

Conferences

4th ALIA New Librarians Symposium



Breaking barriers

5-6 December 2008

<http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2008>

How does a new librarian or new library technician break down the barriers and become a part of the vibrant exciting library culture in Australia? By attending the New Librarians Symposium!

In December the Symposium will create a microcosm of the library world and there will be conversation, ideas, presentations and a wonderful conference dinner. For many who are new to the profession, you may find the thought of attending a conference with over 200 colleagues a little overwhelming—if you do here are a few tips:

- Talk to colleagues in your area who might have already attended a new librarians symposium—you'll discover that it is an opportunity to build a network that will last throughout your library career;
- Talk to everyone that you meet at the conference—there will be innovative ways to meet presenters and attendees (hint: at the cocktail party at NLS2006, we were given Dewey numbers and subject names and we had to find others in the same subject area);
- Go to sessions that are different—for example if you work in a public library, attend a presentation by someone in an academic library. Despite the fact that we talk about our differences, libraries are remarkably similar and you will find it stimulating to think about services in a different context – and may have new ideas about your career;
- Say hello to potential employers: there will be many from university, public, special, state, national and parliamentary libraries attending throughout the conference—say hello and you never know what might come up in the future;
- Follow up on the conference through ALIA blogs, Facebook or by joining and reading ALIA material such as the e-lists. It's a wonderful opportunity to add your thoughts through *inCite*, e-lists or blogs and to form networks around the nation (and beyond).

Melbourne will be buzzing. In addition to the main conference, there is a Professional Development (PD) Day on the Thursday with a wide range of options:

- Workshop: The Art of Influence: Essential Skills for Leaders
- Resume Reviews
- Career Development Workshop
- Library tours:
 - Tour 1: Melbourne Library Service - City Library and Victoria University – City Flinders Library
 - Tour 2: The Melbourne Athenaeum Library and Freehills Law Library
 - Tour 3: State Library of Victoria
- Workshop: Building your profile and extending your influence

So look at the website - and book in now!

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ALIA Information Online Conference and Exhibition 2009



20-22 January 2009

<http://www.information-online.com.au>

Registrations

Registrations for the conference and satellite workshops are now open! To register, go to the conference website.

And if you want your ALIA Information Online 09 e-brochure right now, it's ready for you on the conference website.

Keynote update

Justin Harness is the Head of Intranet and Information Services for Macquarie Bank and most recently won the International Knowledge Officer of the Year award at the 2008 Legal Technology Awards.

Justin will examine the burgeoning realm of KM 2.0, looking at knowledge management into the future. His not-to-be-missed session will explore the use of knowledge management as a tool for change and will look at ways of packaging KM for clients.

Workshops and satellites

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

Here is a taste of what's available to complement your Information Online experience.

Writing for the web by Dey Alexander

Communication via the web is a specialised skill and this session offers participants the chance to practice hands-on, practical tips and tricks on writing and design to give their content the 'wow' factor that will help it stand out from the crowd!

This essential session for anyone who contributes website or intranet content investigates how customers look for information and encourages a critical appraisal of the way content and information is presented.

Managing digitisation projects and using digitisation to expose records, facilitate broader access to digitised content and/or preserve records by Mal Booth

What should you digitise and why should you do it? Learn how to decide what to digitise by considering things like audience demand and uniqueness. Then hear about budgeting, staffing, resources and the digitisation process.

Seminar of Research Applications in Information and Library Services (RAILS5)

The seminar focuses on linking research with practice. It aims to build partnerships between educators, researchers and practitioners to develop a culture of informed and innovative practice amongst the providers of library and information services.

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ALIA 2009 National Library & Information Technicians Conference

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15-18 September 2009

Over the next twelve months, the organising committee of the ALIA 2009 National Library & Information Technicians Conference will be introducing *inCite* readers to the human side of the committee. This month we would like to introduce Juliet Giustozzi.

I work in Adelaide Research and Scholarship, the Digital Library within the University of Adelaide libraries. For the conference, I am working as the Sponsorship/Exhibition Co-ordinator to identify and approach potential sponsors and exhibitors to seek their participation in our 2009 conference. I have contacted, with Joanne Corbett's support, over 80 such organisations offering a range of sponsorship packages which offers unique opportunities to associate their brand with this important industry event.

Our conference, which is held biennially, attracts over 400 delegates mostly from Australia and New Zealand. The conference will be held on 15-18 September 2009 at the Convention Centre in the heart of Adelaide. It will provide a forum for professionals to meet and share ideas with colleagues, plus opportunities to tour best practice sites in Adelaide, visit trade exhibitions and enjoy social activities together. We have a great programme prepared with great speakers, papers, pre- and post-conference functions, and a conference dinner at the National Wine Centre. There are lots of reasons to attend the conference and being in Adelaide presents participants with a great opportunity to visit our famous wine regions.

I am enjoying the opportunity to work with the conference committee. It is an energetic and supportive group, and I am looking forward to what will be a great conference.

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

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Broadband, libraries and the creation of Australian digital culture

18 November 2008
National Library of Australia

The School of Information Studies at Charles Sturt University, in partnership with the Australian Library and Information Association and the National Library of Australia, has organised a one day professional development seminar around Australia's digital culture and possible digital futures for Australia's libraries within this context.

The event will provide an overview of the government's agenda in relation to the digital economy (with a speaker from the Department for Broadband, Communication and

the Digital Economy), in addition to presentations on the digitisation of cultural materials and discussion of the issues around digital content creation (strategies, tools, and relevant issues).

As the broadband infrastructure connects Australia with an international information environment rich in multi-media digital content, we might ask what will be delivered over that infrastructure. Are there sufficient building blocks of Australian digital content to enable the creation of a base layer of distinctively Australian digital culture reflecting the nation's unique contribution to the web as a global digital environment?

Visit <http://www.alia.org.au/education/pd/> for program and registration details. Please join us to explore our digital future....

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Library services in the Indigenous context: the ATSIILRN protocols, training, initiatives & digitisation projects

Thursday 27 November, 9.30am–4.00pm
Blake Library Learning Commons,
University of Technology Sydney

As part of our 30th anniversary celebrations, UNILINC is hosting a free seminar. The seminar seeks to help 'close the gap' when it comes to libraries and other information service delivery. UNILINC has been inspired in this endeavour by the July 2008 issue of *inCite* on Indigenous librarianship and by the dreaming08 ALIA conference in Alice Springs.

The aim of the seminar is to increase awareness of Indigenous cultural perspectives and to explore how libraries can most effectively support teaching, learning and research. Areas to be covered include cultural protocols, library training, library service initiatives and digitisation projects.

How many librarians know about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Library and Information Resources Network (ATSIILRN) Protocols? These important protocols are intended to guide library professionals in appropriate ways to interact with, and handle materials, relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

UNILINC welcomes everyone to come along, listen, learn and be inspired. The program and registration information is on our website: <http://www.unilinc.edu.au/events/seminar.html>

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