

Library & Information Week

ALIA SA



The annual ALIA SA Quiz Night was held on Saturday 29th May 2010 with more than 90 library staff, friends, and family attending. Using the theme 'Access all Areas', teams dressed as Intelligence Agency staff, Doctor Who characters (complete with a scrumptious Dalek cake!), and burglars. A silent auction of a Cricket Australia T-shirt signed by Ricky Ponting, plus heads and tails donations raised \$317.50 for The Smith Family charity. Our sincere thanks to major sponsor, CIVICA <http://civica.co.uk/AUS/>, minor sponsors *Dymocks Rundle Mall, Angus & Robertson Norwood, Haighs Chocolates, and Craig Sinclair (Quizmaster)* for their continued support.

Cairns Libraries



For LIW this year Cairns Libraries' ten branches were decorated with 'Access All Areas' banners and posters and proceeded with an array of activities to make good on this tagline: a "Homework Help" workshop for teens, "Finding Your Family" genealogy workshops, and "Computers for Beginners" workshops. We celebrated NSS at six branches, two of which hosted guest celebrities: local radio presenter Kier Shorey and local children's author Trudie Trewin, who treated a group to a special reading of her latest picture book, *Wibbly Wobbly Street*. We also took advantage of LIW to launch Cairns Libraries' Dewey's Star Reading Club Passports. The passports are stamped every time a child borrows from one of the branch libraries – just another way to make library visits more fun!

Bellingen Shire Libraries



For LIW, Bellingen Shire Libraries offered Clarence Regional Library members the chance to win \$50 for writing the best review. Members had to submit their reviews using the Clarence Regional Library catalogue Ratings and Review function. Two winners were selected from Urunga and Dorrigo areas and one winner from Bellingen.

Bellingen Shire Libraries participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime where the book *Little White dogs can't jump* was read at 11am. Bellingen Library invited the local preschool along and Urunga and Dorrigo Library staff visited their local preschools and presented the storytime session along with craft activities.

Casuarina



Casuarina Public Library



We had a great night with the Caught Read Handed and Read Hot Readers Team from Casuarina Public Library winning the inaugural LIW award. Ann Ritchie did the presentation wearing her new ALIA hat – the new ALJ editor.

Belmont Library



During LIW, Ruth Faulkner Public Library staff surprised Belmont Forum shoppers and their families with free gifts and stickers for the children. Edith Lauk and Wendy Kirkup handed out 'Access All Areas' flyers and bumper stickers to shoppers and library card holders for those lucky members of the public who declared themselves as library members. Children were given stickers and enjoyed the antics of a noisy parrot. Edith and Wendy targeted young families to entertain the children with parrot noises, pirate songs, and a friendly pirate bearing treasure and gifts for young and old.

Bendigo TAFE



Photograph courtesy of The Advertiser (Bendigo) 28/5/2010

Adopting a 'grunge' theme helped us to engage youth during LIW celebrations at the Bendigo TAFE Library this year. Students from the Connect2BRIT course enjoyed spray painting 90s grunge band names on black plastic backdrops to decorate the library foyer and reading area. Music Industry teachers loaned us 'unplugged' band gear to help set the scene and students from the Advanced Diploma of Building Design and Certificate III in Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts program exhibited their work in the library throughout the week. We all enjoyed dressing down in flannelette shirts, band t-shirts, boots, and ripped jeans for a 'plunge with grunge' Biggest Morning Tea. Guests had their wrists stamped with Library 'pass outs' by a Courtney Love 'might've been' and her roadie, and the event attracted local newspaper coverage. Many of our students completed a catalogue-based library quiz to familiarise themselves with the library databases with an iTunes voucher as the major prize

Warwick West State School



Thanks for making NSS possible. We really enjoyed it at Warwick West State School. The 11:00 time slot was right on the lower school lunch break so rather than make their little tumms wait any longer (they are mighty hungry by this stage!), we organised two big mobile data projectors out into the undercover eating area and called it a "Picnic Storytime" where they ate their lunch while enjoying listening to the story. The upper grades used the downloadable version within their own teaching spaces. Lots of great feedback. The book was a great choice as it appealed to a wide age range.

