

NLS2006: *Pathways & Possibilities*

Friday 1 – Saturday 2 December 2006, University of NSW, Sydney

Where are you planning to be this December? Why not end the year by being part of the action at the biennial New Librarians' Symposium? NLS 2006 is a forum that brings new graduates together to share knowledge and views on current issues in the information industry. By the end of the symposium, delegates will be equipped with knowledge, confidence, ambition, skills, new professional contacts and friends that will make their experience in Sydney one to remember.

New professionals have the opportunity at NLS to make their voices heard, whether by presenting their first paper, contributing to debates or networking with peers and industry leaders. NLS2006 is the perfect event for those that have never attended a conference. It offers a unique chance for delegates to explore avenues offering a successful career.

As a student or new graduate, why not take up the offer to have your resumé reviewed? This can assist you in getting your dream job! Even if you've been to NLS before, this year's program has been expanded. As well as covering topics that will have an impact on your professional

development, issues of wider significance will be explored, such as privacy, freedom of information and equity of access.

You will leave the symposium with some practical ideas that you can apply to your library environment. It is also a chance to catch up with the friends you made at the last NLS event. There is something for everybody; whether you are a student or work in a public, academic, special or other library or information service, you will not want to miss this opportunity.

Pathways and Possibilities has inspired papers along two different themes. *Pathways* focuses on the practical steps to take to further your career: topics in this stream include: leadership, teamwork and management; moving skills, sectors and specialties; and communicating success through research.

Possibilities covers the big-picture issues. The future of the industry is up for discussion here, examining where we go next and what kind of impact new graduates can have on the world. Topics include: information literacy; innovative uses of technology; and access to information, equity, censorship and privacy.



This is only a small sample! In later issues of *inCite*, we'll be introducing you to our keynote speakers, debate participants and will highlight some of the papers to be presented by your peers.

The symposium includes a trade exhibition, offering delegates the opportunity to speak with vendors and learn about the latest technology and products available. At the end of each successful day, social events are the icing on the cake. Be prepared to have fun, dance and enjoy some of Sydney's best venues. The State Library of New South Wales will be hosting our cocktail party, showing off their gorgeous Mitchell Galleries, and the conference dinner will be held at the Australian Jockey Club, Royal Randwick Racecourse – dining in style at the tracks.

While you're in town, why not choose to broaden your skill base by attending a satellite event? Library visits are also being planned as well as a city tour. On behalf of the NLS2006 committee, we can't wait to see you there!

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