NT LLO appointed

J ayshree Mamtora AFALIA, M(CLIP) Palmerston Campus Librarian at Charles Darwin University since 2002 and ALIA member since 1990, has been appointed ALIA's Local Liaison Officer (LLO) for the Northern Territory.

Jayshree has many years experience of libraries, having previously worked in the UK and the South Pacific. She has been active in ALIA since her move to Australia in 2002. Jayshree has a degree in Librarianship and Russian from the University of Wales at Aberystwyth and a Master of Applied Science by research from Charles Sturt University, and is currently enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Education. In addition to positions in the Fiji Library Association (check out Frontline, *inCite*, November 1993!) she has served as Convenor of ALIA Top End (2005), and was the Chair of the 1st ALIA Top End Symposium Organising Committee (2003), and advisor to the 2nd ALIA Top End Symposium Organising Committee (2004). She is the current editor of *Interface*, the ALIA Top End newsletter.

As the NT LLO, Jayshree will be responsible for promoting ALIA and supporting members in her region. This involves helping co-ordinate promotional activities with groups, including membership recruitment drives and promotions; facilitating the exchange of information and communications between office-bearers and local groups and ALIA National Office; supporting members in remote and regional areas; and acting as the ALIA representative in the state or territory.

South Australian librarian retires

R obert Elson retired in August 2006, after over 30 years as professional librarian in South Australia. Robert began his career in 1975, when he was conferred with the Grad. Dip. Lib. Stud, one of the twelve students who were the first graduates of the post-graduate library studies course offered by SAIT.

Originally a teacher, Robert was appointed in 1975 as the foundation teacher-librarian at the Dominican School, Semaphore. He entered the public service in as a cataloguer for the School Libraries Branch in the Education Department, which offered cataloguing data (South Australian Information System or SAIS) to South Australian school libraries.

After more than six years with SAIS he moved to the State Library Adult Lending Service as the Multicultural Librarian, where he promoted and contributed to the provision of library materials in community languages to community of SA, selecting community language material for all public libraries in SA as well as the State Library. In 1987 Robert transferred to the Reference Library of the SA State Library as a subject selector and a reference librarian.

Robert became a law librarian in 1988, joining the SA Supreme Court Library as Deputy Librarian. He was involved in the first automated library system, and in the major upgrade of the public and staff areas of the Supreme Court Library in the early 1990s. His last role was as Client Services Librarian in the newly formed CAA Library Service, created by the recent merging of the Supreme and Sir Samuel Way Libraries.

A strong advocate for the involvement of law library staff in ALIA, Robert became a committee member of ALIA Acquisitions SA, taking on the role of treasurer before becoming convener. He was awarded a ALIA Silver Pin in 2005 for his longstanding contribution to the work of ALIA and has also contributed to articles in *The new librarian* and *Acquisitions*.

Robert Elson