Sutherland College

Sutherland College Library, housed over two campuses (Gynea and Loftus), hosted a variety of activities for LIW 2010. Both locations completed 500 piece community jigsaws, a map of Australia at Gynea and a Batman poster at Loftus. A guessing competition on tourist sites around the world was held, with the winners receiving fabulous prizes, as well as morning teas at both locations for college staff. Both libraries were decorated out with balloons and looked very festive. Loftus campus hosts the child care centre for the college and though the rain prevented the children from coming to the library, the library was able to go to them and enjoy NSS with many doggy songs sang and lots of doggy stories being read to complement *Little White Dogs Can't Jump*.

Coffs Harbour Region



It was great to see so many library staff from the region together for breakfast this morning to celebrate 'National Library Technician's Day'. Photo attached of the group – a mixture of library staff from Public, Academic, School & Special libraries. This is the eleventh year we have held a celebratory breakfast, and look forward to another social get together later in the year.

Clayton Utz

Following the success of our inaugural LIW last year Clayton Utz Melbourne Library knew we had to celebrate again. Our first activity was a colouring-in competition. This year we had 2 entries from adult staff members with perhaps a little too much free time on a Friday afternoon. In fact, there was so much interest from our staff that next year we plan to include an over 18s category! Second, we held our annual book giveaway with all of our deleted and excess textbooks to give away. We have a rule that staff must visit the library in person to collect books but this doesn't stop keen lawyers trying to call in and reserve popular titles. Of course we stuck strictly to our no-visit no-book policy. Third was a special training session for our support services staff. This year I ran an 'Advanced Google' refresher. A library/literature/law themed crossword fulfilled our trivia obligation; we drew the winner from a pool of correct entries. Finally, we installed a lolly jar at the Reference Desk for the week. Everyone loved this and we had many regular visitors, sometimes multiple times a day!

As a marketing exercise we are happy to report LIW 2010 a success. We achieved our aims of raising the library's profile, attracting infrequent users to the library, and having some fun along the way. Bring on LIW 2011!

Tennison Woods College



Talausha and Jack shared the story book *Little White Dogs Can't Jump* with Matilda the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and Tenison Woods College during National Simultaneous Storytime. The initiative featured children across the nation listening to the story being read aloud, with local events held at TAFE SA, Mulga Street Primary School, and Tenison Woods College.

Claremont College

Claremont College library held a morning tea to raise funds and awareness for the Cancer Council and for Library and Information Week. We had a great turn out of our staff and students, and lots of yummy morning tea made by staff. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and comments were "we should do this more often ...". One of our staff made an information handout with suggestions of books to read while having your morning cuppa entitled, 'Need something to have with a cuppa?, Why not try one of these....?'

Cockburn Libraries



Cockburn Libraries invited the Mayor of the City of Cockburn, His Worship Logan Howlett JP to be its Celebrity National Simultaneous Storytime Reader at Spearwood Library. Mayor Howlett came well prepared with various props that included some of his childhood friends and his children's first skateboard. He even wore a designer T-shirt for the occasion. The mums and dads delighted in the story as much as the children. Everyone was intrigued with the prints of animals he brought to show that had been in his family for about 100 years.

