

## DOING RESEARCH IN THE LIBRARY OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

FORUM AT THE STATE LIBRARY ON SATURDAY 19 MAY

You are cordially invited to attend a forum on the impact of technological advances on the facilities available for in-depth researchers in major reference libraries. This event has been arranged by the State Library User Organisations' Council in collaboration with the State Library of Victoria. It will take place on Saturday 19 May in the State Library (conference area 2A, entrance from Door 3 in La Trobe Street). A first session in the morning between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon will present the State Library's own online databases and digitisation projects in the framework of evolving collection policies. In the afternoon, there will be a talk on the National Library of Australia's digitisation programme, together with a series of contributions by different researchers on their experiences of the advantages and problems of the new media. The overall perspective is advancing comprehensive or exhaustive investigations as opposed to quick searches for basic information or discrete facts. Dr Elizabeth Ellis, Mitchell Librarian, will be attending the meeting as well. The two two-hour sessions (1.00 pm–3.00 pm and 3.30 pm–5.30 pm) will allow ample time for questions and discussion of a challenging topic. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served between 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm, but people attending all day will need to make their own arrangements for lunch.

Forum speakers are as follows:

10.30 am–12 noon:

Shane Carmody, State Library Director of Collections and Access, and colleagues.

1.00 pm–3.00 pm:

Gideon Haigh, writer and journalist; John Lack, President of SLUOC and Chair of the Victorian Working Party of the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*; David Garrioch, Monash University, historian of eighteenth-century Paris; Gavan McCarthy, Director of the University of Melbourne e-Scholarship Research Centre.

3.30 pm–5.30 pm:

Marie-Louise Ayres, Manuscript Librarian, National Library of Australia; Jenny Harkness, family-history researcher and former SLUOC member; Patrick Spedding, ARC Research Fellow in the School of English, Monash University, and specialist in the bibliography of eighteenth-century English literature and clandestine publications.

Although formal enrolment in the forum is not required, it would be appreciated if those people attending in the afternoon could e-mail [prj@bigpond.net.au](mailto:prj@bigpond.net.au) or telephone 9509.7570 so effective catering arrangements can be made.