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Welcome

Welcome to the November issue of the Spydus Newsletter. The year has again flown by at a rapid pace and is showing no sign of slowing down as we move into December and into the Festive Season!

The Spydus team is seeing continued success with Managed Services with Maribyrnong the latest Library Service to go live and we have some excellent feedback on their experiences. Our implementation team are also working hard to deliver timely Spydus 8 upgrades for our customers including Albert Hospital Library in Melbourne and North Western Library Service in northern NSW.

On the product development front we have two articles this month. Firstly the new cataloguing web forms, which are making librarians lives a lot easier and secondly an introduction to the features in the new Spydus Cash Management module. As always we bring you a Hot Tip and this month we focus on how to Create Tables within the Cataloguing Client.

Our November Site of the Month is Central Highlands Regional Library Corporation and we have all the details of their latest expansion, which is providing the joint benefits of economies of scale and improved services to the community.

Suggestions and ideas for Spydus News are always welcome, please contact your Account

Manager.

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Maribyrnong Library Service Goes Live on Spydus Managed Service



Maribyrnong Library Service in Melbourne's western suburbs went live on the Spydus Managed Service on October 27 with a 'smooth and painless' implementation process.

A Spydus customer since 2002, the library serves a densely populated metropolitan area via four branches within the City of Maribyrnong - Footscray, Highpoint, West Footscray and Yarraville - as well as a home library service for elderly or disabled residents.



Lloyd Brady, Team Leader, Library Information and Technology Services made the following comments regarding their transition to the Managed Service.

"The move to the Spydus Managed Service at the end of October was a smooth and painless process. The Civica team were a great help in resolving any outstanding issues that needed to be overcome in reconfiguring for the new setup. From a systems management point of view the service is a boon to us, as we have limited IT support capacity to host and manage such a large server and database in-house; and considering we were due for a new server the savings over time should be considerable."

Lloyd also added: "We've been very impressed with the quick response times from the new server - renewing 20 items at once occurs in a flash. We're very much looking forward to our first upgrade to version 8 with the new service."

You can view Maribyrnong's online catalogue at <http://maribyrnong.spydus.com>.

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Spydus 8 Upgrades

Congratulations to the Alfred Hospital Library in Melbourne and North Western Library Service in northern NSW on successfully upgrading to Spydus 8.2! You can access the new North Western Spydus 8 Library Catalogue at the following address:

<http://nwls.spydus.com/>

Stay tuned for further implementation news in the month of December.

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NSW User Group

The final NSW user group for 2005 was held at Blacktown City Council's New Central Library. You can find out more about the new library at www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au.

The User Group discussed a range of topics including best practices for submitting and lobbying. Ruza provided a demonstration of the new Cash Management Module, and we also looked at the Spydus 8 version of the Newspaper Index module and the new cataloguing web forms.

The NSW User Group has meetings scheduled for 2006 as follows:

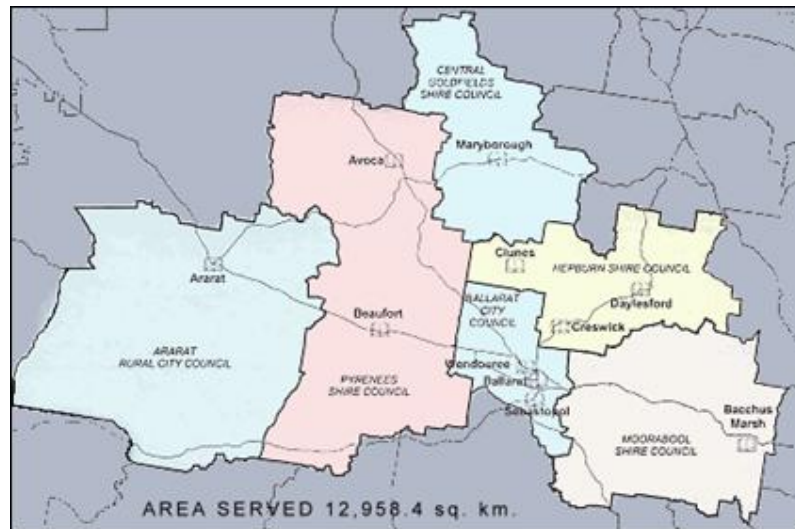
- March – Orange
- July - Pymble Ladies College, Sydney
- November – Ryde, Sydney

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Site of the month: Central Highlands Regional Library Corporation

Located in central Victoria, Central Highlands Regional Library Corporation (CHRLC) was established in April 1997 to provide library services to the City of Ballarat, Shire of Hepburn, Shire of Moorabool, Shire of Pyrenees, Ararat Rural City Council, Southern Grampians Shire and the Central Goldfields Shire.