Elwood Primary School

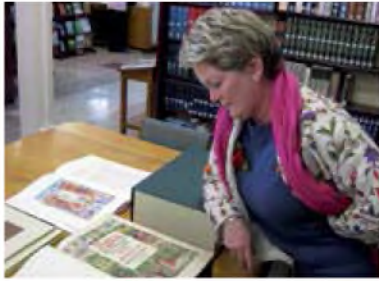
NSS is an important and special way of promoting the value of reading and Australian authors and publishers to students and to the community. I thought NSS was a great idea and 2001 – 2004, at Elwood Primary School, it was always a special event. Last year I resurrected it and now that I'm back full time in the library, it was to be a major event. However I was ill the week prior, and I knew I was not capable of presenting the story to our Junior School – 130 Preps, 123 Year 1 students, and 96 Y2 students. However I didn't want to disappoint the children. So I sent out the online version to all 15 Junior School teachers hoping they would take up the challenge. All the Prep and Year 1 teachers and 2 of the Year 2 teachers did read it to their classes. Just goes to show you if there's a will there's a way – enthusiasm for reading saved the day.

Desk Set Downunder

Dozens of Melbourne's literary library types braved the late-Autumn chill to attend the inaugural Friday night launch of the new social group Desk Set Downunder at the State Library of Victoria's own Mr Tulk Cafe. Librarians and friends took advantage of happy hour drink prices and the opportunity to meet and mingle. Inspired by New York's Desk Set (thedeskset.org), Andrew Finegan and Romany Manuell began a Melbourne equivalent, which now has its own zine, badges, and website (desksetdownunder.org). This successful launch has led to other lively events such as 'Dewey, Dumplings, Drinks and Dancing' and a screening of the latest Twilight installment.

The After-party

Lohe Memorial Library



Löhe Memorial Library, Australian Lutheran College, supports tertiary preparation of pastors, teachers, and lay ministers for the Lutheran Church of Australia. For LIW we mounted a display of palliative care resources for students in pastoral care and Faith Community Nursing and distributed kits from Palliative Care Australia. In keeping with the LIW theme, we conducted a tour of the Rare Book collection. The oldest work by Martin Luther in our collection is a small pamphlet published at Wittenberg in 1523, on 'why women are able to leave the cloister'. Of exceptional beauty is a hand-painted pictorial Bible, translated by Martin Luther and published by Hans Lufft in 1550.

Stepping Stones Childcare Centre



Freemantle City Library

Freemantle City Library hosted a 'Biggest Morning Tea' for City of Fremantle staff and community members with guest speaker, author Karen Leibovitch. This was a great success with around 40 people attending. Karen's novel is about her experience with throat cancer, and therefore her talk was very pertinent to the Biggest Morning Tea for the Cancer Council. Karen was an excellent speaker; the response from participants was overwhelmingly positive. At the end of the session some members of the public, who had experiences with cancer, came to give her a hug and thank her for sharing her story. She engaged well with the audience, and included a guest reading from her novel which was also successful. Fremantle City Library would thoroughly recommend Karen as a guest and were pleased with the positive outcome from the event.

George College

Following on from two successful years, George College library offered staff and students of the college a 500-piece Australian waterbird jigsaw for community completion as part of the 2010 celebrations. It was easily completed in the week and was so popular that students asked for a community jigsaw to be a continual feature of the library! A college staff member has donated a 2000 piece one that is currently being undertaken. Other LIW celebrations at the college included partaking in NSS, a morning tea in combination with the Biggest Morning Tea, information sessions about new library online resources, 3 guessing competitions, and more. Thinking caps are now on to make 2011 even bigger.

Macquarie University Library



Promoted as "Bring Your Teddy or Other Stuffed Friend to Work Day", 52 enthusiastic staff and guests at Macquarie University Library were entertained by Dr Paul Howse reading the selected story. A gold coin donation was charged and over \$120 raised for The Indigenous Literacy Project. The event was also promoted to our childcare centres and faculties and a review of the book was published in our staff newsletter. Everyone was delighted with the event and felt a connection to our roots as storytellers.

Murray Bridge Public Library



Librarian Timothy Law at the Murray Bridge Public Library got into the spirit of NSS this year when two local school classes visited the library to hear him read the story *Little White Dogs Can't Jump*. In total 11 adults and 34 children attended the event, by far the greatest number of participants that Murray Bridge has hosted since beginning NSS in 2006.

