



In May, during National Volunteer Week, we celebrated the contribution of the 250 or so ALIA Members who organise local activities, represent the Association on external bodies, support publications, participate in national conferences and carry out many other tasks that enable the Association to achieve so much within our limited resources.

Over the last few months, our ALIA Advisory Committees have been particularly active, and we would like to pay tribute to the members who devote their time and energy to these 12 committees. Their fundamental purpose is to advise the ALIA Board, but often they extend their scope to other activities that provide valuable support to the sector.

- ALIA Schools Group and the School Libraries Advisory Committee have performed the tremendous feat of aligning the role of teacher librarians to the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers and this document, together with illustrations of practice are live on the website at [www.alia.org.au/groups/alia-schools](http://www.alia.org.au/groups/alia-schools). Our Schools Group and Advisory Committee have also carried out a comprehensive audit of teacher librarian skills, which forms the basis for a new PD specialisation.
- The ALIA Health Libraries Australia Group and Health Libraries Advisory Committee put together a submission in response to the Teaching, Training and Research Costing Study Public Consultation Paper – Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) in January this year, and they continue to deliver excellent PD days for health librarians.
- The newly published report on the achievements of the ALIA Australian Public Library Alliance (formerly the Public Libraries Advisory Committee) from 2010 to 2015 ([www.alia.org.au/node/184/public-libraries](http://www.alia.org.au/node/184/public-libraries)) makes for inspirational reading. Over the last five years, the Alliance of the state-based public library associations, territory libraries and LINC Tasmania, has engaged in research, published reports, initiated projects and programs, and lobbied government.

- The ALIA Research Advisory Committee has put a great deal of thought into refining the application process for the annual ALIA Research Grant Awards and, at the special request of the ALIA Board, has also been developing the ALIA Research Agenda.

- The ALIA Higher Education and Research Libraries Advisory Committee helped us put together the ALIA submission to the Draft National Strategy for International Education, which resulted in ALIA being invited to participate in the high level roundtable at Parliament House in June.

- Our ALIA Interlibrary Lending Advisory Committee has carried out a survey of libraries' views of the Interlibrary Resource Sharing Code, the results of which will help decide the next iteration of the code.

- Our ebooks and eLending reference group has been formalised as the ALIA Book Industry and E-Lending Advisory Committee, to assist in building our relationships with authors, publishers, booksellers and the wider industry community.

The ALIA New Generation Advisory Committee has been active on social media and provided regular contributions to *INCITE* magazine; the ALIA Special Libraries Advisory Committee, Copyright and Regulation Advisory Committee and Public Sector Information Advisory Committee remain available as advisors to the Board.

Our thanks to the chairs and members of all these advisory committees – and if you are interested in being part of any of these committees, we are always interested in hearing expressions of interest.



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