The library service covers an area of 12,958 km and employs the equivalent of 32 full-time staff to serve a population of 156,310 and manage their collection of more than 270,000 items.



Comprising twelve branches as illustrated, plus two mobile libraries, CHRLC has been a Spydus customer since 1986 and chose to migrate to the Spydus Managed Service in mid-2004.

This year has seen some exciting changes to the Corporation service with the addition of the Hamilton Library branch and Sebastopol College, Learning Resource Centre.

Previously a member of the Glenelg Regional Library Corporation, a restructure of the Corporation's boundaries resulted in Hamilton Branch library being merged with CHRLC on July 1. Central Highlands Regional Library Corporation now has responsibility for providing library and information services to the communities of Southern Grampians Shire.

Not long after the Hamilton Library implementation was completed, scheduling commenced for work to proceed with the partnership of Sebastopol College and CHRLC. According to Jenny Fink, Regional Youth Services Librarian, CHRLC seems to be ever expanding.



"Sebastopol Secondary College in Ballarat is now using the Spydus Library Management System through the Central Highlands Regional Library Corporation. All data was converted from Softlink and special

fields and parameters were added to suit the College requirements. Staff and students at the Sebastopol College will now be able to not only search the College catalogue online, but also search the Central Highlands Regional Library Corporation catalogue and reserve items, which will be delivered to the College on a weekly basis.”

Jenny believes CHRLC’s partnership with the College is a cost-effective way to share resources and expertise, while also improving services to the young adults in the region.

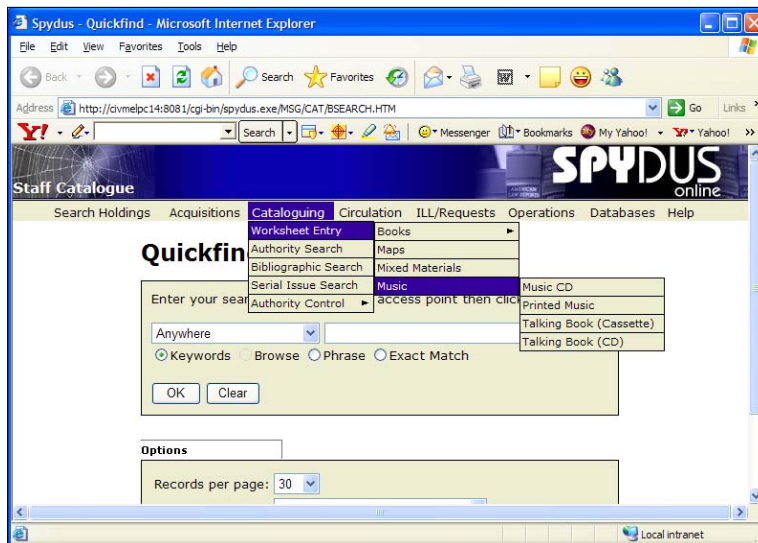
“A new website has been developed for the Sebastopol College Learning Resource Centre that enables staff and students to view their own details, renew and reserve items using the Spydus software. Staff and students are also able to use the one library card at both the College and Central Highlands Regional Library Corporation.”

To find out more about Central Highlands Regional Library Corporation visit their website at: <http://chrlc.spydus.com/>

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New Cataloguing Web Forms

With the latest release of Spydus 8 we have created many more simplified worksheet entry forms, allowing you to catalogue with even greater ease. The forms can also have default data in the fields where appropriate and links to authorities with the ability to add copy detail, simplifying cataloguing even further.



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Spydus 8 – Cash Management Module

The Spydus Cash Management module can be used as a standalone Cash Management solution or fully integrated with the Circulation module. The library has the option to have a cash draw linked to each circulation PC or a number of PCs can all access a single cash draw. The module features the ability to have standalone charges that are not linked to a borrower or charges that must be linked to Borrowers and a number of Cash Management reports are included with the module.

