

# 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.
- RSVP** by 13th August [http://www.caval.edu.au/CRIG\\_Forum\\_2008\\_RSVP.html](http://www.caval.edu.au/CRIG_Forum_2008_RSVP.html)
- 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**  
Emilie Johnson, Support Librarian
- Emilie 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!
- 3.55-4** **Close**

## 4.00pm      **Tours of the Swanston Library**

### **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  
<http://www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au/>

### **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.