

## **National Classroom for Writers Becomes Reality with Digital Conversations**

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Technology allows New Zealand writers to "talk" with classrooms across the nation.

*WordSpace* is an exciting new addition to the New Zealand Book Council's *Writers in Schools* programme. Designed to inspire and educate secondary school students about New Zealand literature, the programme provides students with an opportunity to talk to leading New Zealand writers via video conference.

*WordSpace* is run as a series of 10 video conference sessions per year. Each session has a different topic, such as poetry or reviewing, and a panel of writers takes part in each one.

Participating schools dial into a "bridge" that connects them to the writers, effectively creating a nationwide classroom. The programme is of particular interest for students studying English, Drama and Media Studies.

To find out how to participate in this program, visit [WordSpace](#) on the New Zealand Book Council's website. *WordSpace* is delivered in partnership with CWA New Media, with the support of the Todd Foundation

## **Feature New Zealand Writers with Literary Pin-ups**

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New Zealand Book Council posters are a great way to interest and inform readers about Kiwi authors

**Literary Pin-ups** is a series of full colour posters celebrating New Zealand writers, past and present. Four new posters are released each year. The series is produced by the New Zealand Book Council, in partnership with Steele Roberts Publishers.

The inaugural set, launched in 2004, features the life and work of literary luminaries Katherine Mansfield, James K. Barr, Patricia Grace and Hone Tuwhare. The 2005 set features Janet Frame, Maurice Gee, Witi Ihimaera and Margaret Mahy.

View the Book Councils [Literary Pin-ups](#) page to see the posters and find out more.

## **LIANZA Remuneration Survey - Topline Results**

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The Chair of the LIANZA Remuneration Survey Committee, Steven Lulich, released today the first results from the Library and Information Profession's Remuneration Survey.

"Over 1,500 completed the survey and the results reveal that the average base income is about \$42,000" said Mr Lulich. "The full report, which will contain a more detailed analysis prepared by MM Research Ltd, will be available in February."

The topline results are available at: <http://opac.lianza.org.nz/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?bib=57>

The LIANZA Library and Information Profession's Remuneration Survey has been undertaken by a consortium of organisations. Participating organisations and their representatives on the LIANZA Remuneration Survey Committee are:

- Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA) - Steven Lulich, Chair
- Council of New Zealand University Librarians (CONZUL) - Zoltan Apathy
- Metropolitan Public Libraries Network Inc. (MetroNet) - Sandra Mann
- National Library of New Zealand (NLNZ) - Rob Calder
- New Zealand Law Librarians (NZLL) - Dougal McKechnie
- Public Libraries Special Interest Group (PubSIG) - Jeff Cabral
- School Library Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (SLANZA) - Liz Probert
- Special Libraries and Information Services Group (SLIS) - Moira Fraser

## **Residents Empty the Shelves at Rotorua Public Library**

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Rotorua celebrates 125th Anniversary with Library Evnet

It was all hands on deck at Rotorua Public Library this morning as Rotorua residents were treated to special birthday treats from the local council which included free borrowing on all library rental items, free city parking, free landfill use and free compost. The city is celebrating 125 years since Te Arawa Iwi and Judge Fenton (representative of the Government) signed an agreement for the establishment of the city.

A large crowd had gathered outside the library prior to opening at 9.30am as people endeavoured to get first pick from the DVDs, music CDs, videos and Hot Pick books. "It was great!" said Jane Gilbert, Library Manager. She estimates that over 500 people came through the door in the first hour. Initial reports from the technical division show that a borrower card was processed every 20 seconds in those first two hours. "It was a chance to profile our library products and services and encourage residents to come in and see what's on offer. Being able to promote free rentals was an amazing draw-card. It will be very interesting to see the statistics created from this one day."

Meanwhile the shelves are looking pretty bare in some parts of the library.



Empty video and bookshelves by the afternoon

## **International Job Exchange Opportunities from Libex**

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Widen your personal and professional horizons

No matter how much we enjoy our jobs, value our colleagues and draw satisfaction from using our professional skills, most of us would value a change. CILIP (Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals), the UK Library Association, has a service which could be a good professional development opportunity for someone in New Zealand- LIBEX- the International Library and Information Job Exchange. Could this be you? LIBEX is a clearinghouse for library and information professionals who are interested in arranging a job exchange with between a UK based post and a non-UK based post. The service is free.

