

Venue: Gazebo Hotel. Cost: ALIA members \$120, others \$150. RSVP: Wendy Abbott, ph (07) 3875 7111 ext 8987 by 5/8.

• **21/8 Qld public libraries section** *Outsourcing and competitive tendering*. 6.00pm for 6.30pm, members \$10, others \$15. Central City Library Theatre, City Plaza, Cnr Ann, George and Adelaide Sts, Brisbane. Contact: Del Simpson ph (07) 3403 9511 (b/h), e-mail simpson@gil.com.au.

• **21/8-18/12 Qld public library section committee meetings**. Committee will meet on the third Wednesday in each month, with a Section activity held on alternate months. Full details will be revealed in Quill and through mail-outs. Meeting dates: 17/4, 18/6, 21/8, 16/10, 18/12(AGM). Contact: Brenda Simpson, ph 07 3403 8621.

SA

• **14-16/8 Insearch/Knight-Ridder information seminars**. Patents (14/8), Introductory DIALOG (15/8), DataStar/ProBase (16/8 am). Adelaide Contact: (02) 212 2867.

TAS

• **6/7 Tas northern areas regional group** *HTML training*. Speaker: Merry Joyce. Venue: Uni of Tasmania, Hobart. Time: 10-4pm. Contact: Leonie Prevost (003) 362 639.

• **26/7 Tas northern areas regional group** *Finding the Law — acts, statutes, government reports and the law on the internet*. Speaker: Stefan Petrow, law librarian, Uni of Tasmania. Venue: Law Library, Launceston. Time: 5.15pm. Contact: Leonie Prevost (003) 362 639.

• **27/7 Tas library technician section general meeting** Hobart (venue to be announced). Contact: Kerrie Dick, ph (004) 286 062.

• **12/8 Tas northern areas regional group** *Trends in health libraries and the future of special libraries*. Speaker: Kathy Saurne. Venue: Library, Launceston General Hospital, Charles St, Launceston. Time: 6.30pm. Contact: Leonie Prevost (003) 362 639.

• **24/8 Tas library technician section general meeting** Devonport (venue to be announced). Contact: Kerrie Dick, ph (004) 286 062.

• **Sept Tas northern areas regional group** *Tendering for library services part 2*. Speaker: Karen Bell. Venue: La Cantine, George St. Date and time: to be advised. Contact: Leonie Prevost (003) 362 639.

• **21/9 Tas library technician section annual general meeting and mini-conference**. Time: 10.30-4.30pm. Venue: Man O'Ross Hotel Function Room, Ross. Contact: Kerrie Dick, ph (004) 286 062.

VIC

• **1/7-8/8 Internet Training Institute**. Training sessions each week designed specifically for librarians by librarians. Choose from 4 courses including Train the Trainer, from \$79. For more information contact: ph (03) 9349 4994 (City);(03) 9791 6400 (Dandenong — introductory courses only), e-mail elsep@informit.com.au or Richard

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Libraries cover a lot of territory

Kathy Stapleton and Mary Story, Northern Territory Branch

Activities around the Northern Territory were organised for people of all ages. An eye-catching double-page spread in Saturday's *NT news* created lots of positive public comment. Radio community service announcements for the week were also arranged.

Public libraries in Alice Springs and Darwin invited local personalities, including firemen, the mayor and a television reporter, into the library to participate in library events — some worked behind the circulation desk, others volunteered as guest storytellers. For some guests, particularly the politicians, it was the first time that they had stepped into their local library! This community participation gave invited workers a unique insight into what library staff do and how the library helps members of the community. Experiencing first hand the constant interruptions and trying to do ten things at once was an education for many — our guest workers were amazed at how busy the library was and what kinds of things library staff do.

Adults in Katherine had the opportunity to win an \$80 book voucher by entering a research quiz. Unfortunately, many people thought that looking up the answers was cheating!

Palmerston Public Library involved their adults in a very successful and enjoyable Quiz night under the stars.

For the little ones, Taminmin and Katherine libraries held fancy-dress parades with prizes for those who dressed-up as their favourite book character. The Taminmin Community Library also encouraged the in-

volvement of children with a poster and bookmark competition.

Black Thunder, the promotional vehicle for Darwin radio station HOT100, visited the Casuarina Public Library on Friday afternoon and promoted the location of the library, as well as Australian Library Week, on air.

Book-sales were a popular focus. The annual Northern Territory Library book-sale again sold thousands of books at \$2 per kilogram. Book-sales on a smaller scale were run by libraries in Jabiru and Taminmin.

Displays were a focus in Territory libraries during Australian Library Week. In Katherine, a display on the care of library materials, with exhibits of abuses, attracted much interest. Staff found it all too easy to supply the chewed, ripped, burnt, mouldy, scribbled-on and termite-eaten books, not to mention the CDs that were scratched and covered with unidentifiable yuk!

A Territory-wide promotion had Rowland's Milk bottle tops printed with the logo *Libraries cover a lot of Territory*. These started appearing in the shops towards the end of Library Week.

Territory politicians, candidates for local government, presidents, chair people, CEO's of local and community governments which supported public library service, and members of the media received Library Week postcards with a message from the NT Branch president. An ABC radio interview for Lorraine Vass was a direct outcome.

Australian Library Week involved lots of local effort but it was well worth it. ■



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