For further information on the new Cash Management module please contact your Account

Manager.

Charge	Description	Amo...	Tax	Total
LIB	Library Bags	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$2.00
PC	Lost card proc...	\$10.00	\$1.00	\$11.00
PH	Photocopying	\$0.10	\$0.00	\$0.10

Description	Am...	Tax	Qty	Total With Tax
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Sub total: \$0.00
Tax: \$0.00
Total: \$0.00

End Transaction

Staff: IAN, Cash Drawer: Ian's Drawer 13:53:46

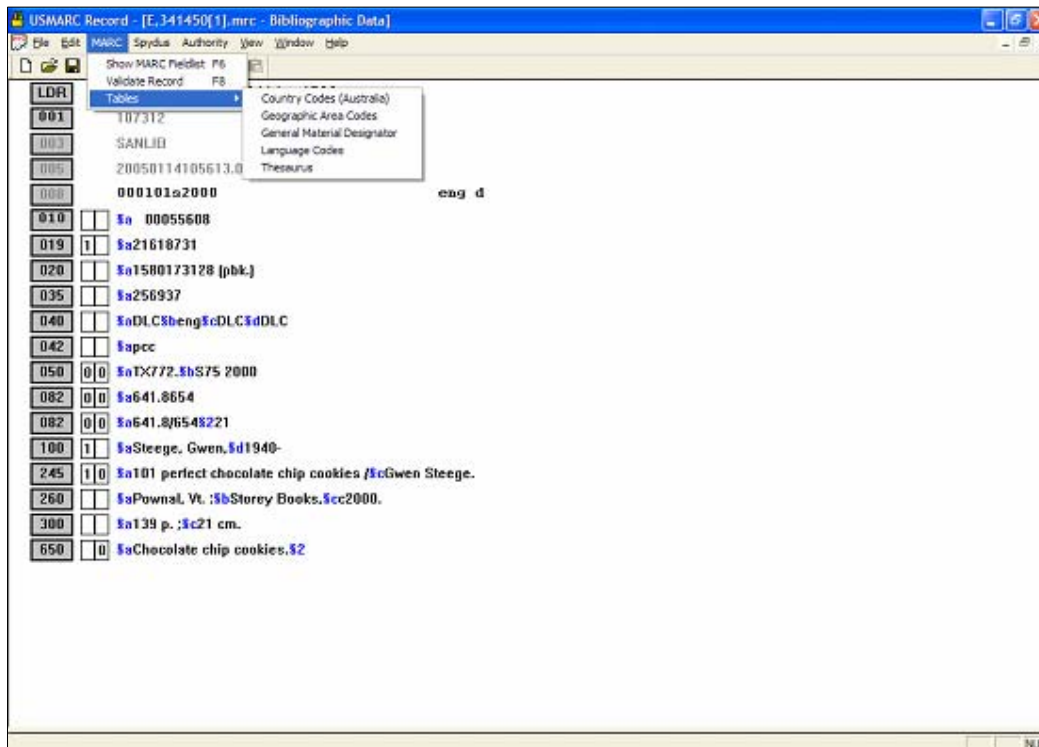
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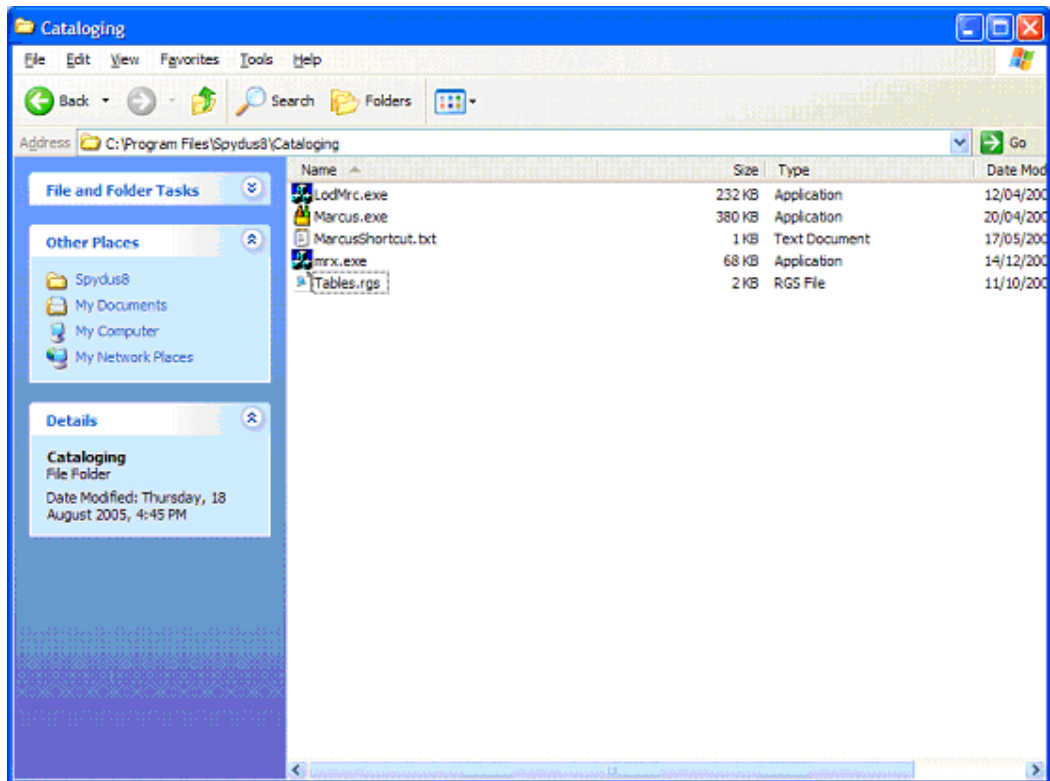
Hot Tip # 20 - Creating tables in Cataloging Client