### **The UK wants YOU...**

And now is the time to make an exchange because there are already 40 people in the UK who really want to make an exchange with someone in New Zealand registered on the Libex database. In fact, 45% of all those who stated a preferred destination chose New Zealand. That makes New Zealand the number one country of choice, ahead of Canada, Australian and the US. (2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively). So the UK needs you!

Another reason why now is the time to make an exchange is that New Zealand LIS sector, like the UK is undergoing a process of change and a series of challenges And when it comes to the key issues which concern us as a profession, the similarities are undoubtedly greater than the differences. Together with 40 people waiting to make an exchange with someone like you, this adds up to a great opportunity.

LIBEX is also a great way to help your continuing professional development “ you can gain new professional experience and knowledge, and enjoy the personal enrichment that comes from contact with another culture. So now is the time to make your move.

### **How to apply**

The service is free of a charge and the process is simple. If you think you would like to make an exchange after you have read the details about the scheme on the CILIP website\*, then

complete a LIBEX application form and return it to CILIP by email, post or fax. This will give information on your current post and your wishes regarding the type of post and institution with which you wish to make an exchange. (The form is available on the CILIP website).

You will then be sent details of the online database and password by email. You can then search the database for posts which particularly interest you and make contact directly with the individuals concerned. By having an online scheme, we hope to make the exchange process quicker and easier for exchangers.

Please note that, CILIP does not arrange exchanges itself; this is done directly by the applicants. CILIP's role is to host the database, support, develop and promote the scheme for the purposes of enhancing international co-operation. Therefore it is up to the exchange participants themselves to research their individual requirements and agree on the details of their exchange.

### **And finally...**

A few words of advice about important practicalities for anyone coming to live and work in the UK. You will need to establish work permit/permissions before coming to the UK. This can take time and you will need to find out how long before departure you will need it, so it is a good idea to find out about this as soon as possible. Please note, CILIP cannot provide advice on this as it is outside our remit. This will have to be done through the relevant authorities i.e. the UK representative in Australia.

So to help job exchangers, the Libex web pages have full details including: tips and advice, useful links and past reports which you will find useful when considering/planning an exchange with the UK. They are not exhaustive but are a useful starting point. Your research skills as a LIS professional will stand you in good stead. Remember, there are plenty of people on the database already but they won't wait forever. So now is the time to get your name on the list.

### **Further information:**

\*Full details, including an application form and how to apply are available on the Libex website at: <http://www.cilip.org.uk/libex>

Home Office, UK [<http://www.workingintheuk.gov.uk>]

Information for non-UK nationals on staying in the UK. All visitors to the UK should see this website.

Please address all enquiries about existing and future applications to Angela Frampton, Libex at CILIP e-mail: [libex@cilip.org.uk](mailto:libex@cilip.org.uk) .

## **Children's Club Launched in Rotorua**

**8 December 2005**

Fletcher Tuatara Club welcomes new members

Children's Club Launched in Rotorua

Children aged from 5 to 12 years were not only able to meet Fletcher the Tuatara at the Library yesterday, but they were also able to become foundation members of the Fletcher Tuatara Club.

Members will receive invitations to author visits, special discounts on DVDs, CD ROMs and videos as well as a monthly newsletter, containing book reviews, news

from the book world and information about up coming events. Central to the club will be a book club for children aged 9 to 11 years. Monthly meetings where they can discuss their latest reads will no doubt be very popular with enthusiastic readers. The main objective of The Fletcher Club is to reinforce the significance of Library membership in literacy development by providing children with a range of fun experiences focused on reading such as a book club, author visits, writing workshops and themed story times.

Local radio personality, Mike Biard, enthused the crowd with his cheeky humour and invited children to make the most of the opportunity to be in the club. Children who did join up on the day received a special membership card, a club pin, a sticker, the club newsletter and the first in a series of collectable bookmarks.



## Collaborative Indexing Project

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#### The Collaborative Indexing Project Phase 2: Pilot

The pilot phase of the Collaborative Indexing Project will commence mid-December and continue until the end of June 2006.

Christchurch City Libraries, Dunedin Public Libraries, Landcare Research NZ Ltd and the National Library of New Zealand Te Puna Matauranga o Aotearoa are participating in the pilot phase of this project to examine the feasibility and usefulness of collaborative indexing within New Zealand. On successful completion of the pilot, the Project Team will welcome additional participants so that the subject range of indexing is increased.

