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NATIONAL E-SECURITY WEEK

From 6th -13th June ASCCA is celebrating National E-security Awareness Week with three events made possible by support from the Australian Government. The events are tailored to help our members understand e-security risks, and provide education about the simple steps they can take to protect themselves, their families and their businesses online.



James McCormack

In Sydney and Cooranbong there will be several interesting and informative speakers, followed by panel discussions where you can ask the experts. Lunch will be provided in Sydney on Tuesday 10th June, so you will need to RSVP via email to ascca@ascca.org.au or phone on **9286 3871**. At Cooranbong on Friday 6th June afternoon tea will be provided and bookings should be made via email to Westlake@bigpond.net.au or phone **4975 3360**. The third exciting E-security Awareness Week event is to be held in Ipswich, Queensland, and is being organised by SeniorNet in Ipswich. This meeting to be held from 9.30am - 1.00pm on Thursday 12th June in the Coral Sea Room at the RSL Club, will raise awareness on security issues for the people able to attend. If you have not yet decided to attend there is still time to email ebelliott@optusnet.com.au if you want to reserve a place.

In Sydney, James McCormack who manages High Tech & Child Protection Operations with the Australian Federal Police will speak on **Cyber-Safety: Protecting yourself online**. After vast experience in military, defence, diplomatic and communications roles in Australia and overseas, he became the Director of the [Australian High Tech Crime Centre](http://www.ahttc.com.au) on 16th October 2007. Follow the link above to find out more about the very important work of the AHTTC in combating high tech crimes of all kinds.

Another speaker in Sydney will be Patrick Palmer-Thomas who is a Project and Research Officer with the Consumers Telecommunications Network. He is an avid user of social networking sites and will be talking about e-security for social networking and wireless internet. He has a Bachelor of Economic and Social Science Degree from the University of Sydney, majoring in Government and Philosophy (Ethics). Prior to working with CTN, Patrick spent several years on the executive of the United Nations Youth Association (NSW) including time as Vice President. He was involved in educating young people about a variety of international issues.



Patrick
Palmer-Thomas

Cooranbong will welcome Dr Jenny Mouzos, who is the head of Crime Prevention in the High Tech Crime Operations portfolio with the Australian Federal Police. She will be focusing on the risks, and offering tips to mitigate these risks as she presents **Cyber-safety: Protecting yourself online**. She has a PhD in Criminology from the University of Melbourne, and worked for almost ten years at the Australian Institute of Criminology. Her main responsibilities include academic outreach; education and awareness raising in relation to internet safety, and prevention initiatives.



Dr. Jenny
Mouzos

These events are our opportunity to learn how to enjoy the advantages and opportunities the internet offers, without compromising our security, or the security of even more vulnerable people like our precious grandchildren. Why not book in now and go along and listen to the messages from these knowledgeable presenters.

Proposed dates for ASCCA 2008 events

- June 6 **Stay safe Online** - Cooranbong Community Services Centre 614 Freemans Drive, Cooranbong - from 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm.
- June 10 **Stay safe Online** - ASCCA level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney - from 10.00 am - 2.00 pm
- June 12 **Stay safe Online** - Coral Sea Room, RSL Club, Ipswich Qld. - from 9.30am - 1.00pm
- Aug. 27 & 28 **10th Australian Computer Conference for Seniors; Powerhouse Museum - Mark it in your diary now!**
- November ASCCA AGM; level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney



LIBRARIES AND THE INTERNET

The dramatic developments in internet information on books and academic papers will change libraries as we know them. Libraries have had to review their current use of digital sources and more importantly prepare to progress in the digital age to expand and use it to the full.

This will involve many changes both in emphasis and physical operation. It will involve co-operation in a partnership with internet people like Google and Microsoft.

Some of the things that will be up for review include:

- The nostalgic atmosphere of the smell of musty books may change in both public and academic libraries. However, they will continue to be a place of refuge to relax and enjoy.
- With progressive access to digital sources the physical volume of books or the methods of handling the store of books will change. Below ground storage and mechanical retrieval will increase.
- Those libraries that develop with technology in all its forms will flourish. The accent will increasingly be on rapid access.
- Google is currently undertaking a most ambitious plan to make available the full text of all forms of books and literature ever published. This will provide a massive data base which will be added to for hundreds of years to come. The mind boggles!
- How will they do it? They have developed, for example, automatic rapid book scanning techniques. Problems include the fact that only some 10% of all books published are still in print. Only approximately 20% of the remainder is in public libraries. The starting point will take account of the large number of books which are already available with the full text on "Google Books".
- Google Scholar. This feature of Google has been developed in the last couple of years and now contains a very impressive body of search results on scholarly items and academic research topics.



Microsoft "Life Premium Search". This is a major project to bring together the authoritative content of information on the internet and to specify the nature of that authority. This will separate out data which does not qualify.

What does all this mean for libraries ?

They will have to provide a suitable I.T. department capable of negotiating for the use of all this digital information and making it available to all its users. Prompt access and availability of books where relevant will be part of the service. Protection against malicious content especially in respect of juniors will be part of the challenge.

Progressive libraries will have the potential to be re-vitalized. Much of the time currently spent on the care and handling of books will be diverted to these new and exciting challenges.

Thanks to Ian Gemmell from Computer Pals for Seniors Epping for this thoughtful article on the future of two of his great interests. Ian is a tutor in Internet and Email at Epping, and also a collector of rare and fine books.

MORE AWARDS FOR GOOD CITIZENS

It is gratifying to know that our ASCCA members contribute so much to the communities in which they live. Retirement for many means they are working harder as volunteers than they ever did when they were paid to work.