In the Cataloguing Client you will be familiar with the standard tables available, like Country Codes, Geographic Area Codes and General Material Designation. However did you know that you can also create your own tables?

In the example below you will see that we have created a Thesaurus table.



The tables file resides in the following directory c:\Program Files\Spydus8\Cataloging and the file is called Tables.rgs.



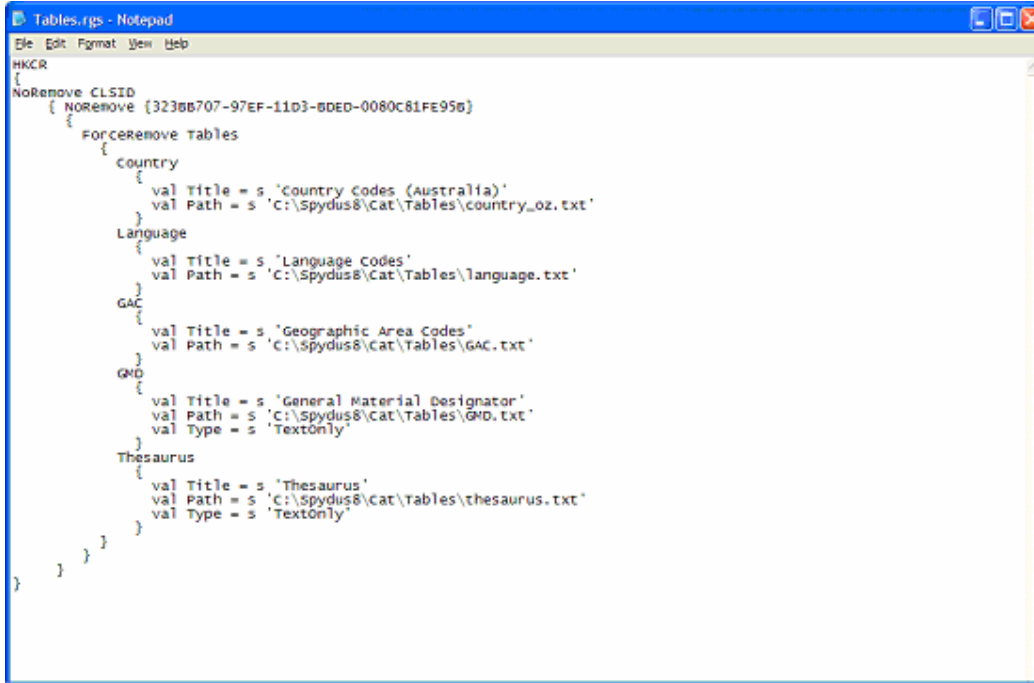
In order to create a new table, you can copy and paste an existing table. The best table to copy and paste is the General Material Designator table, as that is a table in the form of a text file. It is very important that the 3rd line exist as in the example below.

