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'Every time I read *Pride and Prejudice* I want to dig her up and hit her over the skull with her own shin bone.'
Mark Twain venting his feelings about Jane Austen

TWO MAJOR EVENTS

...which one will
you choose?

LIANZA takes place in Christchurch from 12 to 14 October and the Public Libraries Australia and Queensland Public Libraries Association joint conference is at Jupiter's Casino, in Townsville, starting a day earlier but otherwise covering the same dates.

We couldn't decide between them, so *ALN* is at both. Editor Sue McKerracher will be attending the Queensland event and the library sales team of Anthony Shaw, Matthew Hunter and Benita Konjarska will be over in New Zealand.

If you are at either event and would like to make contact, contact Sue on 0404 456749 or Matthew on 0401 812984.

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NEWS

**Google Book Search:
US judge charged with
hammering out a deal**



The Google books settlement case began yesterday, 7 October, in a New York courtroom presided over by US district judge Denny Chin (*ALN*, 1 October). It has been described as the biggest copyright licensing deal in history. On the side of Google are education and civil rights groups, including the National Federation of the Blind. Opposing the settlement are groups such as the Open Book Alliance, with big name supporters Amazon, Yahoo! and Microsoft.

NZ digital books consortium courts big players

In this week's edition, sister publication *Weekly Book Newsletter* reports on a joint venture to digitise popular New Zealand books with the aim of attracting companies such as Sony to enter the market early and help develop it.

The project involves Copyright Licensing Ltd, Digital Strategies Ltd and InfoGrid Pacific Pte Ltd, and the plan is to launch it to the public in the second quarter of 2010. To date, 30 publishers have provided some 300 books to be digitised.

Viewing by appointment only from next month

The management team behind Te Papa's Te Aka Matua library, located on the fourth floor of the museum, have decided to close it to the general public from 16 November, with future visits arranged by appointment. The decision was based on the fact that most of the library visitors were staff from the museum carrying out research. The library is home to more than 300,000 books, journals, expedition reports, maps and audio-visual files.

Poetry gets slammed across the nation

Construction worker and poet Marc 'So What' Smith created the first Poetry Slam in 1985 and since then the idea of a live poetry event and competition has spread across the country.

Heats are being held throughout October in NSW, WA, the Northern Territory, Victoria and South Australia, followed in each place by a state or territory final. Queensland and Tasmania have already held their qualifying rounds and the ACT event is at the National Library on 6 November.

Representatives of the states and territories then go on to compete in the grand final at the Sydney Opera House on 3 December for the title Australian Slam Poet 2009 and \$10,000 in cash and prizes.

A good week for ...

... lawyers, with the book trade racking up legal fees in high profile court cases (*this page and page 3*)



A bad week for ...

... keen readers at Harvard, with books imprisoned behind bars in one of the university's libraries (*page 3*)



INTERNATIONAL

Taking it all a bit too seriously

A memoir by Matt Latimer, former speech writer for US President George W Bush, includes a claim that J K Rowling was denied a Presidential Medal of Freedom award because of concerns that her work encouraged witchcraft.

While she may have been shunned by the medal committee, that hasn't stopped other American organisations taking advantage of the Harry Potter phenomenon. The National Library of Medicine has developed a successful travelling exhibition, *Harry Potter's World: Renaissance, Science, Magic and Medicine*, which looks at links between the books, Renaissance traditions and ancient belief in magical powers.

Art or vandalism?

Spray-painted murals from around Lincolnshire, in the north east of England, have gone on display in Grimsby Central Library, as part of its local history collection.

Books behind bars

Ivy League students are up in arms about what they see as over-reaction by the managers of the library inside Harvard's oldest dormitory, in response to the theft of several valuable volumes. Two brass rails have been fixed across most of the shelves, making it impossible to remove the books.

Dunster House management has apologised to students but defended its decision on the basis that it was a relatively inexpensive way of protecting the books while the college found a long term solution.

What Carter did next

A major refurbishment of the Jimmy Carter library in Atlanta, Georgia, has been completed. The former US President left office some 30 years ago and the new areas of the library showcase what he has been doing in the interim, as a promoter of world peace and democracy, sharing the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002.

NEWS

**Amazon made a pig's ear of Animal Farm recall**

Earlier this year, Amazon angered US customers by deleting copies of George Orwell's *1984* and *Animal Farm* from Kindle e-book readers after the online bookseller discovered that the company which sold it the books did not own the rights to them (*ALN*, 30 July).

