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21/9 Clare Burton Memorial lecture series. Curtin University of Technology, Perth, 12-2pm. Hyatt Regency, 99 Adelaide Terrace, Perth. Contact: Janice Burmaz, ph 08 9266 3980, Burmaz@vc.curtin.edu.au

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• **16/10 Vic Library Technicians.** *Post-conference meeting.* Members and non-members are welcome to come along to hear a presentation from John Campbell (Conference Grant winner). No charge. Box Hill Institute, 6 for 6:30pm. *RSVP to:* Tricia Murray (RMIT library), ph 03 9925 2063, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

• **20/10 Schools Vic.** *General meeting.* Venue: tba, 9:30am, all members are welcome.

• **27/10 Vic Library Technicians.** *Annual visit to the staff and students at the University of Ballarat, SMB campus.* Our topic is the recent Hobart conference. Leaving Melbourne at 10am, staying overnight and returning Sunday. Transportation will be provided by the section. *RSVP to:* Kerrie Kelly, ph 03 8664 7131, kkelly@slv.vic.gov.au

• **17/11 Schools Vic.** *Annual general meeting.* Santa Maria College Resource Centre, 50 Separation Street, Northcote, 9:30am, all members are welcome.

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3/9 CAVAL training activities. *Fundraising for the future:* full-day workshop conducted by Karl Schmude, former university librarian. Designed for senior library staff seeking practical insights into proven strategies of fundraising in an educational, commercial or community environment. Room 2.9 State Reference Library, Perth Cultural Centre, Perth, 9:30-4:30pm. Cost: CAVAL members \$297, non-members \$330. Register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

• **12/9 WA Library Technicians.** *General meeting.* Venue: tba, 5:45pm start. *RSVP contact:* Sandra Wilson, s.m.wilson@curtin.edu.au

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Making news around Australia

Selected reprints from newspapers and magazines in recent months

Putting Kelly back together piece by piece
The Adelaide Advertiser, 1 August, by Mike Hedge

The State Library of Victoria purchased at auction the last piece of Ned Kelly's armour to be held by a private collector. The State Library now faces the challenge of convincing the owners of the other pieces to combine the armour and display it. The State Library now owns the helmet, breastplate and lappet. The Melbourne Museum has the other shoulder plate and the Victoria Police Museum the back plate.

Other similar stories appeared in *The Australian*, 'Such is life ... with a full suit of armour'; *The Herald Sun*, 'State bid to reunite Ned Kelly's armour'; and *The Geelong Advertiser*, 'At last, Ned's armour can be reassembled after 120 years'.

Just the facts, m'am [sic]
Courier Mail, 31 June, by Belinda Weaver

inCite's very own Belinda Weaver points readers to some of the more reliable sources of information on the web.

Free speech emasculated
The Age, 31 July by Simon Minahan

Dmitry Sklyarov became the first person to be prosecuted under the US *Digital Millennium Copyright Act*, and in the process became a poster boy for civil liberties activists in the United States. Sklyarov was arrested for creating a program for copying e-books downloaded on Adobe's E-book Reader.

Under Section 19A of the Australian Copyright Act, Sklyarov could also have been arrested here for the same offence. Section 19A forbids making or commercially distributing a circumvention device.

The provisions in both the American and Australian copyright legislation have created a situation where copyright holders have the ability to engineer an effectively perpetual copyright, and even create a pay-per-view situation — something that is not possible if you publish in paper.

New laws 'favor' [sic] monopolies
The Age, 31 July, by Sue Cant

Lawyers have predicted that new digital copyright laws could boost the power of monopolies. The laws could also allow companies to use the provisions of the copyright law to get around the *Trade Practices Act*.

\$400 000 gift for new reading room
The Sunday Mail, 29 July

A new reading room at the State Library of South Australia will be a fitting memorial to Ron Boland, former managing director of Adelaide's *The News*. Advertiser Newspa-

pers Limited has made a \$400 000 donation towards the establishment of the new newspaper reading room which will be equipped with the latest technology.

Another story, '\$400 000 salute for prince of the press', appeared in the *Adelaide Advertiser* on 25 July.

Fascists sabotaging libraries
Sydney Morning Herald, 28 July, by Nadia Jamal

Right-wing fanatics are targeting Sydney libraries, leaving swastika stickers and contact numbers for extremist groups in library books. The problem for the libraries which have been targeted may be that they may be in breach of Federal and NSW race discrimination and race vilification laws if they do not remove the material.

A similar story 'Neo-nazi sneaks hit libraries', by Frank Walker appeared in the *Sun-Herald* on 29 July.

Time for another 'sea change'
The Daily Telegraph, 27 July, by Geoffrey Riordan

In the mid 19th century government inquiries concluded that parents, private providers, churches and the government were not able to adequately meet the educational needs of the growing number of people living in rural Australia. These inquiries were a catalyst for the establishment of our state-based system of schools. More than a century later, the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission found that access to education was still a significant concern in rural and remote areas. Some suggestions proposed to address this imbalance include affordable internet access, support for good teaching in the form of ongoing professional development, and renewed efforts at decentralisation.

