

The use of information architecture guidelines by Australian libraries

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Philip Hider presented on a survey conducted to gather data on the use of information architecture guidelines by Australian libraries.

Not surprisingly, the extent to which a Library had control over their website determined their interest in, and use of, IA guidelines.

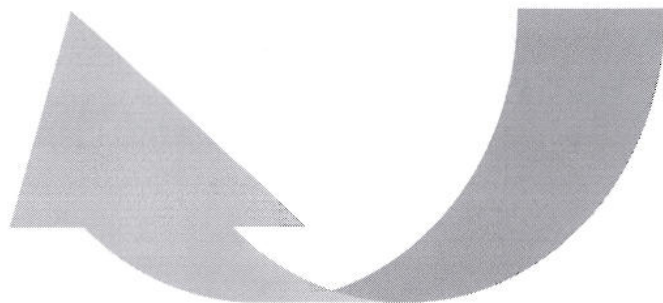
Though a few external guidelines were commonly used by many libraries, a variety of internal and external guidelines were used.

All for naught: using existing bibliographic data to deliver modern search tools

Lloyd Sokvitne, Jan Lavelle, Carmel Denholm
State Library of Tasmania

Jan Lavelle gave an interesting talk regarding the development of a new web-based catalogue for the State Library of Tasmania (that has several branches across the state) that would incorporate faceted browsing on aspects such as audience, location, subject etc.

Much debate took place during the project regarding what would be useful facets for Library users, and how they could provide this data from the existing catalogue metadata. They discovered that inconsistencies in cataloguing practices over the years proved to be barriers to easily providing useful metadata for many facets, but after much work on the data, they did achieve their goals – and have received a lot of positive feedback from users.



5 Minutes with ...

Gemma Siemensma

Medical Library

Ballarat Health Services Base Hospital (VBBH)

What are your professional development goals for 2008?

2008 will be a big year. I have just started studying for an MBA through the University of Ballarat and I am also on the organising committee the 4th ALIA New Librarians Symposium to be held in December this year.

Which library duty is your favourite and why?

Hmmm. Tough question because the one thing I love most about my job is the variety! I do however love doing "projects". I love the feeling of implementing something new or changing current practices and finishing the task all the way through and watching the benefits that come with it.

5 things we didn't know about you!

I was born in the UK.

I am a city girl who married a country boy (and I love the country life).

I love going to the beach, fishing and reading trashy novels!

Coke and pizza are the best inventions ever.

I am a little addicted to the website www.bookmooch.com (where you can exchange books with people all over the world).