Kiama Library

For LIW, Kiama Library in NSW asked library users to calculate just how much their library saves them. Using a version of the Library Value Calculator, originally produced by the Massachusetts Library Association in the US, manager Michelle Hudson and her staff provided patrons with a way of valuing the service by looking at the number of items borrowed; newspapers and magazines read; events and classes attended; computers used and reference questions asked. Local resident and library ambassador Bruce Elder added his endorsement but said, "You can't really put a value on libraries. Libraries help hold a community together. They're a wonderful place to go, just to sit and think. They represent the best of our society – shared knowledge and enjoyment, people getting on with one another."

Mid-Western Regional Council Library



The fun at Mid-Western Regional Council Library started at 10.30am – the little dog could not jump through the hoop, no matter how hard he tried! Lydia and Cheryl helped out with instructions and the children demonstrated how to jump. Eventually Pooch jumped through the hoop to the delight of all. At 11.00am Simon Jones read *Little White Dogs Can't Jump*. The children and guest reader then demonstrated how monkeys can jump on a bed and what happens when one falls out! Great fun was had by all – children found it hard to say goodbye to the library but look forward to visiting again soon!

Daylesford Primary School



Daylesford Primary School enjoyed *Little White Dogs Can't Jump*. Grades prep to two made 'little white dog puppets'; they all enjoyed the book and our morning was successful.

Victoria University



To celebrate, promote, and advertise National Library Technicians Day, Library and Cultural Studies at Victoria University enlisted the help of Gail Schmidt, Naomi Crotty, and Paul Clerici of the State Library of Victoria, and Lynette Lewis from One Umbrella a Library and Information Services employment agency.

The SLV employees gave personal histories of their careers, and encouraged students to look outside the box. One Umbrella's Lynette Lewis said that there were lots of little niche markets and noted that things change. Lynette also spoke of the importance of preparing for interview and keeping resumes up-to-date and gave some tips in seeking jobs and checking out prospective employers.

The department presented the speakers with gifts and had lunch to thank them for their time and contributions for students at VU. A great celebration was had by all.

Darwin City Council Libraries



Darwin City Council Libraries celebrated LIW in a big way with events and programs to suit just about everyone. A range of Darwin personalities were invited as celebrity librarians at Casuarina, Darwin City, Karama, and Nightcliff libraries throughout the week, including NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson, DCC Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer, Hector the Cat, and Chantal the Fairy. Minister John Elferink and Councillor Kerry Moir read stories during NSS. All the celebrities circulated items, greeted customers, among other tasks which they all did with great gusto.

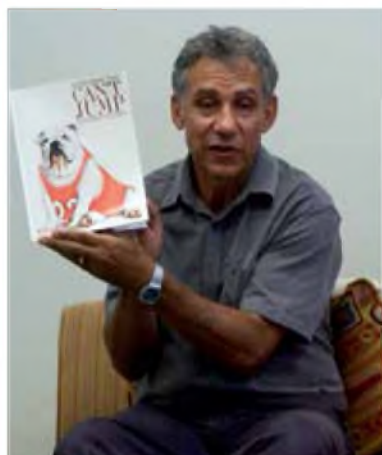
Author Goldie Alexander conducted an author talk at the City Library on the Wednesday, a workshop for Young Territory Author Awards entrants on Thursday, and an all-day Creative Writing Workshop at Casuarina Library on the Friday. The workshop coincided with a three-hour broadcast from Casuarina Library by Darwin ABC radio announcer Leon Compton.

The Bremer Institute of TAFE



Normally little white dogs don't jump at The Bremer Institute of TAFE (The Bremer) but LIW gave us an opportunity to let him off his leash (along with other activities): Monday saw a Treasure hunt, where they searched for clues in the library for a Freddo Frog or 'I love my library' bumper sticker; Tuesday was a staff morning tea to showcase library resources and services, and to raise funds for Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation; Wednesday saw the inaugural National Simultaneous Storytime at The Bremer; Thursday started with a GIANT BOOK SALE, raising \$540 for the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation's Literacy Appeal; the week ended on Friday with a Grand Prize Draw for the Treasure Hunt. One lucky student won a USB memory stick and a cool carry bag. LIW was an exhausting week but it was a great promotion for our library services.

