

Gotta get an education son, gotta get a real good one

If there is one thing the reports in this issue of *INCITE* consistently hammer home, it's that significant change is the current agenda for library and information (LIS) education in this country.

From the descriptions of new course offerings from several of our high profile education providers to personal stories from members who have embraced the concept of lifelong learning, the message is clear – if you think you're done with education well, frankly, you could be done with your career. This is one train you need to keep your seat on.

Happily, education comes in many forms. Some of them used to be called play – but the fun stuff should never be underestimated in terms of its educational value. Even better, the fun stuff also tends to stick in our minds so, as Caroline Gauld recommends on page 10, glitter might just be the professional development aid for you. You will find a lot of different approaches to consider in the following pages.

We're also reporting on the National Training Package in this issue, both from the point of view of ALIA's extensive work with stakeholders to arrive at the agreed package and in terms of how some education providers, including the registered training organisations, are applying it. And of course our annual accredited education courses list is in this issue. Keep it. If you are considering enrolling for training in the sector, these are the courses you know will equip you to be the best you can be.

So much of what happens in a library or information service is about helping others educate themselves, for whatever reason (and all those reasons are valid). It makes sense our own professional education should include grasping all the knowledge and expertise we can as we grow through our careers and lives. The options on offer to tailor your learning are many and various; all you need to do now is choose.



ALIA TRAINING

July – August Courses

Managing Challenging Clients Workshops

Understand and deal with clients who are suffering from problems related to mental illness, disability or substance abuse. Includes causes, definitions and symptoms, behavior management and self management.

PD category: Informal Learning

PD points: 7

Dates: Hobart Hobart 30th July, Brisbane 23rd August (Please check ALIA Training web page for other dates and venues)

Registrations Close: 2 weeks prior to course date

Project Management Tools and Techniques Workshops

This one day workshop covers the basic tools and techniques for project management. Delivered in plain English and applied to the projects and events managed in a Library setting.

PD category: Informal Learning

PD points: 7

Dates: Adelaide 18th July. (Please check ALIA Training web page for other dates and venues.)

Registrations Close: 2 weeks prior to course date

Fundamentals of Supervision Workshops

An introduction or refresher to the essential skills of staff supervision.

PD category: Informal Learning

PD points: 7

Dates: Adelaide 19th July. (Please check ALIA Training web page for other dates and venues.)

Registrations Close: 2 weeks prior to course date

Book and Journal Repair Workshop

A National Year of Reading Training Event

Hands-on workshop. Understand structure, common problems and the best approach for repair. Bring along an item for advice.

PD category: Informal Learning

PD points: 7

Dates: Melbourne 10th August

Registrations Close: 20th July

Web 2.0 Why? What? How? for your library: Monitor and Enhance Information Access

TAFE Short Course

Focussing on Web2.0, examine the ways you can monitor and enhance systems and services, evaluate and deliver new services This online unit would be of interest to those starting to explore Web 2.0 and who are looking for practical and innovative ways they can apply its use in their workplace and indeed in their personal life. Receive a TAFE NSW transcript for the unit of competency which may be used to claim credit towards further study.

PD category: Tertiary Course

PD points: 30

Dates: 13th August – 23rd September

Registrations Close: 1st August

For all course details and to register visit:

www.alia.org.au/training