Our congratulations go to Teacher Co-ordinator, **Judith Sosimenko** from **Computer Pals Blacktown**. Judith was awarded a 2008 NSW Seniors Week Achievement Award for dedication to education and learning - how wonderful for Judith, and also for the members of the Blacktown Club to have one of their busy volunteers recognised in this way.

Southlake Community Services Inc. Neighbourhood Centre's Co-ordinator Vivienne Bruce, presented the second annual "Citizen of the Year" Award to **Westlakes Seniors Computer Club** Member **Debbie Freer** at a special function. The "catchment" for this award encompasses the areas of South Lake Macquarie, Morisset, Dora Creek, Cooranbong and Wyee. Debbie's friends were proud and delighted she was recognised for her work with Computer Education and also her compassion with a Palliative Care Group.



Vivienne Bruce from Southlake Community Services, presenting the "Citizen of the Year" Award to Debbie Freer from Westlakes Seniors Computer Club.

OLD AND NEW ASCCA MEMBER CLUBS



Jenny Willcox who is the Co-ordinator of the **Walpole Community Resource Telecentre (Inc.)** in Walpole WA has written of her success in obtaining a grant from Telstra Connected Seniors program. This has provided the extra impetus for the successful Telecentre to begin their carefully planned Seniors Computing Club at long last. We welcome this Club to ASCCA as one of our newest member Clubs. Thursday 1st May was the day for this exciting new venture to begin. We look forward to welcoming and supporting more clubs from the Western Australian Telecentre Network of community owned, managed and Incorporated

facilities. These centres support economic, social and educational development. We expect to be reporting on your 10th Birthday Celebrations in May 2018!

Hurstville Seniors Computer Club is now eagerly looking forward to their next ten years



after celebrating their tenth birthday recently. They are a happy optimistic lot who say, "Our Club is ten years young and still growing and developing." At the celebration event recognition was given to George Thompson, the founder of the club, and the enthusiastic team of volunteers who were responsible for setting the framework for a very successful organisation. Many of those pioneers are still tutors and active members of the club, which

continues to provide an important service to seniors in Hurstville and surrounding areas. The success of the Club is shown by the fact that there are now students and tutors who can maintain and repair their own computers; and students who can confidently strip and reassemble their own computers. Members from the Hurstville Club have been very successful in the ASCCA Digital Photography Competition for several years. and their training program offers individual attention for members.

This is your Newsletter - why not let the editor know what is happening at your Club.

Which DVD/CD blank disk type to buy?

Confused about which CD or DVD to buy for your optical drive, "+" or "-"? Get out your magnifying glass and torch and check the door on your optical drive. In very small letters it will have "DVD + R DL" or similar indicating the disks you should buy to match your drive. Many recent drives work with various DVD/CD types, but it is preferable to stick to the type indicated on your drive.

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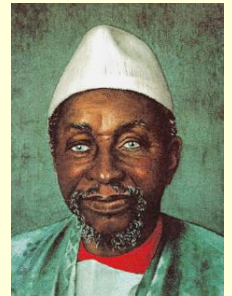
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BUILD YOUR OWN LIBRARY

Amadou Hampate Ba was a member of UNESCO's Executive Board between 1962 and 1970. He died on 15th May 1991 at Abidjan (Cote d'Ivoire). He became known as the "living memory of Africa", because of his passion for systematically collecting and recording the oral teachings and traditions of African cultures.



One of his memorable sayings has become so famous it is sometimes quoted as an African proverb. In 1962 he pleaded for the preservation of the knowledge of what he called "Africa's last great illiterate scholars". At a meeting to discuss the rescue of the great pharaonic monuments of Nubia, threatened by the waters of the Aswan High Dam, he noted that stone monuments were durable and would survive, although they may be water-logged. In stressing the fragility of the cultural heritage of mankind he said, **"In Africa, when an old man dies, a library disappears."**

Hampate Ba often quoted his philosophical master, the Sufi mystic Tierno Bokar: *"Writing is one thing and knowledge is another. Writing is the photographing of knowledge, but it is not knowledge itself. Knowledge is a light which is within man. It is the heritage of all the ancestors knew and have transmitted to us as seed, just as the mature baobab is contained in its seed."*

How fortunate we are that our computers allow us the opportunity to leave a "library" of the history of our lives, our families, and our heritage for future generations. Why not use the ASCCA Creative Writing and Digital Photography Competitions to prevent your personal "library" from disappearing? By entering the competitions you have the opportunity to prove the truth or falsehood of the old adage; "One picture is worth a thousand words". You can submit six individual pictures; and you can enter three poems, and three stories of 1,000 words (or less). Why not take up the challenge and become part of the "the living memory" of Australia? Either download entry forms from the ASCCA website or ask at your computer club if you do not have access to the internet.

Pass on this issue of the ASCCA newsletter by printing copies for distribution, or make a list of all your club members with email addresses and forward it to them.

The newsletter can also be read and/or downloaded from our website: - www.ascca.org.au

You are welcome to copy items from this newsletter but acknowledgment of **ASCCA** is required

Membership of **ASCCA** is open to all Seniors Computer Clubs, Organisations with a membership including Seniors, and Organisations that recognise the value of computer technology for Seniors. Cost of membership is \$100 per year. Corporate Membership is also welcome.

If you fit one of those categories and are interested in joining **ASCCA** please go to our website www.ascca.org.au or email office@seniorcomputing.org to find out how to start a club or read some of the advantages of joining **ASCCA** if you are an existing club. You can download an Application Form.

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