The Reference Collection - print, electronic, or the dumpster?

CAVAL Reference Interest Group Forum
August 2008

Date & Time  Friday 15th August 2008  1.00 for 1.15pm start

Venue  Seminar Room 1, Swanston Library, RMIT University
       Melway ref  879 J7  Building 8, entrance on level 5.
       Online map at http://www.rmit.edu.au/about/maps/city
       Parking and public transport details over.


Program
1.15pm  Welcome and Introduction
        Daryl Bailey, Australian Catholic University, and Chair of CRIG

1.20-1.40  The practical experience at Swinburne University Library
          Emily Johnson, Support Librarian

          Emily will discuss the range of activities at Swinburne, with particular focus
          on the project at the Hawthorn campus library

1.40-2  Writing the policy
        Annette Sullivan, Manager, RMIT Carlton Library

        Annette and Lynn Murdoch are currently drafting the Reference Collection
        policy, to be applied to all 6 of the RMIT libraries.

2-2.20  Questions and discussion.

2.20-2.50  Tea & coffee break

2.50-3.30  Panel and Discussion - Around the traps ... (5 minutes each)
           • Jane Miller, Electronic Information Systems & Services Librarian, VU,
             discussing VU Library's reference collection in light of their electronic
             format preference.
           • Nicole Sackers, Subject Librarian, Faculty of Law and Management,
             LaTrobe University.
           • Colin Bates, Deakin University, discussing reducing the print
             components and trying to make them 'usable', while also putting the
             major electronic resources into the Springshare library guides
             environment.
           • Roy Kennaugh, University of Melbourne
           • From the floor - feel free to contribute a 5 minute summary from
             your library.

3.30-3.55  Providing a Desert Island Reference Service -
           What are your Top 3 General or Subject specialist Reference sources?
           The Chair will call for volunteers from the floor to nominate their Top Picks,
           and to defend them. Come prepared to stimulate some discussion!
Transport

- **Parking:** Commercial car parks in Cardigan Street, Carlton and LaTrobe Street. 
  *Note* that street parking around Swanston Street, Cardigan Street and Queensbury Street is usually only for 1 - 2 hours.

- **Public transport:** Train to Melbourne Central Station 

The Speakers:

**Emilie Johnson**
Em has been involved with Reference collection projects planned and undertaken at Swinburne Libraries, and will focus on the project at the Hawthorn campus library. She will touch upon the background/history of the project, planning and research phases, the process itself, and issues raised before, during and after the project.

**Annette Sullivan**
Annette is manager of the Carlton Library of RMIT. It caters for the TAFE sector of RMIT. She and the manager of the Swanston Library, Lynn Murdoch, are currently writing the policy to define and guide the development of the Reference Collections across all sites. Annette has worked at RMIT for over 20 years.