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### **Ebook apps: Reading to experience** – *Agata Mrva-Montoya*

Ebook apps represent some of the most innovative developments in the digital publishing ecosystem and reveal what the future of digital books may look like. With the ability to handle multiple layers of content and focus on visual and interactive elements, they offer a range of possibilities for transforming the reading and learning experience. Given the global spread of mobile devices and the uptake of productivity and entertainment apps, the potential of ebook apps remains underexplored in research and practice. This article presents an overview of the formats, design and features, and the benefits and limitations of ebook apps in the current technological environment. ....

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### **Allowing for depreciation: GLAM sector collaboration and convergence** – *Paul Bentley*

Galleries, libraries, archives and museums, under the banner of the GLAM sector, have been collaborating for more than 100 years. Developments in information technology and communications have stimulated new ways of collaborating and turned minds towards converging necessities. There is some confusion about what convergence actually means. In the light of economic forces, government policies and a recent report by CSIRO, what are the dynamics of the Australian GLAM sector? What can be learnt from the way other countries invest in the sector and create platforms to help people locate resources held by GLAM institutions? What can be done to prepare the sector for the future? .....

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### **Building competence for knowledge organisation** – *Matt Moore and Kelly Tall*

Knowledge organisation includes work with controlled vocabularies, thesauri, taxonomies and ontologies. It has been the site of much change as a domain with new technologies, practices and user needs emerging. This article outlines a draft competency framework for practitioners to make sense of the field and their own skills sets. It begins by outlining the five domains of the framework (knowledge organisation systems, technology, knowledge, users, context) and providing an overview of existing professional tribes in the domain. It discusses organisational issues and concludes with suggestions for developing knowledge organisation competencies. ....

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### **Multiple layers of digital inclusion** – *Kim M Thompson*

Full and democratic participation in the information society depends upon digital inclusion, which must extend even to the most disadvantaged segments of society. This article introduces a layered approach to understanding digital inclusion, focussing not only on physical access to digital technology, but also to skills and socio-cultural factors that affect full participation. ....

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