

Conferences

4th ALIA New Librarians Symposium

5 – 6 December 2008



Meet the international keynotes

One of the highlights of any conference is the opportunity to hear and meet international keynote speakers who are leaders in their field. NLS4 has confirmed a wide range of inspiring speaker who have left their mark in the international industry.

Mark Pesce

You've possibly seen Mark appear as a regular panelist on ABC's *The New Inventors*. Known internationally as the man who fused virtual reality with the World Wide Web to invent VRML, Mark Pesce is the author of numerous articles and five books, and has written for *WIRED*, *Salon*, *The Age*, and *ABC UNLEASHED*.

Pesce practices 'digital anthropology', studying how communities and individuals adapt to and adopt technologies, taking his studies into practice, founding Future St, a Sydney Media and Technology consultancy, with clients that include some of the largest NGOs, media companies, and educational organisations in Australia.

Erik Boekesteijn & Jaap van de Geer

Erik and Jaap work at the DOK library knowledge centre in the Netherlands – Erik in the Communications and Innovations Team and Jaap as the head of IT. In 2006, they made a videocast about the Internet Librarian International Conference and reported about the development with regard to web 2.0. Several months later DOK was asked to make a film about gaming and libraries, visiting Chicago and also libraries such as Kankakee Public Library, Schaumburg and Gail Borden.

During the visits to the libraries, they noticed the passion and enthusiasm of the people working on library innovation. Together with Geert van den Boogaard, Jenny Levine and Michael Stephens, they undertook the Shanachie Tour 2007 — a trip through America from Chicago to Monterey, collecting best practices of a number of pre-selected libraries, innovative ideas and web 2.0 tools.

Elaina Norlin

Elaina Norlin is formerly the Manager for New Initiatives and Outreach at OCLC Eastern. She was responsible for developing new programs in the areas of digital and preservation services, managing the member outreach activities through new partnerships and professional collaborations, and implementing new services to better meet the day-to-day needs of OCLC Eastern's member libraries.

Elaina frequently consults with libraries on a variety of topics including web design and usability, and grants development. Along with her keynote presentation, she is also running a number of satellite event sessions in library leadership and finding the right workplace.

The NLS4 also features keynote presentations from Janette Wright, current CEO of Caval Ltd and former director of RMIT Publishing, and Sherman Young, new media designer and author of *The Book is Dead, Long Live the Book*.

This is an excellent opportunity to hear a range of speakers who will have relevance to all professionals across the library and information industry. For more program information, and for registration details, go to the NLS4 website at <http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2008/>

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Registration Grant to attend ALIA Information Online 2009

The invitation is for full registration to ALIA Information Online 2009, for an Australian-based attendee.

Please provide the following information:

- name and qualifications
- full contact details
- details of present position
- membership of professional association (must be an ALIA member, individual or institutional)
- no more than a 300 word statement of your reasons for wanting to attend this conference
- the expected benefits
- and how you intend to disseminate those benefits.

Selection guidelines

Preference will be given to:

- first-timers to the ALIA Information Online Conference
- applicants who have otherwise been unable to attend a previous ALIA Information Online Conference

Report

The recipient will undertake to write a brief report for publication in *inCite* by the end of May of the year of the conference.

Submit application by 17 October 2008

The application should be sent to the Secretary of Information Online 2009
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ALIA Information Online Conference and Exhibition 2009 20 – 22 January 2009



Calling all information professionals - registrations for the conference and the satellite 'Workshops' are now open! To register go to: <http://www.information-online.com.au>

Our workshops take place pre and post conference. Secure your place now, numbers are limited!

Here is a taster of what's available to compliment your Information Online experience.

Train the trainer, presented by Maree Lipschitz

How many training sessions have you conducted that ended with glazed eyes and sleepy participants? Learn methods for interacting with your audience so you can maximise their learning experience (and make it easier for you!) Topics include Gaining Your Audience's Attention; Planning Your Steps; Establishing Credibility and Motivating Adult Learners.

Thinking about the future, presented by Andy Hines

Learn concrete, practical suggestions on how to apply foresight to assist in positioning your organisation for success in the future. This session is based on the recently released "Thinking about the Future: Guidelines for Strategic Foresight", a book edited by Andy Hines that draws on the collective wisdom of three dozen foresight professionals.

Improving e-resource access, management, assessment and discovery, presented by Serials Solutions

Optimise e-resource solutions available from Serials Solutions. Hear from Serials Solutions users and staff as they cover best practices, management and assessment services.

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ALIA 2009 National Library & Information Technicians Conference



16 – 18 September 2009

Over the next twelve months, the organising committee of ALIA's 2009 National Library & Information Technicians Conference would like to

introduce *inCite* readers to the human side of the committee. This month we would like to introduce Joanne Corbett.

"I am the Loans Desk Supervisor at the Elder Music Library, University of Adelaide. I have two roles on the Organising Committee, Treasurer and Sponsorship/Exhibition Co-ordinator, and I am looking forward to the challenge that these roles will give me over the next twelve months.

I was fortunate to be involved in the selection of the PCO for this conference, which I found very rewarding as it's a role that I perform frequently in my current job in the recruitment of new staff members.

On the sponsorship side of things I have been helping Juliet Giustozzi with this major role. We have been having regular meetings and have made contact with at least 40 sponsors. My future position as Treasurer will become more defined in the coming months once we start to receive income.

I am also privileged to be working with a great group of people on the organising committee, some I already know and others I am getting to know through our regular contact at the monthly meetings.

I look forward to meeting you all in September 2009, in Adelaide.

For up-to-date information, please visit our website at <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2009/>

There you will find a link to Facebook, where you can meet the committee and leave a message.

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Former librarians

I'm not sure what David Mason (*inCite*, September) expects ALIA to do in supporting former librarians who now pursue activities outside the profession. He has become a writer, which is commendable, but hardly ALIA's business.

In my retirement I index or proofread the occasional scholarly book for the author or publisher, I help with an annual charity secondhand book sale, and I do voluntary work in the local studies section of my local public library. I don't expect ALIA to support me in the first two and, as a volunteer, I don't need ALIA's assistance with the last, as I receive splendid support from the library. If I didn't I would stop and redirect my efforts somewhere else.

I'm using my professional skills in a new way. I'm grateful for ALIA's part in helping me develop those skills throughout my career, but now in retirement I'm doing something different and I'm happy to fly solo.

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Reply to September letter: ALIA retirees

ALIA offers retiree members a large discount (only \$68.00 a year) on the full range of ALIA benefits and services including the ALIA retirees group, an active group which focuses on "Staying Connected". You can find more details about this group by visiting <http://www.alia.org.au/groups/retirees/>

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Unfulfilled Gough

We Australians still need Federal aid for all our public libraries, just as much now as was the case in Gough Whitlam's time, when he so very nearly got it for us.

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Note to Members

We welcome letters on any issue of relevance to the library and information sector. It is important to note that the opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor are those of the authors and not necessarily the official policy of the Australian Library and Information Association.

Deadline for letters is the 10th of the month and they should be no longer than 250 words. Please include your name and postal address as anonymous correspondence will not be reproduced.