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Operating in a world of ornate variations and tipping points: The ALIA Information Online Conference 2011 – Part Two – Paul Bentley

Online Currents reported the insights of keynote speakers at the 2011 ALIA Information Online conference in its June issue. This second article surveys papers from the parallel sessions, which capture the work of librarians over the past two years. Issues on their radar include leadership, library design, discovery services, metadata management, user engagement, specialist services, professional identity and skills. Post-conference developments and thoughts are also considered in sketching out persistent challenges for the sector. 169

The Encyclopedia of Australian Science – Denise Sutherland

The Encyclopedia of Australian Science is an online resource focused on the history of Australian science, scientists and scientific organisations. It is an immense website, including a national register of the archives of Australian science, technology and medicine; a biographical database with over 4,000 entries; online exhibitions; and printable resources. 178

Successfully managing corporate information environments – Matt Moore

This article discusses the proliferation of corporate electronic information from the uptake of email, personal productivity software and shared folders. It recognises that such a proliferation creates a subtle drag on organisational effectiveness. It suggests that the judicious use of technology and a tighter managerial focus on critical information might improve this situation. 182

Green libraries – Glenda Browne

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