



LEARNING FOR ALL: PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

**a conference for public librarians, directors of community services,
child, school and adult educators and others who seek to provide
better learning opportunities for all in their communities**

The 7th Auslib TransTasman public library conference *Learning for all* will have international, Australian and New Zealand speakers, Q&A panel sessions, targeted recommendations and full published proceedings. It will explore

- ◇ the technologically facilitated shift from dependent to independent learning
- ◇ the many ways public libraries already provide informal learning and support formal education
- ◇ the case for public libraries to make explicit, central to their mission, and strengthen their unique learning role and potential
- ◇ why public libraries need to understand the needs, motivations and aspirations of a wide range of learners
- ◇ awareness and partnerships between public libraries and other learning providers.

When

Optional preconference study tour of learning focused newer or refurbished public libraries in Melbourne

Wednesday 12 September 9.00am to 4.40pm

Conference

Thursday 13 September – Friday 14 September 2012

Where

State Library of Victoria Conference Centre 328 Swanston Street Melbourne Victoria

Cost

Aud\$660 (incl GST). Registration includes

- ◇ coffee on arrival, morning and afternoon teas, lunches
- ◇ conference reception (drinks and finger food) 5.30-7pm Thursday 13 September
- ◇ speaker powerpoints
- ◇ full conference proceedings
- ◇ information folder on learning and public libraries
- ◇ certificate of attendance

Organised and hosted by the State Library of Victoria, the optional full day study tour of learning focused public libraries in western Melbourne on Wednesday 12 September will cost \$88 (incl GST) and include morning tea and lunch. **Please note that tour numbers are limited.**

Registration

The registration form is on the back of this brochure. The closing date for receipt of registrations is **Friday 24 August 2012**. Particularly if you wish to take the study tour, *early registration is recommended*. A provisional program will be available at www.auslib.com.au from **1 May 2012**.

The Learning for all conference....why?

Stimulated by the 1996 Unesco Delors report *Learning: the treasure within*, lifelong learning has become an educational policy icon for developed countries. Lifelong learning, however, has too often been seen narrowly by governments and educators as about certificated education. There remains a general unawareness of the actual and potential contribution of public libraries towards learning for life by people of all ages and circumstances. This is despite many international reports, including in Australia *Libraries/Building/Communities* and in New Zealand *Public libraries of New Zealand: a strategic framework 2006 to 2016*, which have highlighted the support which public libraries provide for informal learning and formal education. Many people have also supported public libraries as learning places and spaces.

- *Lectures were once useful, but now, when all can read and books are so numerous lectures are unnecessary.* Dr Samuel Johnson 1770
- *I educated myself in the library, which means I found out for myself what I wanted to know. School taught me what I didn't know and what I should find out when I left school. School should really teach you how ignorant you are and what you want to find out.* Michael Caine
- *Libraries and schools are on a par with each other in terms of what we are trying to accomplish, which is to better educate society. But the library's scope extends even further than that of schools...a library is an innovator and should play an integral and active role in that effort in every community.* Mayor Richard Daley, Chicago
- *Learning is not simply about following accredited courses to obtain qualifications. It is about gaining knowledge to lead better, more fulfilling lives. Such learning comes frequently in very small quanta...Public libraries are unique in the way that they can allow those tiny portions of learning to invisibly change people's lives.* Chris Batt UK
- *For what are libraries if not for learning?* Rónán O'Beirne

Learning for all, through the conference and its published proceedings, aims to be seminal in raising awareness of the learning reality and potential of public libraries with local and other governments, other educational providers, and with public libraries themselves.

Speaker from the UK, Rónán O'Beirne (author of *From lending to learning: the development and extension of public libraries* Chandos) and from the UK via New Zealand Sue Roberts (co-author of *Developing the new learning environment* Facet, and director designate of the State Library of Victoria), will bring to the conference a wealth of knowledge of learning issues, opportunities and technological and other responses for the 21st century.

They will be supported by 20 speakers from Australia and New Zealand about how public libraries are already contributing to learning for life for all, and their potential to do so much more. The speakers will respond to *your* questions in two panel sessions, one on each day of the conference. At the end of the conference identified outcomes and recommendations to governments, library funders etc will be considered.

Conference schedule

Wednesday 12 September 9.00am-4.40pm

Optional study tour of learning focused newer or refurbished public libraries in western Melbourne hosted by the State Library of Victoria. Pickup and return to La Trobe Street side of the State Library 328 Swanston Street Melbourne. *Numbers are limited*

Thursday 13 September 8.45am-5.00pm

Conference presentations and panel session at the Conference Centre, State Library of Victoria, followed by a reception in *Experimedia* in the State Library 5.30pm-7.00pm

Friday 14 September 8.45am-4.30pm

Conference presentations, panel session, conference outcomes and recommendations at the Conference Centre, State Library of Victoria

Conference venue

The State Library of Victoria is in Melbourne's CBD, normally about 30 minutes by taxi (about \$60 one way) from Melbourne airport, and a 15 minute walk from Southern Cross Station in Spencer Street which is the city drop off point for the \$26 return airport express bus. The State Library is within a ten minute walk of numerous hotels. See next page for some accommodation options.