Northern Territory Libraries



NSS was a huge success in the Northern Territory with more than 100 children in urban and regional libraries being able to participate for the first time with real-time, two-way web conferencing. Children in Lajamanu, Wadeye, Elliott, Mataranka, Milingimbi, Ramingining, Taminmin, and Nhulunbuy were able to join in and see and hear our special guest reader, ABC personality Charlie King read *Little White Dogs Can't Jump*. Charlie did a wonderful job and the two school groups from Wulagi Primary School and Namarluk School really enjoyed the story and the opportunity to participate.

Siena College



A range of activities was planned for students and staff at Siena College, Camberwell. The week began with a launch on the preceding Friday afternoon. On Monday Groove Train, one of the school's jazz bands played at lunchtime. On Tuesday a Book Chat was held. On Wednesday a Build a Bridge competition saw teams build bridges out of straws, icy poles sticks, string, paper clips, but no glue! Thursday's activity was a guest speaker, Mark Wilson, who spoke about his research practices when preparing to write and illustrate books. Friday's activity was an Information Hunt which required ten information based questions to be answered.

Scots School



The Scots School Albury took part in National Simultaneous Story Time Day. We had a party to celebrate the book, as well as our own mascot. The kids had a great time and our dog was a fantastic 'Smudge' in a basketball top.

Tableland Regional Libraries

Each year Tablelands Regional Libraries look forward to NSS; this year we had six of our eleven libraries participate and they all had a wonderful time. In the Tablelands we use NSS as an opportunity to network with our local childcare centres – we cater to between thirty and forty children in each location. For 2010 *Little White Dogs Can't Jump* gave us the opportunity to sing, dance, and howl. Mareeba Library constructed a cardboard dog house and we hop scotched our way around the library following the mysterious paw prints. Looking forward to more mayhem next year!

The After-party

Tennant Creek Library



Wow - what a fantastic day we had here at Tennant Creek Public Library. The National Simultaneous Storytelling was held at Tennant Creek Public Library. A group of 42 students listened to our very special storyteller – MLA, Gerry McCarthy, read *Little White Dogs Can't Jump*. The students enjoyed the story with lots of laughs at poor Smudge's adventures. At the end when Smudge's family decided to buy a small car so Smudge can jump in, everyone cheered. After Storytime we had morning tea with lots of delicious paw prints biscuits – what a treat. Everyone had a wonderful time and so did Mr McCarthy.

Riverina Institute

Together with other events, Albury Campus library staff of Riverina Institute : TAFENSW hosted a dinner at Rivers Training Restaurant to celebrate LIW. This dinner has become a standing feature of Library Week in the region, and is so successful that we now have a considerable waiting list – this year we had to turn people away.

Librarians, library technicians, and library practice students came from all sections of the library community to eat, drink, grapple with quizzes, and talk about the latest developments in libraries and our role in the transmission of knowledge. It is a real celebration of the community, of learning, and of libraries.

We also had the opportunity to preview some of the latest technologies. Harvey Norman very generously loaned us one of their eReaders – the iRiver Story and we were able to compare it with the Amazon Kindle.

We may need to find a larger venue for next year!

Vision Australia



Vision Australia Library visited Clarinda Primary school in Clayton, Victoria – the picture Braille book was read by our library member, Miss Sheila Blanchfield. About 80 Prep to Grade 2 children listened to Sheila reading *Little White Dogs Can't Jump*. They were fascinated by how a blind person reads a book with her fingers. Both teachers and children were amazed that Sheila could decipher the dots and still read at a normal speed. Sheila also demonstrated how to use a Perkins Braille. For 6-year-old children, the generation that does not usually know what a typewriter is, the Perkins Braille certainly sparked their curiosity.

