

Are you a bright and funky librarian?



Friday 6 and Saturday 7 December 2002, Brisbane's Carlton Crest Hotel

Come along to the ALIA New Librarian's Symposium to be held on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 December 2002 at Brisbane's Carlton Crest Hotel. The symposium is being held on Friday and Saturday to enable delegates to arrange leave more easily.

The symposium will provide new

librarians and information professionals, in the first ten years or so of their careers, with an excellent opportunity to undertake quality professional development at an affordable price. The main focus is on personal and professional development. The future of libraries in Australia and New Zealand will also be a great topic of discussion. Topics covered in the program include:

- libraries of the future;
- successful career profiles;
- career planning;
- politics, negotiation and lobbying skills; and
- managing the future: technology and relationships.

Delegates will have the opportunity to meet and talk personally with some of the most influential leaders of the industry at the 'Meet the Big Wigs' cocktail party on Friday evening at Oliver's Bar at the Carlton Crest. The event will provide excellent networking opportunities. On Saturday evening

there will be a symposium dinner at Aurora's Bar and Brewery.

A range of affordable accommodation is available around the Carlton Crest Hotel — take a look at the accommodation listing on the website. Why not arrange with a friend to share accommodation costs.

Visit the ALIA New Librarian's Symposium website at <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/newlibrarian/> for further details on the program, social events and things to do around Brisbane. You can also register your interest to attend the conference at the website. You could be the lucky winner of a free conference registration; competition details will be posted to the website soon!

Please contact the organising committee (listed at the website) if you have any questions about the conference.

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Be part of the fun!

National Simultaneous Storytime, 11:00am, 4 September 2002

Interest in the second National Simultaneous Storytime has been great, but we want more libraries, creches, schools, day-care centres, kindergartens and community groups to take part!

What's involved? Simply get a group of children together and read them *Mrs Wilkinson's Chooks* at 11:00am on 4 September 2002. Registered participants will receive promotional posters and bookmarks to help to promote the event. The bookmarks can be presented at Dymocks Booksellers where participants will receive a ten per cent discount on the purchase price of *Mrs Wilkinson's Chooks*.

To register your participation, visit the website at <http://www.alia.org.au/advocacy/storytime/>. The website also includes some ideas for activities for the storytime, some examples follow.

How to set the stage

Make the Storytime area cosy and attractive — if possible decorate it

with farm-related imagery, and use the Storytime promotional poster.

Make sure that the Storytime area is easy to find — you could make a trail.

Dress-up in costumes — and encourage the children to dress up too, or offer face-painting as an alternative.

Offer giveaways — Storytime bookmarks, balloons, and prizes for drawings.

Other activities

Make cardboard chicken feet to tie around the children's ankles

Play chicken 'statues' — when the music stops freeze in a chicken pose (or pose as one of the animals that they're annoying)

Make hen headbands/hats (see: J Evans, *Headbands for easy play activities* ISBN 0868969281)

Make cardboard beaks to wear (attach with hat elastic)

Make paper plate chickens.

Above all, have fun! Then tell *inCite* how successful your event was [see p36 for guidelines for submitting articles]. ■