One of its customers sued and as a result, Amazon has offered not to remove files from American users' Kindle e-book readers unless customers consent; fail to pay for an e-book, or ask for a refund. The company has also agreed to pay \$150,000 in legal fees, which will go to charity. The proposed settlement is awaiting sign off by the judge.

Procurement savings for Victorian libraries

Library corporations representing more than three-quarters of Victorian public libraries have joined together in a procurement project that will result in significant savings not only on the cost of purchasing stock, but also making it shelf-ready.

The project, led by the Municipal Association of Victoria, in partnership with the Public Libraries Victoria Network, involves 29 of the state's 45 library corporations, covering 266 public and mobile libraries.

Archives refurbishment: work in progress

Archives New Zealand is refurbishing its ground floor area to create a new orientation area and readers' lounge near the main entrance, as well as a finding aids area in the reading room. Work began in September and will continue through until January 2010. The project is designed to improve the reader experience and provide a new audio-visual area for people to view films from the collection.

Flagship libraries promoting online learning

Last month, Tutoring Australia announced its top 15 e-learning innovators—libraries which have created successful online learning communities, supporting families, students and schools. The first five were City of Wanneroo library service and City of Joondalup libraries in WA; Coffs Harbour library, NSW; Fairfield library, NSW; Hume libraries, Victoria, and Isaac library service, Queensland. For the other 10 named libraries, go to the [Yourtutor website](http://www.yourtutor.com.au).

IN BRIEF

Working with children

Nominations are being sought for the 2010 Nan Chauncy award. This recognises someone who has made an outstanding contribution to Australian children's literature, as a librarian, teacher, editor, author, bookseller, researcher, illustrator or publisher. The Children's Book Council of Australia administers the award and more information is available on its [website](#).

Meanwhile, ALIA has awarded Leila Hoffman, former WA branch and national president of the LAA school libraries section, with honorary membership for her work in promoting Australian children's literature through school libraries.

Mantel wins Man Booker

As predicted, author Hilary Mantel has won the Man Booker prize for her historical novel *Wolf Hall*, the story of Thomas Cromwell.

Tracing family history

London marriages, baptisms and burials between 1538 and 1812 have recently appeared on www.ancestry.com, to which many Australian libraries subscribe. The information is drawn from more than 10,000 parish registers from the Greater London area.

Almost, but not quite enough

Berridale school in the NSW Snowy Mountains is considering turning down Federal Government funding which was meant to go towards a new library. The grant of \$850,000 would still leave the school nearly \$60,000 dollars short of the amount it would need to complete the project and the school governors fear it would not be possible to raise the rest.

SWITCHed on

The response to the NSW Public Libraries SWITCH event in Sydney, in November has been good, with a sell-out exhibition of 40 booths and some 300 conference delegates already registered.

NEWS



NZ Book Month 2009 is in full swing, running for the calendar month of October and showcasing the work of the nation's writers and illustrators. This is the fourth annual event, with more activities and participants than in previous years. One of the highlights is a Guinness World Record attempt in Hastings involving 852 ukele players. More at www.nzbookmonth.co.nz.

NZ libraries introduce new search product

Manukau libraries have just gone live with the AquaBrowser Library search product from Thorpe-Bowker, and this week Auckland City libraries have launched the My Discoveries component of the product.

Sam Minchin, digital access manager for Auckland City libraries told *ALN*, 'The big thing for us is the listing capability. Our library users can now make lists of books they have read; ones they would like to go back to, and create lists they would like to share with others. The other thing is tagging. It's bringing in the customers' ideas about the catalogue and the words they would think of to describe items. It makes it easier to use.'

Auckland City libraries went live with AquaBrowser last August at the same time as launching a new website. Sam Minchin explained, 'We wanted AquaBrowser because it brought together the catalogue and the website.' More information at www.aquabrowser.com.

