



Northern Territory Library welcomes Diana Richards



Diana joins us for 12 months

Diana has taken on the role of Manager, Heritage Services until the end of March 2008 while Linda Marchesani is on maternity leave. Diana has taken leave from her job as Coordinator, Operations & Acquisitions, Collection Services at the State Library of New South Wales. Collection Services is one part of the Collection Management Division which also includes the Original Materials Branch and the Collection Preservation Branch.

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(L-R) Irene McLennan, Robin Hempel, Vikkie Hout

NT women celebrate their history

The Northern Territory Library recently joined with libraries and cultural organisations Australia wide to celebrate Women's History Month with a family history workshop exploring the theme: Arm in Arm: Indigenous and non-Indigenous women working together to explore their family history.

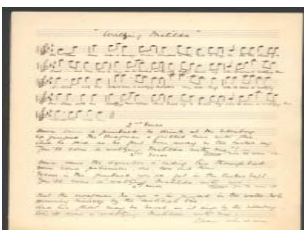
www.womenshistory.org.au/eventsinfo.html



ANPLAN (Australian Newspaper Plan)

ANPLAN is an ambitious, ongoing project designed to locate, collect and preserve every newspaper ever published in Australia, with the intention of guaranteeing public access to these important historical records (<http://www.nla.gov.au/nplan/>).

Northern Territory Library – along with all other State and Territory Libraries – participate in this National and State Libraries Australasia (NSLA) initiative to provide access to Australian Newspapers.



National Treasures from Australia's Great Libraries

Treasures that depict the Northern Territory's heritage and part of the Northern Territory Collection will be showcased at the National Treasures from Australia's Great Libraries Exhibition. The Northern Territory Library, in partnership with the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory will host the Exhibition from 14 April to 11 June 2007 at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory at Bullocky Point, with a complimentary display at the Northern Territory Library, Parliament House.

events

Treasures from Australia's Great Libraries: 14 April 2007

Lunchtime talk: 'Who wrote Shakespeare?' 24 April 2007

NT Literary Awards close: 31 May 2007

To read more on these events and others , www.ntl.nt.gov.au

Diana has worked in a number of university libraries in her twenty-five year career - Macquarie University, Kuring-gai C.A.E. in NSW and ANU and ADFA in Canberra. She has also spent one year in a childrens bookshop in Sydney and two years as Manager, Customer Service at James Bennett (a major Australian library supply company in Sydney).

The decision to apply for the job in Darwin was made so quickly that she has left her husband John behind in Sydney house sitting with their 25 year old son, Alex but John hopes to join her at some stage in the next twelve months. As well as John and Alex, Diana has also left behind her 23 year old son Nicholas and his wife Alice. Alex, Nicholas and Alice are looking forward to some Territory holidays at some point.

Diana hopes to share her depth of knowledge gained at the State Library of New South Wales over twelve years and in exchange gain a wider knowledge of how another Library is run in a very different geographic and demographic area of Australia. She welcomes the chance to meet new staff and clients and to make a connection with other librarians in the Northern Territory.

Family History

The event, which was held at the Parliament House site, was attended by 45 people. Featuring presentations by Robin Hempel and Margret Curry outlining the resources and facilities available at the Library's Family History Service, the program also included information sessions on services available at the National Archives (NT), the Northern Territory Archives and the Genealogical Society of the NT inc.

One of the highlights of the morning came from guest speaker, Vikkie Hoult who shared with the audience her personal journey to connect with family. Vikkie's research took her to her grandmother's gravesite at Ti Tree, north of Alice Springs and finally to Adelaide for a first meeting with her grandfather.

Other activities included a welcome morning tea, providing a friendly and informal venue for networking, the sharing of family history research and exchange of personal stories. The workshop concluded with a Library tour and opportunities for hands-on access to collections and computers.

For more information on the Northern Territory Library's Family History Service go to www.ntl.nt.gov.au and follow the links from "For Me" to the Family History Page.

ANPLAN

As part of this project Northern Territory Library (NTL) currently microfilm all newspapers currently published in the Territory and have completed the task of microfilming all previously published newspapers. The overall aim is to provide access to all papers, many of which are deteriorating with age due to the unstable materials that they are printed on. It is important for NTL to ensure that all newspapers are readily available as the content is the historic, aesthetic, scientific and social values of the NT. We are fortunate in the Northern Territory that we have many papers of significant value currently on microfilm.

However, not all issues of Northern Territory papers are held by NTL. We would be interested in hearing from anyone who may hold early editions of papers published within the NT and who would like to donate their issues to the library.

Treasures

The exhibition was made possible by Art Indemnity Australia, an Australian Government program through which the Commonwealth acts as insurer in case of any loss or damage to an indemnified exhibition. Without Art Indemnity Australia, the high cost of insuring significant cultural items would prohibit the touring of this major exhibition.

This exhibition is supported by Visions of Australia, an Australian Government Program supporting touring exhibitions by providing funding assistance for the development and touring of cultural material across Australia.

The Exhibition has been a triumph of cooperation for Australia's National, State and Territory Libraries - an initiative of the Council of Australian State Libraries and managed by the National Library of Australia. It is the largest and most complex collaborative exhibition ever undertaken in the country, attracting the most sponsorship support from business and industry, and gaining the highest Visions of Australia grant for travelling exhibitions from the Federal Government.

For more information, go to www.nationaltreasures.nla.gov.au

A complementary display at the Northern Territory Library will feature 15 historically significant items, including the Perriman Photographic Collection and the 1864 Log of the Surveying Schooner Beatrice.

