University of SA deputy director information infrastructure Stephen Parnell explained, 'We were first attracted to Summon because its simplicity had much in common with the Google interface so popular with our students. As soon as we tried out its searching capabilities, it was obvious that it was going to provide an attractive way to integrate searching our online databases with searching our local catalogue and repository.'

More information from www.serialssolutions.com.

IN BRIEF

ABC footage for museum

Canberra's Museum of Australian Democracy opened in the Old Parliament House in May and ABC Library Sales has supplied more than 30 minutes of film footage and video excerpts to illustrate its first three exhibitions—Australian Democracy: more than 2000 years in the making; Living Democracy: the power of the people, and The Prime Ministers of Australia.

Sharon Bulkeley, curator of the museum, explained, 'Almost all of the film and multi-media pieces in the new museum contain ABC footage. We could not have put the exhibition together without the assistance of the ABC.'

Historic timepiece

The clock from the *Play School* series that ran on New Zealand TV from 1975 to 1990 has been discovered at Invercargill public library. The staff thought the clock, kept in the library archive, was a replica, not recognising it as a national treasure.

Former presenter Jacqui Hay (now Dean), explained how to verify its authenticity. 'If you look at the back of it, you might find bits of Sellotape and script.'

Scholarship opportunity

The Board of the Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association provides the annual Jeanette Little scholarship, for the professional development of theological librarians in the islands of the South Pacific. Grants of up to \$2000 are available, for attendance at conferences, buying resources, and so on.

Closing date for applications is at the end of November. For details visit www.anztl.org.

QUOTE

Carl Rowan, American journalist and politician, 'The library is the temple of learning, and learning has liberated more people than all the wars in history.'

NEWS

Graphics Atlas is a new online resource that brings sophisticated print identification and characteristic exploration tools to archivists, curators, historians, collectors, conservators, educators, and the general public. The Image Permanence Institute at the Rochester Institute of Technology began initial development of this resource in 2006.

New resource for pinning down photos

The Image Permanence Institute, working on behalf of the Center for the Legacy of Photography, has developed a website called the Graphics Atlas, which helps identify the age and characteristics of photographs.

Three years in the making, this website allows users to browse and compare traits across processes, using a set of 18 views, with various lighting techniques and magnifications. Try it out at www.graphicsatlas.org.

Schools, parks, shops, homes, jobs, what else?

A major announcement this week on the urban planning front contained not even a passing mention of public libraries' role in providing a focal point for the community.

Healthy Spaces and Places was launched at the annual Built Environment Meets Parliament summit at Parliament House, Canberra, by development partners the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), the National Heart Foundation of Australia and the Planning Institute of Australia. Through a website (www.healthyplaces.org.au) and report, it provides guidance for planners setting out to create sustainable communities.

ALGA president councillor Geoff Lake said, 'I strongly believe councils and governments can work together to plan sensitive, well-designed facilities and public spaces that will meet the needs of local residents.'

Manifestly deserving a place on world register

A 19th century *Labor Party Manifesto*, one of the formative documents of the political party in Australia, has been added to the UNESCO Memory of the World register, making it only the fifth Australian entry. Other items on the register include the *Magna Carta* and *Anne Frank's Diaries*.

The manifesto is held in Queensland's John Oxley Library and state librarian Lea Giles-Peters explained, 'To be recognised on this prestigious list is a great honour and focuses attention on the world significance of our collection and on Queensland's remarkable history.'

The document provides a detailed account of the party's grievances against employers and the government and its aspirations for the future. It was written by Charles Seymour and signed by Thomas Glassey, Queensland's first elected labour movement parliamentarian. Queensland had the first labour government in the world, the short-lived Anderson Dawson government of 1899.