Accommodation

Delegates are responsible for booking their hotel accommodation and payment of their account. There is a variety of accommodation close to the conference venue. These include

Melbourne Marriott Hotel Cnr Exhibition and Lonsdale Streets Melbourne Tel 03 9662 3900 Australia freecall 1800 331 118 fax 03 9662 3900 Email melbourne.reservations@marriotthotels.com	5 star
DownTowner on Lygon 66 Lygon Street Carlton Tel 03 9663 5555 Australia freecall 1800 800130 fax 03 9662 3308 Email booking@downtowner.com.au	4 star
The Crossley Hotel 51 Little Bourke Street Melbourne Tel 03 9639 1639 Australia freecall 1300 367 654 fax 03 9639 0566 Email stay@crossleyhotel.com.au	4 star
Saville on Russell 222 Russell Street Melbourne Tel 03 9915 2500 Australia freecall 1300 139 323 fax 03 9915 2599 Email res@mantra.com.au	4 star
The Sebel Melbourne 394 Collins Street Melbourne Tel 03 9211 6600 Australia freecall 1800 500 778 NZ freecall 0800 937 373 fax 03 9211 6611 Email reservations@tsm.mirvac.com.au	4 star
Hotel Ibis Melbourne 15-21 Therry Street Melbourne Tel 03 9666 0066 Australia freecall 1300 656 565 fax 03 9666 0052 Email H1564-re03@accor.com	3 star
The Victoria Hotel 215 Little Collins Street Melbourne Tel 03 9669 0000 Australia wide freecall 1800 331 147 fax 03 9669 0001 Email stay@victoriahotel.com.au	3 star
City Centre Budget Hotel 22 Little Collins Street Melbourne Tel 03 9654 5401 fax 03 9650 7256 Email info@citycentrebudgethotel.com.au	2.5 star

If you are a delegate from outside Melbourne, comprehensive tourist information about Melbourne is available at <http://www.visitmelbourne.com/>

Enquiries

For conference enquiries

Judith Bundy tel 08 8278 4363 (international 61 8 8278 4363) email info@auslib.com.au

For information about the study tour libraries and other Victorian public libraries

Wendy Quihampton

Tel 03 8664 7053 (international 61 3 8664 7053) mobile 0403 602 417

email wquihampton@slv.vic.gov.au

**LEARNING FOR ALL:
PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND
13-14 September 2012**

State Library of Victoria Conference Centre
328 Swanston Street Melbourne Victoria
REGISTRATION FORM AND TAX INVOICE

ABN 89 680 150 211

Please keep a copy of this form as your tax invoice

*Single day registrations are not available but a split registration for two delegates only from one organisation will be accepted – please indicate **both** names on this form*

PERSONAL DETAILS *Please print clearly*

Title _____ First name _____ Surname _____

Preferred name on name badge _____

Second delegate for split registration

Title _____ First name _____ Surname _____

Preferred name on name badge _____

Organisation _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State/NZ _____ Postcode _____

Email _____ Tel () _____ Fax () _____

Please specify any special needs, including dietary _____

CONFERENCE FEE

Registration fee – *includes morning and afternoon teas, lunches, conference reception, full proceedings, information folder, speaker powerpoints and certificate of attendance* A\$660.00 incl GST A\$ _____

Additional guest/s for conference reception 13 September: A\$33.00 per person incl GST A\$ _____

Optional library study tour 12 September: A\$88.00 incl GST (will be refunded if tour is full) A\$ _____

Total payment **A\$** _____

Refund policy: 30 days or more before the conference 75% of fee refunded; 29-14 days before the conference 50% of fee refunded; 13-7 days before the conference 25% of the fee refunded; 0-6 days before the conference 0% refunded

PAYMENT DETAILS

Cheque (in Australian dollars) enclosed made payable to Auslib Press Pty Ltd

OR Payment has been made by EFT

Account name: Auslib Press Pty Ltd BSB: 085-142 Account number: 62891-3462 (for international transfers BIC/SWIFT: NATAAU 3303M)

OR Payment will be made by/...../2012

OR Charge to credit card: Visa Mastercard

Credit card number _____ Expiry date _____

Cardholder name _____

Signature _____ Amount A\$ _____

MAIL, FAX OR EMAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM TO ARRIVE BY Friday 24 August 2012 TO

Auslib Press Pty Ltd

PO Box 622 Blackwood South Australia 5051

Fax (08) 8278 4000 International +61 8 8278 4000

Email info@auslib.com.au