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Queens Street, City. Time: tba. Contact: Helen Gambley, ph 07 3234 7777.

• **7/4 Qld Library Technician section.** *Combined activity/meeting with Sunshine Coast Regional Group, Maroochydore.* Venue/time: tba. Contact: Marian Moyle, ph 07 3244 6446, marian.moyle@detir.qld.gov.au

• **15/5 Qld Library Technician section.** *Library Technicians Day/annual dinner/Library Technician of Year Award.* Cotah Skyline Restaurant, Southbank Institute of TAFE, South Brisbane, time: tba. Contact: Marian Moyle, ph 07 3244 6446, marian.moyle@detir.qld.gov.au

• **6/6 Qld OPALS.** *General meeting.* ANTA (Aust. National Training Authority), Level 11, AMP Place, 10 Eagle Street, City, 10am. Contact: Jill Rogers, ph 07 3246 2300

• **10/7 Qld Library Technician section.** *Industrial issues for library technicians.* State Library Theatre, State Library of Queensland, South Brisbane, 5 for 5:30pm start, unless otherwise advised. Contact: Marian Moyle, ph 07 3244 6446, marian.moyle@detir.qld.gov.au

• **1/8 Qld OPALS.** *General meeting.* AIM-Cerebral Palsy League of Qld, Level 2, 55 Oxlade Drive, New Farm. Time: tba. Contact: Deb Cronan, ph 07 3358 8036.

• **11/9 Qld Library Technician section.** *Feedback from Hobart Conference.* State Library Theatre, State Library of Queensland, South Brisbane, 5 for 5:30pm start, unless otherwise advised. Contact: Marian Moyle, ph 07 3244 6446, marian.moyle@detir.qld.gov.au

• **12/9 Qld OPALS.** *General meeting.* Domestic Violence Resource Centre, 56 Boundary Street, South Brisbane, 12:30pm. Contact: Linda Mill, ph 07 3217 2544.

• **30/10 Qld OPALS.** *General meeting.* BCC City Plaza Library, Corner George, Adelaide & Ann Street, City, 5:30pm.

• **13/11 Qld Library Technician section.** *Annual general meeting.* Venue: tba, 5 for 5:30pm start, unless otherwise advised. Contact: Marian Moyle, ph 07 3244 6446, marian.moyle@detir.qld.gov.au

• **Late November Qld OPALS.** *Xmas party.* Time, venue and date: to be advised.

## SA

• **12/3 SA Branch.** *General meeting.* All members are more than welcome. PLAIN, 8 Milner Street, Hindmarsh, 5 for 5:15pm.

• **19/3-14/5 SA Library Technician section.** *Committee meeting.* Fleet Street Café, 162-170 Pulteney Street, Adelaide, 6 for 6:30pm meeting. 19/3, 9/4, 14/5. Contact: Jackie Williams, SALT secretary, ph 08 8226 2890, fx 08 8226 2199, williams.jackie@saugov.sa.gov.au

• **28/3 SA Branch.** *Mentoring group meeting.* Ira Raymond room, Barr Smith Library, Adelaide University from 6-8pm.

• **9/4 SA Branch.** *General meeting.* All members are more than welcome. PLAIN, 8 Milner Street, Hindmarsh, 5 for 5:15pm.

• **2/5 SA Branch.** *Mentoring group meeting.* Ira Raymond room, Barr Smith Library, Adelaide University from 6-8pm.

• **14/5 SA Branch.** *General meeting.* All members are more than welcome. PLAIN, 8 Milner Street, Hindmarsh, 5 for 5:15pm.

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# ALEPH 500 software

## Ex Libris and UNILINC partnership

**E**x Libris (Australia) Pty Ltd has been awarded a major contract with UNILINC Ltd, for the licence and implementation of ALEPH 500 software in a number of Australian libraries.

UNILINC is a not-for-profit organisation originally established in 1978 to co-ordinate the provision of sophisticated library technologies in the higher education sector, with the aim of saving costs and facilitating resource sharing. The following institutions are serviced by UNILINC and will soon be part of the ALEPH-based UNILINC shared system: Australian Catholic University, Australian Institute of Music, Avondale College, NSW Board of Studies, Charles Sturt University, College of Law, Jansen Newman Institute, National Gallery of Australia, NSW Department of Corrective Services, NSW Police Academy, Southern Cross University, Study Group Australia, and Sydney Church of England Grammar School.

UNILINC has provided a shared system since 1984. The Ex Libris ALEPH 500 system will replace DRA software, which has been in use for several years.

Ex Libris will assume responsibility for the full implementation of the project, including data conversion and staff training. Contributing its considerable experience in the areas of library automation and services, UNILINC will also play an active role.

On the signing of the contract, Rona Wade, Executive Director and CEO of UNILINC, commented: 'UNILINC sees the implementation of the new Shared-System software as being our most important strategic initiative. We have selected ALEPH 500 because the system architecture provides the

necessary infrastructure for future development and the software meets the current needs of the progressive and electronically advanced libraries that comprise UNILINC membership. With Ex Libris, we also believe that we have found a company that values library collaboration and understands consortia and as such will be able to partner UNILINC into the new century.'

Azriel Morag, Chairman of Ex Libris, added, 'This is a landmark for our company, as it marks the 43rd country and sixth continent to which the rapidly growing community of ALEPH users has spread.'

Michael McLellan, General Manager of Ex Libris (Australia), sees this contract as the forerunner to a wider ALEPH 500 penetration into Australia. He envisages the expansion of their Australian office and a growing presence here in the library automation sector.

Ex Libris, a multinational company with offices worldwide, is a leading developer of high-performance applications for libraries, information centres, and researchers. ALEPH, the Ex Libris integrated library solution, has been installed at 540 sites in 42 countries. Other Ex Libris software products include MetaLib, an information portal for library collections that provides libraries, institutions and consortia with a standardised user interface; SFX, a context-sensitive reference linking solution that provides a one-stop reference system for heterogeneous electronic resources in the scholarly information environment; and DigiTooLibrary, a solution for building digital collections as components of an overall digital strategy.

For more information on UNILINC, link to <http://www.unilinc.edu.au>. ■

# Library innovation

## Leanne Vincent, librarian, Institute of TAFE, Tasmania

**L**ast November a small but dynamic workshop, 'Innovation for Libraries', was held at CAVAL. Most of the participants were from Victorian libraries, including Defence, Taxation and university libraries, with me as the sole Tasmanian representative.

The one-day workshop was conducted by David Tan, a research librarian with Coles/Myer in Melbourne. His study of workplace innovation has highlighted the lack of information on this topic for libraries. Business and industry have been the focus of recent data, while past research on innovation has been mainly associated with scientific and technical discovery.

So what is innovation? This was a question posed for workshop participants, with the first part of the day's discussion explor-

ing the concept of innovation and the barriers to innovation. David Tan then introduced participants to his LEAP model — a simple framework by which to conduct and manage the innovation process. The workshop focused particularly on the key drivers of innovation and how information is used in the workplace. The day's program concluded with some interesting case studies, providing a useful practical component.

Participants found the workshop challenged and extended their thinking and provided them with practical solutions for change and innovation in their own workplaces.

Similar sessions are planned for other states, so check for details in future issues of *inCite*. This is definitely a must-do workshop for 2001. ■