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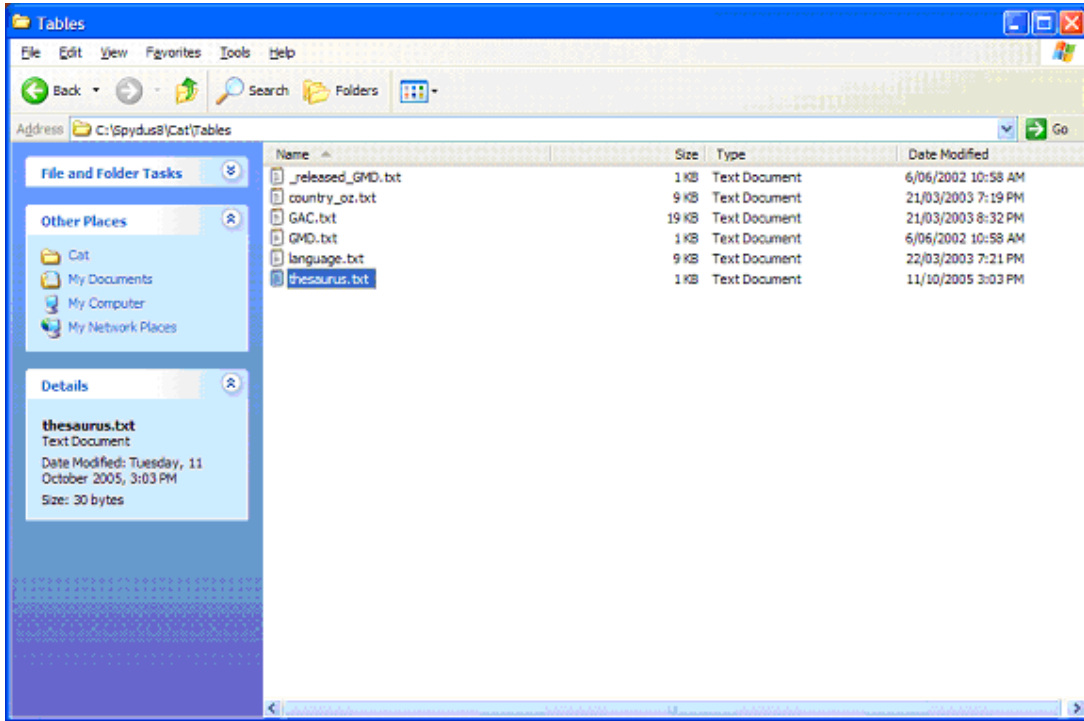
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val Path = s 'C:\Spydus8\Cat\Tables\GMD.txt'  
val Type = s 'TextOnly'
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Please see the Thesaurus example below in the Tables.rgs file. Please note that you also need to create a tables text file that the Tables.rgs file will call to display in the cataloguing client. In the below example I have created a thesaurus.txt file, which resides in the following directory Spydus8\Cat\Tables.