EXHIBITIONS

Charles Brasch: In the Company of Artists

Hocken Library
University of Otago
Until 10 October

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

White Gloves Tour: Treasures from the John Oxley Library

Touring Queensland
Until November

Nick Cave—The Exhibition

National Library of Australia
Until 29 November

Becoming Queensland: The First 50 Years

State Library of Queensland
Virtual exhibition
Until December
www.slq.qld.gov.au

Focus on *Mary Poppins* author PL Travers

Nelson Meers Foundation
Heritage Collection
State Library of NSW
Until 31 December

Vaniman Panorama

State Library of NSW
Until 31 January 2010

Far-sited: The Maps That Made Canberra

National Library
Until 31 January 2010

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

State Records of NSW
regional tour
Until September 2010

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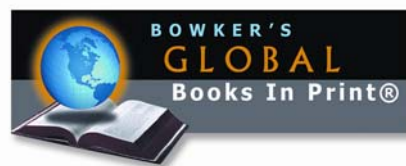
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Month	Dates	Title	Description	Location	More information
October	11-17	Voyaging Together: memory, integrity and sustainability	Australian Society of Archivists Conference	Brisbane	www.archivists.org.au
October	11-14	Change and Challenge	Public Libraries 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	15-16	14th Biennial Copyright Law and Practice Symposium	Hosted by the Australian Copyright Council and the Copyright Society of Australia	Art Gallery of NSW Sydney	www.copyright.org.au
October	15-17	The Practice of Indexing	Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers conference	Sydney	www.anzsi.org
October	15, 18, 24-25	Australia's Silent Film Festival	Annette Kellerman and Snub Pollard will be inducted into the Hall of Fame	State Library of NSW	www.ozsilentfilmfestival.com.au
October	16-17	Plain Language Association conference	Seventh biennial event run by the Plain English Foundation	Sydney	www.plainenglishfoundation.com
October	17-18	Wandering Tour 2009	Queensland Library Technicians Group goes to Toowoomba	Toowoomba, Queensland	andrea.davis@usq.edu.au
October	21-23	NZCCM National Conference	NZ Conservators of Cultural Material	Auckland, NZ	david.ashman@aucklandcity.govt.nz
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
October	24-25	Flight of the Mind: Writing and the Creative Imagination	Conference featuring Australian writers, with keynote speaker Geraldine Brooks delivering the Kenneth Binns lecture	National Library of Australia Canberra	www.nla.gov.au
November	6	Libraries Australia Forum 2009	The theme is 'innovation'	Hobart Function and Convention Centre	www.nla.gov.au

Add your event—email aln@thorpe.com.au with the details and we'll include it in the next issue of

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November	16-19	PIALA 2009 Conference	The Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives and Museums annual event	Island state of Pohnpei Federated States of Micronesia	piala.org@gmail.com
November	22-24	SWITCH	Public libraries in a changing environment	Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre	www.plmns.w.gov.au
November	23-24	National Digital Forum 2009	Eighth annual conference for cultural organisations	Museum of NZ Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington	http://ndf.natlib.govt.nz/about/2009-conference.htm
November	26-27	NSLA	National and State Libraries Australasia meeting	To be confirmed	www.nsla.org.au
December	10	150th Anniversary of Queensland's Independence	Following State-wide celebrations	State Library of Queensland Brisbane	www.slq.qld.gov.au
February	9-11	Connections, Content, Conversations	VALA's 15th biennial conference	Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre	www.vala.org.au
February	23-26	International Conference on Digital Libraries	The theme is Shaping the Information Paradigm, organised by TERI and IGNOU	New Delhi	www.teriin.org
March	3-4	South Island Children and Young Adult Librarians' Conference	Annual conference covering literature, literacy and Librarianship	Oamaru Opera House Oamaru	www.kids4libs2010.com
May	17-23	Sydney Writers' Festival	Annual event	Sydney	www.swf.org.au
June	13-16	SLA 2010 Conference and Exhibition	Theme is Entering SLA's Next Century: Let the Good Times Roll	New Orleans USA	www.sla.org
July	15-18	25th Annual ANZTLA Conference	Australia and New Zealand theological library association	St Catherine's College University of WA, Perth	www.anzsla.org
August	10-11	Connection and Convergence	Second international conference on joint use in libraries	Adelaide	www.auslib.com.au
August	10-15	World Library and Information Congress	IFLA general conference and council	Göteborg, Sweden	www.ifla.org
September	2-3	ALIA 2010 Conference	Vote for a name on the ALIA website	Brisbane	www.alia.org.au
September	27-1	SLAQ/IASL 2010 Conference	The School Library Association of Queensland biennial conference and the 39th International Association of School Librarianship annual conference	Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre	www.slaq.org.au