Don't let this revolution in education go to waste
Daily Telegraph, 27 July, by Shirley Alexander

The increased level of computer ownership and internet access provides educational opportunities for rural Australians. However much of the potential is being lost because too much of the focus of online teaching has been on the transfer of traditional teaching where the computer substitutes the teacher. A more productive approach is to use the internet for learning experiences which actively engage students in processes which increase their understanding of the subject matter.

In love with his work
Daily Liberal [Dubbo], 25 July, by Steve Hodder

Orana Region Mobile Library recently won

the inaugural NSW Public Libraries Promotions Award. Peter Maher, operator of the mobile library said about operating the mobile library, 'I get a tremendous kick out of being able to help people in the bush ... My customers are always glad to see me, especially in the more remote areas.'

Library funding windfall

Bacchus Marsh — Melton Express Telegraph, 24 July

Melton council has received an eight per cent increase in funding for public library services. The increase in funding is the largest in the state. The government will also make \$12 million available over three years through the Community Support Fund to assist councils to upgrade their public library buildings.

Fight to free information caught in the filters

The Age, 24 July (from the New York Times)

One of this year's winners of the Electronic Frontier Foundation is Seth Finelstein, an activist who decrypts filtering programs, the software used by private companies, libraries and schools to block out undesirable sites. As a founder of the Censorware Project, an anti-filtering advocacy group, Finkelstein has influenced public debate and legal decisions.

Local librarians awarded

The Queensland Times, 14 July

The Ipswich District Teacher-Librarian Network was recently awarded the International Association of School Librarianship 2001 Commendation award.

Chapter closes

The Herald Sun, 14 July, by Kim Lockwood

The State Library of Victoria has decided to stop its publishing activities. Retiring publisher, Rob Blackmore is sad about the closure, he said 'Something that has been valuable in Melbourne and Victoria is going to die a quiet death.' The publications produced by the library were always high quality — case bound, section sewn, on quality paper with proper typesetting.

Library's future an open book: new manager

Western Advocate [Bathurst], 12 July by Adam Joyce

John Cumberford, Bathurst's new library manager, is calling on the public to say what it wants from its library. Mr Cumberford is introducing a comment board for feedback from users. He is also inviting the public to visit the library at particular times when he will be available to meet with patrons and discuss their concerns or suggestions for better services.

Stolen generation defined

The Advertiser, 12 July

The Federal government may not recognise the term, but the term 'stolen generation' has been included in the latest edition of the Concise Oxford Dictionary. The decision to include the term was made on the recommendation of the Oxford's Australian-based consultant.

Libraries speak their language

The Advertiser, 10 July

epitech managing director, Bob Claxton, is very impressed with what the company has achieved on the Hong Kong Central Library. The 12 storey, \$700 million library has unified the network of sixty-seven public libraries and eight mobile libraries in Hong Kong and the new territories. The system has to deal with more than 30 million loans a year, more than two million patrons, 6000 concurrent users and 1500 work stations. Mr Claxton said the Dynix library system, installed with Hewlett Packard and SCS Information Technology, was epitech's largest contract in Asia so far.

Libraries told: get your fair share of grants

Central Western Daily [Orange] 6 July, by Jasmine Vidler

Emeritus Professor John Chudleigh has urged local libraries to apply for more public money. Professor Chudleigh was speaking at the Country Public Libraries conference held recently in Orange. Professor Chudleigh encouraged rural communities to take advantage of government grants and their community's unique qualities. ■



• **25/9 ALIA KIS (WA).** *Intranet night at Department of Minerals and Energy, East Perth and Woodside Energy, 5:15 for 5:30pm start. Cost: \$2 coin donation. For further details contact: Joyce Steveni, ph 08 9366 4746, fx 08 9366 4778, stevenij@eec.com.au*

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• **13/11 WA Library Technicians.** *Meeting and end of year dinner. LISWA, 5:45pm start. RSVP contact: Sandra Wilson, s.m.wilson@curtin.edu.au*

Conference

• **12–14/10 2001 RAISS conference.** *Revealing in reference 2001 — reference and information service section symposium. Symposium themes: share the best; learn the new; make the difference. Venue: VUT Conference Centre, Melbourne. For more information please visit the Revealing in Reference web site <http://raiss2001.monash.org/>*

• **21–23/10 2001 National TAFE libraries conference.** *Passion power people — TAFE Libraries Leading the Way. Sheraton Hotel, Brisbane Qld. Conference organiser: Organisers Australia, PO Box 1237, Milton, Qld 4064, ph 07 3369 7866, fx 07 3367 1471, vanessa@orgaus.com.au <http://www.alia.org.au/sections/tafe/conferences/>*

• **7–9/11 14th National ALIA Cataloguing conference.** *Seachange: cataloguing in a dot com world. Deakin University, Geelong Waterfront Campus. Conference chair: Ebe Kartus, ph 03 5227 8228, kartus@deakin.edu.au*


• **12–16/11 Public Libraries national conference.** *2001 The conference: Endless possibilities! Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre Vic. Conference secretariat: Conference Consultants Australia, ph 03 9690 3933, fx 03 9690 3944, alia@conferenceconsultants.com.au, <http://www.conferenceconsultants.com.au/alial>*

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