#### Indexing Records Available

Indexing available in the pilot will include records from the Papers index - Christchurch City Libraries, Southern regional news index-- Dunedin Public Libraries, Publications database-- Landcare Research NZ Ltd and Index New Zealand - National Library of New Zealand. Updates from these libraries will be added regularly to ensure the timeliness of the indexing records available.

This will result in improved access to indexing records for The press and The Christchurch star from Christchurch, Otago daily times, The star and Taieri herald as well as selected regional articles from a number of periodicals from Dunedin, and published papers, articles etc written by Landcare Research staff. The National Library's Index New Zealand includes indexing records for selected New Zealand serial publications, including newspapers and nearly 300 journals about New Zealand and the South Pacific.

A number of smaller indexes that will enhance the usefulness of the pilot have also been included:

- The indexes to Te Ao Hou, Te Māori (Vol. 1 (1969)-7 no.1 (1975)) and Te Kaunihera Māori : the New Zealand Maori Council Journal (Volume 1, 1966-1969) from the University of Waikato.
- BUGS - Bibliography of NZ terrestrial invertebrates, 1775-1993 from Landcare Research NZ Ltd.
- New Zealand science journals 1918-1994 from the Royal Society of New Zealand.
- Chapters from books/conference papers on the Index New Zealand CD-ROM that were excluded from the current INNZ database.

#### Indexing Infrastructure

The indexing will include New Zealand content and material by or about New Zealanders contained in:

Journal articles

Components of books (not the total contents) that stand alone as independent intellectual entities, excluding individual chapters of books if dependent on each other

Articles from newsletters  
Newspaper articles  
News  
Features  
Conference proceedings

As the indexing from the participating organisations varies a great deal in the amount of information included in citations, the thesauri used and the inclusion of abstracts, a minimum indexing standard has been set. The mandatory fields in the indexing records are:

- Title
- Source- the source title and enough information to be able to identify the item e.g. volume, edition, issue, date, ISSN, start/end pages, ISBN, publication details
- Institution that created the indexing record

However, participating organisations are encouraged to maintain full indexing records and not reduce their current standard of indexing.

#### Technical Infrastructure

A federated search facility has been set up across a central repository of indexing records and the distributed databases, which are Index New Zealand and the Christchurch City Libraries papers index.

The central repository hosted in an ENCompass database by the National Library includes :

- Records from organisations without Z39.50 compatibility
- Dunedin Public Libraries
- Landcare Research
- Records from databases no longer being added to:
- Royal Society of New Zealand science journal citations up to 1993
- BUGS database
- Te Ao Hou index
- Chapters from books/conference papers (from INNZ CD-ROM)

Features of the collaborative indexing facility include:

- Basic and advanced searches
- A choice as to the order in which search results are displayed
- The ability to search all indexes
- The ability to search a subject grouping of indexes e.g. culture, newspapers or science and technology
- The ability to search any mixture of individual databases
- A results display of title of the article, source of article, abstract, and the indexing source with a link to the long description
- Scope notes with an explanation of the content of each index and a link to the organisation's homepage

Access to the Collaborative Indexing Pilot

Access to the indexing content of the Collaborative Indexing Pilot will be freely available, but as is the case presently, indexing records from Index New Zealand will only be available to members of libraries with a Te Puna subscription.

Various library list-servs will be used to advise you of the availability of the Collaborative Indexing Pilot and how you may access it. I encourage all librarians and their customers to take advantage of the increased accessibility of New Zealand indexing and look forward to receiving feedback and suggestions from you.

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## **Ikaroa Region**

### **7 December 2005**

Jane Brooker reports on Library Assistant's Day

42 Library Assistants from across the Ikaroa region and beyond gathered at the National Library in Palmerston North on 8th November for Library Assistants' Day. Following an informal tour of the Library for early arrivals and a welcome by Ikaroa Chair (and National Library staff member) Heather Manning, delegates were straight into the day's programme.

First up was a Google/Internet training session presented by Massey University's Jane Brooker. This light-hearted look at the Internet from a Library perspective was followed by Heather Manning talking about the award-winning AnyQuestions project, with which she has been closely involved.

The post-morning tea session gave attendees the opportunity to talk about some of the key issues for library assistants, and to break into small groups to share experiences and talk about those issues. This session was facilitated by Bob Dempsey from Wanganui District Library.

