ALIA Acquisitions (National)

Tell us a bit about your group

The Acquisitions group has a long history commencing more than 20 years ago. Originally it began as a number of state based groups with one alternately taking on annual responsibility for national events. For some years now, the SA group has been the longest surviving of all these groups and in addition has assumed a national perspective for ALIA members. In 2006 Acquisitions merged with ASSIG—the Australian Serials Interest group, with a commitment to ensure that the serials format have a focus in the annual program of events.

What are 3 things you'd like us to know about your group?

The Acquisitions group is a small but committed and energetic group of members representing most library sectors. The committee aims to ensure that events are of a practical and topical nature, hosting a local SA event one year and a national event in alternate years. The group ensures that library students and professionals of the future are included and we encourage their participation via presentations and registration opportunities

What gives your group a sense of purpose and accomplishment?

Working together to a common goal to achieve and provide successful professional development opportunities to all members that have an interest in or responsibility for all areas of acquisitions in conjunction with the support of the association and industry stakeholders

What are your group's greatest achievements and successes?

Successful liaison with industry partners and affiliated associations to provide a range of events that meet member's needs via workshops, tours and visits, symposiums and collaborative satellite events associated with national conferences. The Acquisitions group continues to make available the Acquisitions e-newsletter enabling members access to speaker presentations.

How can other people get involved in your group?

The group is keen to include corresponding members based outside Adelaide and welcome their input to assist with planning and hosting events in other capital cities and regional centres. We welcome ideas and suggestions for events and look forward to providing many more successful professional development events in the future.

What are some of your upcoming activities?

Following the success of a half day symposium held in conjunction with the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Library national conference in 2007, we have extended this program to a full day seminar in Canberra in October on the theme of Cultural Acquisitions: where from and what for?

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