

INCITE MARCH/APRIL 2016

BRIGHT IDEAS

The March/April issue of INCITE looks at the theme of *Every Member an advocate: making your voice heard*.

We're inviting you to tell us how you have advocated for your library or the LIS sector in general. INCITE would like to hear from you for our March/April issue. Let us help you get your voice heard and share ideas to help other librarians advocate for their industry.

The deadline for submissions is 19 January 2016. Check the guidelines for writers on the ALIA website and email your stories and images to incite@alia.org.au. Please note that all images must be high resolution and be sent separately as jpg files. Images may be reproduced in print and online.

ISSUE	MONTH	THEME	COPY DEADLINE
5/6	May/June	All things digital	22 March 2016
7/8	July/August	ALIA National: what's happening in Adelaide and why you should be there	19 May 2016
9/10	September/October	Future predictions for the LIS sector in Australia	19 July 2016
11/12	November/December	Education and employment special: How you can stay at the top of your game with ALIA PD	20 September 2016

ALIA CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH SERVICES SECTOR (CYSS) GROUP

A revitalised ALIA CYSS Group Committee, brighter and more enthusiastic than ever, is keen to promote and share children's and YA services across Australia.

Who are we?

- Barbara Swartz – currently temporary Children's Librarian at Willoughby City Library, Sydney NSW
- Bri-Amber McErvale – Library Technician at Ballarat Clarendon College, Newington, Vic
- Claire Stuckey – Children's and Young Adults' Librarian at Gosford City Council Library, Gosford, NSW
- Jo Kaeding – on leave from her position with Adelaide Hills Library as she completes her PhD thesis on library access for children with disabilities
- Melinda Allan – Reading Coordinator at Eltham Library, Eltham, Vic
- Roxanne Clare – Library Technician with a background working in early childhood education

What have we been up to?

We conducted an online survey to find out what our sector priorities are and how best to communicate them. The biggest concern for most respondents was the need for innovative ideas for children's and teens' programs

and events; 93 percent requested notification of relevant professional development (PD) opportunities; and most indicated a preference for receiving information via email rather than through social media options.

The Committee decided to send monthly email bulletins via the ALIA CYSS elist. If you are not on the elist, you can join by contacting the elist administrator at alia.org.au/elist/aliacyss.

ALIA CYSS supports three organisations in Australia that promote and support children's and YA book publishing, writers and illustrators. We are in discussion with these groups, exploring ideas for mutual group promotion as well as information about events and PD opportunities.

Want to join a winning team?

Contact Barbara via the ALIA CYSS Group page if you are involved in the CYS library sector and would like to be on the CYSS Group Committee. We particularly want to hear from you if you are in Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania, the Northern Territory or ACT as those states and territories are not represented on the Committee.

ALIA CYS Group page
alia.org.au/groups/alia-childrens-and-youth-services 

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