Discussion continued over the lunch break and delegates then boarded a bus to UCOL's Palmeston North Campus. A panel of library managers from all sectors gave some insights into what they are looking for when employing staff, along with some practical guidance about CVs and interviews. Afternoon tea and more informal networking completed the day's events.

Feedback from the day was very positive and the Ikaroa committee has received some very useful suggestions for future events – both social and professional! The opportunity to meet colleagues from other libraries seems to be one of the key benefits of such days and delegates relished the opportunity to meet together and take back some ideas and information to their own libraries.

Jane Brooker

## **Living the Dream: An American Samoa Work Experience**

**7 December 2005**

Professional cataloguer teaches and learns in American Samoa

Until I went to American Samoa I had never seen myself as a risk-taker or an optimist. So it is with disbelief and amazement that I look back on my 14 months' work at the Feleti Barstow Public Library (FBPL) in Utulei: I am so surprised that I overcame my essential cautiousness and actually went, I am so thankful that I did, for it was a fantastic adventure, and one of the most nourishing experiences in my life.

Making the decision to go was not easy. I applied for the job after being told about the advertisement on the LIANZA website. I had always had a little fantasy about working on a tropical island and living by a palm-lined beach, but I really didn't think this would ever manifest in reality. It was only when I was offered the job that the enormity of the situation struck me: if I accepted, I was committing myself, my husband and our two small children to go to an island we had never heard of, to live, work and study in a culture that was different from our own, away from everyone we knew. I suddenly felt great sympathy for the plight of adult immigrants!

My usual method for resolving anxieties is to seek information. But despite being a reference librarian at the time, I found it extremely difficult to find information about American Samoa. Sources such as American Samoa government websites, Lonely Planet's Samoan Islands and my workplace's vertical files gave me facts and some of the flavour of the place. But I really wanted to hear from people who had lived there, and I found absolutely no-one. My main source of information, therefore, was Cheryl Morales, the FBPL director, who interviewed and hired me. She was endlessly patient and supportive as I emailed her lengthy lists of questions on every possible aspect of life! Yet when we stepped on to the flight that was to take us to Pago Pago International Airport, it was with a sense of stepping into the unknown. My husband's optimism sustained me a great deal during the chaotic period of letting go of New Zealand and trying to get a grasp of our new home.

As it turned out, our American Samoa stay was a very empowering and enjoyable experience for all of us, and the period of adjusting and fitting in to a new culture was made smooth by the warmth and hospitality shown to us by my colleagues, and by the community we lived in.

My job as the Territory's only professional cataloguer was very pleasant work. FBPL also functions as the State library, and so the cataloguer takes responsibility for setting the cataloguing standards and policies for American Samoa. The library is young, having opened in April 2000, so the small-ish catalogue (28,000 items) was easy to manipulate and adjust. The library software, an American product called Follett, was very user-friendly, and had good

online support. The two other FBPL catalogers were meticulous and committed to their work, and helped me enormously in my job. Although I catalogued only the FBPL holdings, a significant part of my job was to offer support and guidance to the cataloguers based in other libraries – government departments and schools mainly - in the Territory.

In terms of professional development, I grew a lot during my time at FBPL. Although I was hired primarily as a cataloguer, I found that any requests I made to diversify my role were encouraged and supported. Opportunities that came my way were: arranging monthly displays in the library, giving presentations to high school classes on career days, being responsible for the special collection of Pacific resources, and supporting researchers using this collection, managing the library inventory project, and taking the role of acting director during the director's absences. My favourite 'extra' job was being a teacher to toddlers and young children during our intensive summer holiday programmes.

One opportunity that passed by was the chance to present a paper at the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives (PIALA) conference in 2004. One of the members of my team was a gifted bookbinder, who used common sense, lateral thinking and artistry to restore the most haggard books to respectability. In remote tropical islands, where books are expensive to get, and where the climate shortens their shelf life dramatically, this skill is particularly valuable. The director gave us the go-ahead to prepare a presentation of some innovative techniques, but in the end my colleague was unable to make the long journey to Majuro in Micronesia, and I did not have sufficient knowledge to make the presentation on my own. I wish now that I had somehow risen to the challenge. At the time I never imagined it would be my last chance.