EXHIBITIONS

Portrait Photography 1909-1919

Central City Library, Auckland
Until the end of August

Parasites in focus

Northern Territory Library
Until 6 September

**Small Step, Giant Leap:
Celebrating Apollo at 40 exhibition**

SciTech Library
University of Sydney
Until 10 September

**Bold but Faithful: John Oxley
Library at Work**

State Library of Queensland
Until 11 October

**The Independent Type: Books and
Writing in Victoria**

State Library of Victoria
Until 25 October

Vaniman Panorama

State Library of NSW
Until 31 January 2010

**In Living Memory: exhibition of
photographs from the
Aborigines Welfare Board**

State Records of NSW regional tour
Until September 2010

PERMANENT EXHIBITIONS:**Goyder Survey Exhibition online**

Northern Territory Library
www.ntl.nt.gov.au

**No Common Creation: the High
Court of Australia**

National Archives of Australia,
Canberra

**Nelson Meers Foundation
Heritage Collection**

State Library of NSW

**Mirror of the World:
books and ideas**

Dome Galleries, Level 4
State Library of Victoria

The Treasures Wall Exhibition

State Library of South Australia

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WHAT'S ON GUIDE 2009

Month	Dates	Title	Description	Location	More information
August	21-30	Melbourne Writers' Festival	Bringing together 250 local and international writers	Various locations, Melbourne	www.mwf.com.au
August	22-28	Children's Book Week	Theme is the Book Safari	Australia-wide	www.cbca.org.au
August	23	IFLA World Library and Information Congress	75th IFLA general conference and assembly	Milan, Italy	www.ifla.org
August	26	Books Alive!	Until 30 September	Australia-wide	booksalive@capma.com.au
August	31-4	10th International Congress on Medical Librarianship	Co-hosted by University of Queensland Library and IFLA	Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre	www.icml2009.com
August	31-8	Ipswich Literature Festival: Book Safari	Organised by the Ipswich district teacher-librarian network	Ipswich, NSW	www.learningplace.com.au
September	1-13	Brimbank Literary Festival	Various events in libraries and community centres	City of Brimbank, Victoria	www.brimbank.vic.gov.au/arts
September	2	National Reading Day	Government-backed event	Australia-wide	www.deewr.gov.au
September	2	Indigenous Literacy Day	Register for the Great Book Swap	Australia-wide	www.worldwithoutbooks.org
September	2-4	ALLA Evolution Conference	Australian Law Librarians' Association	Darwin Convention Centre	www.alla.asn.au
September	8	International Literacy Day	Founded by UNESCO in 1965	Worldwide	www.unesco.org
September	9-13	Brisbane Writers' Festival	Bringing together books, writing, ideas and readers	Various locations, Brisbane	www.brisbandewritersfestival.com.au
September	11-13	Annual Mobile Libraries Conference	This year's theme is 'sustainable mobiles', with presentations on alternative fuels	Geelong, Victoria	http://events.mav.asn.au
September	11-13	Big Sky 09	Writers' and readers' festival	Geraldton-Greenough Regional Library, WA	www.library.cqg.wa.gov.au
September	13-14	Walking on Words	Dinner and conference, with the theme of creative play	Ballarat, Victoria	www.walkingonwords.com
September	14	The Acquisitions Continuum: from source to supply and beyond	ALIA Acquisitions National Seminar	TAFE Lecture Theatre Currie Street Adelaide	www.alia.org.au
September	15-18	National Library and Information Technicians' Conference	Annual event for library and information professionals	Adelaide Convention Centre	www.alia.org.au
September	17-18	NSLA	National and State Libraries Australasia meeting	Adelaide	www.nsla.org.au
September	17-20	Sprung	Writers' festival	Albany, WA	http://sprung.albany.wa.gov.au
September	20-23	RMAA 26th Annual Convention	Organised by the Records Management Association	Adelaide	www.rmaa.com.au

Highlighted rows denote this week's new listings. If you have an event you would like to add to our What's On Guide, email aln@thorpe.com.au.

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WHAT'S ON GUIDE 2009 & 2010

Month	Dates	Title	Description	Location	More information
September	28-30	Turning Heads	School Library Association of NZ Aotearoa conference	Rangi Ruru Girls' School, Christchurch, NZ	www.eenz.com
September	29-2	Engage Explore Celebrate	Australian School Librarians' Association XXI biennial conference	Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre	www.asla.org.au
October	All	International School Library Month	Theme for this year is School Libraries: The Big Picture	International	www.iasl-online.org
October	1	IAML AGM	International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres AGM	Fisher Library University of Sydney	www.iamlaust.org
October	1-5	The National Young Writers' Festival	Australia's premier event for emerging writers	Newcastle, NSW	www.youngwritersfestival.org
October	2-3	6th ALIA Top End Symposium	The theme is Exploring Learning Spaces and Learning Environments	Education Lecture Theatre Charles Darwin University NT	www.alia.org.au
October	11-17	Voyaging Together: memory, integrity and sustainability	Australian Society of Archivists Conference	Brisbane	www.archivists.org.au
October	11-14	Change and Challenge	Public Libraries Australia and Queensland Public Libraries' Association joint conference	Jupiter's Casino Townsville, Queensland	rhenshaw@pla.org.au
October	12-14	LIANZA 2009	Library and Information Association of NZ conference	Christchurch Convention Centre	http://lianza.org.nz
October	15-16	People in the Information Profession	CAVAL, Emerald and ALIA conference	Victoria University Melbourne	www.caval.edu.au/hrconference.html
October	15-17	The Practice of Indexing	Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers conference	Sydney	www.anzsi.org
October	16-17	Plain Language Association conference	Seventh biennial event run by the Plain English Foundation	Sydney	www.plainenglishfoundation.com
October	23	Cultural Collections, Creators and Copyright	Addressing issues facing cultural institutions, creators and copyright owners in the digital environment	State Library of Victoria, Melbourne	law-cmcl@unimelb.edu.au
November	22-24	SWITCH	Public libraries in a changing environment	Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre	www.plmns.org.au
November	26-27	NSLA	National and State Libraries Australasia meeting	To be confirmed	www.nsla.org.au
February	9-11	Connections, Content, Conversations	VALA's 15th biennial conference	Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre	www.vala.org.au
May	17-23	Sydney Writers' Festival	Annual event	Sydney	www.swf.org.au
August	10-11	Connection and Convergence	Second international conference on joint use in libraries	Adelaide	www.auslib.com.au
August	14-19	World Library and Information Congress	IFLA general conference and council	Göteborg, Sweden	www.auslib.com