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A success story – Australian Newspapers Digitisation Program – *Rose Holley*

This article gives an overview of the Australian Newspapers Digitisation Program (ANDP) and the resulting free online public service – Australian Newspapers service. The service was released to users by the National Library of Australia in August 2008 and has now been in operation for over a year. As at the end of October 2009, the ANDP has achieved free online public access to over 720,000 newspaper pages containing over 6.8 million articles. The public have helped to enhance the data by correcting over 6 million lines of text and adding 166,000 tags and 4,200 comments. The ANDP is collaborative, with every State and Territory library in Australia being involved. The service supports the key objectives of the Australian Newspaper Plan (ANPlan) to enable communities to explore their rich newspaper heritage. By mid-2011 the ANDP will have digitised and made available 4 million Australian newspaper pages dating from 1803-1954. 283

Towards freedom – Part 1: An introduction to libre, open source and the free software movement – *Bill Browne*

This article discusses the ideas, movements and examples behind libre, a term describing creative works that are open to use, adapt and distribute. It explains the different terms, licences and organisations involved in libre and takes some key libre works as examples. This article is the first in a two-part series on libre. The second will be an in-depth discussion of libre works that are available, such as Wikipedia, Firefox, Linux, libre ebooks, libre movies and libre games, what they offer the user and why they are significant. 296

Spicing up information literacy classes – *Katie Wilson*

Information literacy meets Web 2.0. Library and information staff have learned about Web 2.0 and how to incorporate it into practice. This article looks at ways to use social networking tools as part of information literacy instruction, to provide a layer of intrigue and currency while still teaching the deeper essential skills of subject analysis, search techniques and evaluation. 303

Montague Institute website – *Glenda Browne*

The Montague Institute website provides extensive information on knowledge-based publishing for members. Some articles and parts of articles are free for non-members. These give an idea of the content of the site, and trends within the information community. Content in the Montague Institute Review includes original articles, abstracts of external articles, and summaries of discussions on mailing lists, especially BusLib-L. These are accessible in a number of ways, including a single-level A-Z index based on a thesaurus. The Institute website also provides information about educational programs and the Society of Knowledge Base Publishers. 306

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