My return to NZ was necessitated by the sudden death of my mother, which left my father alone in Wellington. As his only child, it seemed that the right place for me to be was back home. But it took an event of this magnitude to make us leave Tutuila, the tiny dragon-shaped island that welcomed us so warmly that I miss it as much now, as I missed Wellington when I first left it. My two children, aged 6 and 3 now, often speak wistfully of Avaio, the beach village where we lived for our last six months on the island. While we were there, their days were characterised by long swims in crystal water, with black crabs, grey herons and fluorescent fish for company. My partner found his time as tropical househusband very salubrious, and found the internet to be a satisfactory substitute for the few NZ pleasures we couldn't do without, such as good newspapers, radio and magazines, and regular contact with family and friends. Now that we are in NZ it is not so easy to find the things that we came to take for granted in Tutuila: the easy warmth and courtesy of the people in the community, the gentle climate, the warm sea and the quiet pace of life are all notably absent in our current situation!

I hope to return to Tutuila one day. There is a shortage of professional librarians there, and at this time there are at least three vacancies for professional cataloguers, including the job I just left. While all the people I worked with at FBPL were of professional calibre, particularly in the area of customer service, people with formal library education could make a big difference in developing areas such as cataloguing and automation. In the end, that was what was addictive about Tutuila, for me. It was a place where I felt I really made a difference. And in return, Tutuila has made all the difference for me, giving me skills, experience, and most importantly a transformed attitude to life. The risk that we took in going and our optimism that it would work was richly rewarded. Manuia, Feleti Library and everyone there. Fa'afetai tele lava.

Related websites

<http://www.asg-gov.net/>

The American Samoa Government website.

<http://www.ashpo.org/>

The website of the Historic Preservation Office. The site provides many readable articles on the history and prehistory of the group of islands. The photo gallery link leads to photographs of American Samoa from 1900- 1941.

This website also hosts FBPL's web catalogue:

<http://unioncat.doe.as/webopac/main?siteid=fbpl>

The library was in the process of creating its own website when I left in September this year, and it should be available soon at [www.fbpl.org](http://www.fbpl.org)

<http://www.samoanews.com/>

American Samoa's newspaper.

<http://fagatelebay.noaa.gov/>

Website of the national marine sanctuary. Its photo gallery link gives some modern images of American Samoa.

## **TEL-SIG Conference Report**

### **7 December 2005**

'Tertiary Libraries: Changing Landscapes' Theme of Recent Event

The theme for the biennial conference held 1st and 2nd December 2005 was 'Tertiary Libraries: Changing Landscapes'. We met at AUT Akoranga Campus on Auckland's North Shore and this proved to be a great venue with superb catering.

Highlights from Thursday morning included a fascinating overview from Mark Barrow (Unitec) on the development of tertiary education over several decades to the present. Janet Copsey (Auckland University) gave an excellent account of how these changes have impacted on tertiary libraries and the provision made for student and academic staff needs today. The early afternoon sessions concentrated on collaborative developments with Barbara Garriock (MIT) discussing how to improve computer literacy and Judy Lewins (Unitec) reporting on an 'arranged marriage' between a Unitec branch library and the Henderson branch of Waitakere Public Libraries. Ainslie Dewe (Auckland University) spoke about the relationship between the knowledge economy and the National Digital Strategy. Later sessions dealt with responding to diverse student needs with presentations by Mussarat Begum (MIT) on international students, Pauline Knuckey (Massey University) on distance students and Jenny Barnett (Auckland University) on Maori/Pasifika students.

The second day began with a global perspective on tertiary libraries by Keith Webster (Victoria University) followed by a humorous look at the pitfalls of Online learning from Oriel Kelly (MIT). A very brief TEL-SIG AGM was followed by a guided tour through the new on-site library. We were impressed by the good use of natural light and windows that magically open and close in response to temperature changes. The afternoon was devoted to six technology projects ranging from digitising early NZ books to a text messaging trial at CPIT. Those who had to leave early also missed a real treat at the end. The final presentation by

consultant Jane Treadwell focussed on Embracing change: your personal responsibility. It began with an amazing video on the fish market at Seattle which demonstrated how important it is to have fun and be passionate about what you do.

Congratulations to Amanda Cooper, Rosanne van Leeuwen and the TEL-SIG committee on a well organised and informative programme and a vote of thanks to the team at Palmerston North who have now taken over responsibility for TEL-SIG.

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