National Measurement Institute

Taking on board the 'Access All Areas' theme, at the National Measurement Institute I gave out bookmarks, library brochures, and wore my lanyard plus a "backstage pass". Keeping with the theme, I focused on introducing and educating staff about some web-based tools that are available to them – not just our library provided resources and databases, but also sites such as Wordle, WolframAlpha, Trove, Project Gutenberg, and some of the innovative products from Google. One of the week's promotional pieces was informing staff about their State Library. Many people don't know what services their local public library can provide, let alone the wonderful resources available for our use as residents of our states and territories.

I was thrilled when one of our staff came up to me the following week and told me she had joined the NSW State Library after reading my LIW info segment. Another person showed me how he was using Wordle for a forthcoming presentation. These are just two examples of how 'Access All Areas' inspired the staff at my workplace to use information – and hopefully has helped continue to put libraries and librarians in a positive light!

Southbank Institute of Technology



Free popcorn, movies, and live music performances proved to be a hit in attracting students and staff to celebrate LIW 2010 in the Southbank Institute of Technology Library. Our enthusiastic and energetic library team produced a packed program of events, competitions, and displays to highlight this year's theme of 'Access all Areas'. Not only was there fun, but learning too, as our librarians launched a newly developed learning object to demonstrate the use of WebFeat to access online subscription databases. Fabulous prizes also enticed our clients to enter the Love Your Library competition, which generated lots of positive feedback.

The Law Institute of Victoria

The Law Institute of Victoria (LIV) Library is a member-only library. This was our first year celebrating LIW and we wanted our focus to be on LIV staff 'Accessing All Areas' of the library and meeting the great staff team that we have. We started by putting together a flyer to hand out to all staff and included a quiz for them to fill in. The winner received a magazine subscription. We put items in the staff newsletter in the week prior to LIW and during LIW we sent out an all staff email with lots of "Did you know" items, including information about the fire that destroyed our entire library in 1978: the only books saved were those on loan. We finished the week off with a fabulous Afternoon Tea with cupcakes that had L.W iced on the top, and raised over \$150 for the Cancer Council. We look forward to running a bigger and better week next year.

Macquarie Regional Library



Water Corporation Library



This year the Water Corporation Library staff collaborated with staff from Document and Records Service, Knowledge Management, and Web Services to celebrate LIW. A display was set up in the foyer of the Water Corporation head office in Leederville, Western Australia. During the week we gave out freebies, answered questions and promoted services. We ran two competitions: a 'virtual treasure hunt' and a library crossword. We also held two training sessions – 'RSS Feeds: What they are – How do they work' and 'Social networking in plain English' which were well attended.

State Library of NSW



Theme: Access quality online information at your fingertips!

What we did: We set up a promotional table with a laptop in the State Library foyer, staffed by experienced reference librarians. We advertised our presence on the front page of our website throughout the week.

Most popular online resources shown: Historical newspapers, family history, health, and business databases.

Most popular items on the table: By a long shot, the free pens and sweets! Then our variety of bookmarks and brochures and the giveaway vendor bags.

Question of the week: Are you here to do people's assignments?

Would we do it again? Definitely! A great opportunity to share our online collections and professional expertise.

South Burnett Library



Over 80 children enjoyed NSS at the libraries in the South Burnett. At Kingaroy, Year 1s and Preps sang the "Jump" song and made paper bag hand puppets; at Blackbutt the local kindy kids watched Smudge on the big screen using the presentation from the website; and at Nanango a very spoiled, real, live little white dog enjoyed lots of cuddles and pats. Kindy kids in Wondai also visited their Library for NSS for the first time and it was a huge hit with children and parents. Staff joined in the spirit of the day wearing puppy dog ears or basketball uniforms borrowed from local teams for the occasion. Customers looked at us with bemused expressions but heartily approved of our efforts to engage the children.

The After-Party



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