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*Worldwide knowledge and understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present*

## ***Conference to explore Indigenous library trends*** Canberra, 2-3 August 2005

*It is my view that you need to look carefully at the way Aboriginal people are portrayed in libraries, and you need to reach out to Aboriginal people and show us that we are welcome to participate in an area which we were excluded from for a long time.*

(Mick Dodson, 1993)

The ways that libraries, archives and other 'repositories of memory' treat Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge will be explored at a conference in Canberra next week.

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) will host *Deadly Directions: Current and emerging trends in Libraries, Archives and Information Services for Indigenous Knowledge* from 2-3 August.

About 80 librarians, archivists, collections staff, researchers and others involved in providing information services to Indigenous clients and/or looking after Indigenous knowledge will attend the event.

The conference themes are:

- Gathering together institutions of memory;
- Indigenous library services;
- Implications for Indigenous knowledge in the digital age;
- Ongoing responsibilities to culture; and
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander protocols for libraries, archives and information services

Speakers include: renowned author and Co-Chair of Reconciliation Australia, Jackie Huggins AM; Indigenous education specialist, Professor Martin Nakata; a specialist in the management of Maori library materials, David Kukutai Jones; and Chair of the Assessment Sub-Committee of the Australian Memory of the World Committee, Roslyn Russell.

To view the full conference program and speakers biographies, go to [www.aiatsis.gov.au/lbry/conferences/libconf05/conferenceindex.htm](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/lbry/conferences/libconf05/conferenceindex.htm).

AIATSIS, situated next to the National Museum of Australia, is the world's leading centre for research into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and lifestyles - past and present. The AIATSIS Library holds the world's most extensive collection of printed materials on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander topics.

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