



3rd International Evidence Based Librarianship Conference

16–19 October 2005, Brisbane

The date for this eagerly anticipated conference is almost upon us. ALIA is proud to be the host of this forum on Evidence Based Librarianship (EBL), a cutting-edge approach which stands to be of enormous benefit to the information profession. Evidence Based Practice (EBP) is taking the world by storm as it is a process that can be applied to any area of any profession. Put simply, it is the application of evidence to improve practice. A basic breakdown of this process is shown below.

1.	Define the problem
2.	Find the evidence
3.	Appraise the evidence
4.	Apply results of the appraisal
5.	Evaluate the change
6.	Redefine the problem

Does some of this appear familiar? We in the LIS profession possess a huge advantage over other disciplines as we are already well versed in the first parts of EBP. It is what we do on a regular basis for our clients. Evidence-based librarianship encourages us to take these same skills, and turn them to improving our own profession. EBL is a natural evolution of tools and

techniques already being practised by LIS professionals to find the most effective and efficient methods. EBL takes this one step further to include other disciplines (education, business, marketing) and then broadens it even more by putting it on a global scale. We, more than any other profession, are perfectly positioned to reap the benefits of EBP to energise and invigorate the information profession. Regardless of what type of library or information setting you work in or what your role is, EBL can have a positive impact.

Sound interesting? If so, please join us 16–19 October 2005 when some of the world's leading experts on EBP will meet in Brisbane, Queensland. Keynote speakers include Andrew Booth and Anne Brice from the United Kingdom, L Anne Clyde from Iceland, Peter Macauley from Australia, Joanne Marshall from the United States, and many others. It promises to be an educational and exciting exchange of innovative ideas. For more information and registration details visit <http://conferences.alia.org.au/eb12005/>.

Pauline Hurrey, organising committee member

Online festschrift

Library education at Charles Sturt University (1975–2005)

To celebrate 30 years of education in the library and information field at Charles Sturt University (CSU), an online festschrift will be published by CSU's Centre for Information Studies. The theme of the festschrift is: *Library education: past, present and future*.

Call for papers

Authors are invited to contact the editors with expressions of interest by **30 September 2005**, outlining the proposed content of their essays for inclusion in the festschrift.

Full essays of 1000–5000 words are to be submitted for publication by **31 December 2005**. On submission, authors should stipulate whether or not they wish their essay to be refereed. Authors should adhere to the following guidelines.

Papers may cover all aspects of the education or training of librarians and other information professionals, in Australia or overseas.

A scholarly style should be adopted, in the format used in articles contained in current issues of *Australian Library Journal* (ALIA, Canberra).

Essays must be written in English. An abstract of 100–200 words should accompany each essay. Any illustrations or tables should be embedded in the text.

Essays should be submitted in electronic (preferably Word) format by e-mail to the editors.

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