A new—

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE COLLECTION

- for the Alice Springs Public Library

Alice Springs Public Library responded to its position within the Alice Springs community by creating a unique and innovative library service that provides access to a variety of collections, technology and displays incorporating oral and visual traditions of Indigenous learning. This aim was made possible through the provision of a Development Grant from Northern Territory Library and Information Services over a year ago.

Over the past year, Indigenous Project Officer, Jude Pritchard, worked with local Indigenous partners (including native title holders, Lhere Artepe) to establish a new ‘Local Knowledge Collection’ at the Library, in accordance with the Library’s Collection Development Policy, to strive and provide opportunities for everyone to pursue leisure and cultural activities of appeal to them.

This new collection holds a treasure trove of magazines, newsletters, photo-stories, CD ROM’s and web-based material produced by and for Aboriginal people of Central Australia. It allows library users to research Aboriginal culture and introduces the ‘Ara Winki-Life on the Pitjantjatjara Lands’ computer program from Anangu Pitjantjatjara, designed to present valuable Indigenous knowledge, with respect, to the Alice Springs community.

“It is hoped this collection will give the whole community a depth of information about Indigenous issues and it will be appropriate to the needs of Indigenous family groups and individuals using our services,” Mayor Kilgariff said.

Mayor Fran Kilgariff opened the Local Knowledge Collection on the 11th December 2002 and the library welcomes visitors to come and peruse the new collection. For further information on this collection or its contents, please contact Jude Pritchard on 8950 0508.

(Please note the Local Knowledge Collection is in addition to the existing Alice Springs Historical Collection).
Stage 1 of the Galiwin'ku Knowledge Centre is about to become a reality with the knowledge database soon to be trialed in the community. March will see the commencement of training with a range of people at Galiwin'ku so that the database will be accessible for all the community to see and use.

Shepherdson College CEC has agreed to integrate Knowledge Centre activities into the curriculum which will encourage the younger people to be involved and learn more about their culture and history.

To enable the database to be shown to as many people as possible, the Council has allocated an office for the Director, Richard Gundhuwuy, field officers Joe Gumbula and Mathew Ngulupam to demonstrate the database to the community and continue to develop the content for the Knowledge Centre from information gathered from right across the Miwatj region.

Welcome to Client Services,
Larraine Shepherd who has replaced Phillipa Webb.
Larraine’s previous position was as the Asst/Director at NT Library, Parliament House.

Larraine has worked in libraries for most of her career. She has been in the Territory since 1996 and spent 4 years at the NT University Library before joining NTLIS.

She grew up in Sydney but has also lived and worked in Canberra, Melbourne and Perth.
Larraine enjoys life in the Territory and is looking forward to meeting and working with the Community Library Officers.
Family Literacy is a community based program designed to answer the questions families might have about how to help their children learn to read, as well as to show parents how having fun can help children on their way along the literacy path.

The course is aimed at pre-readers and beginning readers and offers parent’s strategies and skills for developing a literacy environment at home with a maximum of fun and shared enjoyment for the whole family.

The program consists of 5 sessions:
Week 1 - Introduction: Your child is the expert
Week 2 - Reading & Comprehension
Week 3 - Spelling & Writing
Week 4 - Growing a Researcher
Week 5 - Intro to the Internet, Conclusion

Library staff with specialist experience and expertise in these areas present the program.

Darwin Public Libraries successfully ran two Family Literacy programs in 2002. The first for 2003 is to be held on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm at Casuarina Public Library from 26 February until 26 March.

For further information, contact Viki Chmielewski on 8927 2280 or v.chmielewski@darcity.nt.gov.au

“Celebrate & recognise the value of all young Australians to their Communities”

The slogan for National Youth Week (NYW) 2003 is: “What’s it to you?” Young people are encouraged to get involved and tell us what’s it’s like to be a young person living in the Northern Territory.

The week will focus on the issues and concerns of young people from all regions and backgrounds and highlight the positive contribution that young people make to their communities.

In 2003 NYW is set to be even bigger and better than ever before, with activities happening across the Territory, these could include:

- Sporting activities
- Dance parties
- Community projects
- Exhibitions and expos
- Festivals and forums
- Live performances
- Storytelling
- Arts & Craft
- Puppet show and Videos.
Eight people took advantage of free Internet trialing classes held at Pine Creek Community Library in January. The classes were organised by KROL (Katherine Region On-Line) and delivered by Julie Sneddon and Gary Enright. Students were taken through the basics of Internet and e-mail use, the terminology explained and all their questions answered.

My name is Shereen Crowe and I am the Library Officer at Ltyentye Apurte Community Library, Santa Teresa near Alice Springs. I have been living in the community for 2 years and have been the Library Officer for about 12 months. I came up here from the South coast of NSW, near Nowra, having grown up in Sydney. I was born in South Africa.

I am married with 4 sons and my husband is a teacher here. One of my favourite things to do in my spare time is to read novels; a favourite I’ve recently read was "The Cider House Rules" by John Irving.

I love all kinds of music and try to play the guitar.

Many years ago I worked as a model and one job I did was for the original cover of Bryce Courtney’s book "Tandia". Something of literary interests perhaps. (a few years ago the cover was changed when he streamlined the look of all his books.)