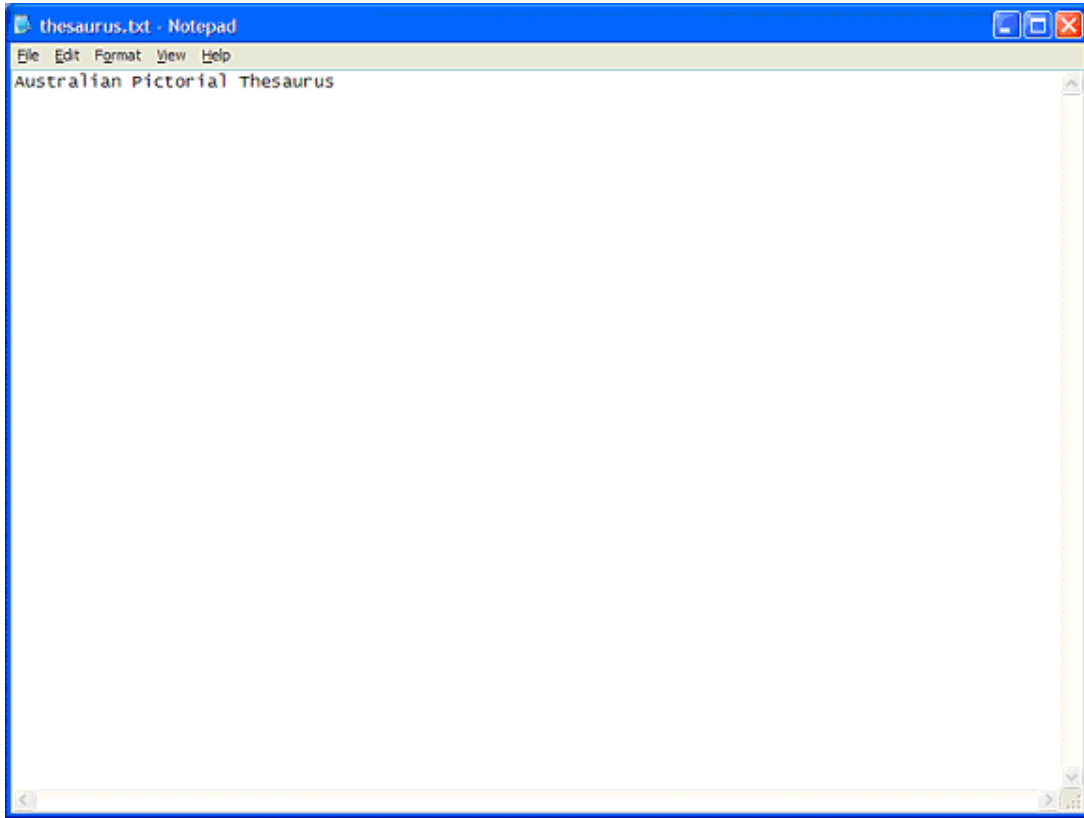
Please see example images below.



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Tables.rgs - Notepad  
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        {  
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          val Path = s 'C:\Spydus8\Cat\Tables\country_oz.txt'  
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        {  
          val Title = s 'Language Codes'  
          val Path = s 'C:\Spydus8\Cat\Tables\language.txt'  
        }  
        GAC  
        {  
          val Title = s 'Geographic Area Codes'  
          val Path = s 'C:\Spydus8\Cat\Tables\GAC.txt'  
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        {  
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          val Type = s 'TextOnly'  
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}
```



Please see the example thesaurus.txt below.



To test your new table, open up the Cataloguing Client, select MARC from the menu bar, select tables from the drop down window, and then select the new table, in this example we select the

Thesaurus table.

The screenshot shows a window titled "USMARC Record - [E_341450(1).mrc - Bibliographic Data]". The main area displays a list of MARC fields with their corresponding values. A "Thesaurus" dialog box is open, showing "Australian Pictorial Thesaurus".

Field	Value
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001	107312
003	SANLIB
005	20050114105613.0
008	000101a2000
010	\$a 00055608
019	1 1 \$a21618731
020	1 1 \$a1580173128 (pbk.)
035	1 1 \$a256937
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Public Libraries Australia Inaugural Conference - Albury

Robyn Wright and Ruza Obradovic represented Civica at the PLA Inaugural Conference which was held in Albury on the border of Victoria and NSW from the 9-11 November. It was great to see many of our customers stopping by the Civica stand and our congratulations to Duncan Furphy from Cockburn Public Library in Western Australia, the winner of the Civica Stand "Lucky Business Card Draw".

Spydus People News



We are delighted to welcome **Karen Scott** to the Spydus Training and Consulting Team. Karen has recently relocated from Adelaide where she was employed as a Microsoft Application Trainer. Karen has a wide range of skills and experience in the Information Management industry including working as a Teacher Librarian and coordinating the implementation of a medical library for a General Practitioners organisation in Sydney. In her spare time Karen enjoys travelling. She has recently returned from journeys to the Philippines and Singapore and looks forward to spending time investigating the cultural diversities of Melbourne.

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