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ARTICLES

Big Data for information managers – *Matt Moore and Kelly Tall*

This article explores the elements of Big Data such as the increasing production of machine readable data, tools for its storage and techniques for its analysis. The implications of Big Data for different sectors are discussed. The implications for information managers are approached from two angles: first, the emergence of new roles such as data librarian; secondly, the applications of Big Data capabilities to information management issues. It ends with six recommendations for readers. 3

News media in Australia: A transforming landscape – *Jane Douglas*

The news media environment in Australia is undergoing rapid change. The convergence of media platforms is having a significant effect on the traditional news media – newspapers, television and radio – although the impact on circulation and viewership has been less dramatic in Australia than in the United States or Britain. Australia’s news media industry has been slow to come to terms with the public’s growing preference for digital media consumption. In this transforming environment, almost every aspect of traditional news gathering, production and distribution is in flux. 9

ALIA 2012 Biennial Conference: Trade Exhibition – *Elisabeth Thomas*

The ALIA Biennial Conference in Sydney featured a range of vendors filling over 70 stands. Resources for the education and public library sectors predominated, with everything from security tags for the hardcopy collection to film streaming subscriptions for your virtual collection. This article will look at the vendors who attended and what new, interesting or different products were being highlighted. 17

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