

Directline

Policies, Guidelines, and Standards – when you need them most

In 2009 we undertook a review of many of our ALIA Policies and Guidelines, <http://www.alia.org.au/policies/>. Guidelines and standards for Special Libraries were updated after many years by our Special Libraries Advisory Committee. They and the wiki for collaboration and sharing of ideas are now working well for our hundreds of special library members. Other policies and guidelines are still being worked on, for example our guidelines on library standards for people with disability. You and your library may not need these policies and guidelines today or the immediate future, but many libraries find them of most use in times of need, when situations arise relating to censorship, downsizing, and more.

ALIA is leading a collaborative project with all Australian public library associations to update and release Australian Public Library Standards in 2010 later this year. Updates on this project can be found at <http://www.alia.org.au/publiclibraries>

Access to information: no to censorship - yes to cybersafety

Access to information remains one of ALIA's core principles and values. The launch of the Safer Internet Group <http://www.saferinternetgroup.org> pre-empt the continued support for this basic premise of the internet and democracy through a partnership of corporations, associations, and parent groups. ALIA is working with Safer Internet Group members on furthering a number of cybersafety education programs with libraries over the next few years.

ALIA members got involved in National Cybersecurity Awareness Week in June by offering downloadable resources, holding seminars in their library for the local community, and just updating staff on the six simple things to do to improve cybersecurity and protect yourself online <http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au>. IT Security is just as important as locking up the library at the end of the night.

School Library Inquiry

There are many interesting submissions to the House of Representatives Inquiry into School Libraries and Teacher Librarians, alongside many recent media stories of school library projects not meeting standards under the Building the Education Revolution. ALIA and ASLA are both presenting again in June and July at public hearings. The one-stop school library information page is at <http://www.alia.org.au/schoollibraries>. You can also take a look through the ALIA Schools Group activities at <http://www.alia.org.au/groups/aliaschools/>

National Year of Reading launch and planning for 2012

We are all very excited about the launch of the National Year of Reading 2012 website which goes live on 14 July 2010. Every library in Australia is encouraged to get involved and already other organisations such as bookstores, publishers, wineries, workplaces, educational institutions, charities, associations, and

governments have displayed their interest in coming up with unique ways to celebrate and take part. Big or small, local, state, or nationwide events, activities and initiatives that will see us improve the literacy and reading ability of our nation during 2012 and beyond. <http://www.love2read.org.au>

ALIA Roundtable 2010 – Outcomes

On Thursday 20th May we hosted the first ALIA Roundtable meeting of key national library organisations at ALIA House. A number of presentations and reports were presented on compelling current issues for the whole Australian library sector. Some of the agreed outcomes and commitments include :

Communication

- We will take information about Libraries Australia back to our constituents to show the relevance of big national initiatives to libraries of all shapes and sizes.

Education and careers

- We will use ALIA's current recruitment materials to promote the profession as a career and we will assist in the development of new collateral.
- We support the development of appropriate national VET training for library technicians, we will contribute to the Innovation and Business Skills Australia E-scan and promote participation to colleagues.

Collaboration

- We will encourage libraries considering digitisation projects to look at partnering with NLA, to take advantage of the organisation's expertise in this area and the opportunity to increase access to content through Trove.

Culture

- We will embrace the demographic profile and diversity of our profession, promoting a culture of continued creativity, innovation and dynamism among all members of the profession.

Lobbying and advocacy

- We will encourage advocacy on high level, national, strategic issues and we will speak as one on matters of national and strategic importance.
- We will lobby for digital content for informed citizens, including digitisation of collections and ERA. This is a key outcome of the roundtable. Our vision is of digital collections that reflect the nation's culture – Australian culture, Australian content.

More outcomes, minutes of the meeting, and reports that will be circulated through the national associations and organisations can be found at <http://www.alia.org.au/roundtable/2010>.

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