

## Palmerston Campus Library

### Staff

*Jayshree Mamtora* has been appointed Palmerston Campus Librarian, effective 7 January 2002. Jayshree joins NTU after serving as Pacific Information Centre Librarian at the University of the South Pacific, in Fiji, for several years.

*Gemma Crisp* is Client Services Assistant. Gemma has been at Palmerston Campus since 1999 and is well known on Campus.

*Barbara Cotton* is also Client Services Assistant. Barbara is currently serving as Off Campus Library Services Supervisor at the Casuarina Campus, but is due to return to Palmerston towards the end of May.

*Robin Dunn* is Temporary Client Services Assistant, but has worked in several capacities at Palmerston over the past year. She is filling in for Barbara while she is away at Casuarina.

Please drop in and have a chat, or have morning tea with us sometime.

### Information skills

The following information skills sessions are being offered to students:

- Tour and Catalogue
- Introduction to the Internet
- Introduction to Databases

Special sessions tailored to group needs can also be arranged. One-to-one sessions for staff are also possible.

*Dates and times to be advertised soon!*

### New books

Generally, every Monday, new books will be displayed on the *New Books* shelf on the right as you enter the Library. All new items are available for borrowing.

If requested on the order form, lecturers will be notified when books that they've ordered

arrive. Otherwise this information is readily available through the *New Titles* list.

### New titles lists

A list of new titles added to the library collection is produced monthly. The list is distributed to all staff on campus as an email attachment. If you're not receiving this list, or would like your name added to the distribution list, please let the Library staff know.

### Videos

There are a number of videos that can be viewed in the Library and two video players that can be used with headphones, as well as a video player that can be used for small groups of four to six people in the Seminar Room.

*Prior bookings necessary!*

### Travel brochures

Library staff have been working on updating the Vertical File which consists of travel and tourism brochures. This is an ongoing process and if you come by any brochures for popular or out of the way areas, the Library would be interested in adding them to this collection.

And did you know you can borrow items from the Vertical File, up to five at any one time?

### Menus

The Library is building a collection of menus which should prove useful to Cookery students. For example, menus have been added recently from The Mediterranean, the Yacht Club, Tim's on the Bay, and Katie's Bistro (in Katherine) Please help us by picking one up for the Library next time you visit a restaurant!

## Information resources allocation

A amount is set aside by the Library for each School every year. Known as the *IRA* (Information Resources Allocation), the budget enables academic staff to purchase library material to cater for courses they are teaching and for the general library collection. Orders are usually sent to the Library Acquisitions Department by completing a Purchase Request Form which is available on the NTU Library Home Page.

It would be helpful if a *copy* of your completed order form is sent to the Palmerston Campus Librarian, not just for our own records, but so that we can keep track of it and follow up, if necessary.

## Displays

Currently, there is a display in the Library to celebrate Harmony Day, 21 March. Various other displays are planned during the course of the year to coincide with special theme days.

Suggestions for displays to tie in with courses being taught at Palmerston are welcome. We also invite students and other groups to put up displays. See one of the Library staff if you have an idea for a display.

## Suggestions

We'd like to know about any suggestions you have for improving our services, or any concerns you may have in relation to the Library. Come and talk to one of the Library Staff, or place your comments in our Suggestions Box.

### Library Opening Hours Semester 1

Monday – Thursday 8.30 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Friday 8.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Sunday 1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

## Australian Library Week

The staff of Palmerston Campus Library and Palmerston Public Library are working together on a number of events to celebrate Australian Library Week, 19–24 May 2002. So far, two events are being planned.

On 19 May, two *Library to Library* walking tours are proposed, one starting at 9.30 am and the other at 5.00 pm. Each will be of 90 minutes duration and both will start at Palmerston Public Library, then continue down the walking path to Palmerston Campus Library. Both tours will end up at the Lake, the second one in time for sunset. Ian Hutton, Lecturer in Tour Operations at Palmerston Campus will lead both tours, and will point out flora and fauna of interest along the way. Refreshments will be provided at the end of the tour. All welcome! Please sign up at either Library.

The second event is a Quiz Night to be held in the Gallery adjacent to the Library (and overlooking the lake), on Friday 24 May, from 6 p.m. onwards. A fun night guaranteed! To get you started, have a go at the Quiz below (you may need to use Library resources!).

## Quiz

The first entry to correctly answer the four quiz questions below will win a PRIZE!

- When was the NTU Palmerston Learning Space opened? Please give exact date.
- A bird occasionally sighted at Palmerston Campus has the scientific name *Irediparra gallinacea*. What is it commonly known as? There are two possible answers.
- Nitmiluk National Park is one of NT's major tourist attractions. What does 'Nitmiluk' mean?
- In which movie did the old *Ghan* make one of its final appearances?

Written answers to Library staff by 6 p.m., Monday, 8 April.

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