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It's that time of year! Thursday 19 September is Australian

Reading Hour and I encourage all of you to take a moment and immerse yourself in the joy of reading for one hour, on your own or with your families. As we head into the final quarter of the year it is a great time to reflect on what you have achieved this year so far. You can always join the ALIA PD Scheme and reflect on your learning with the MyPD Tracking Tool. If you are new to ALIA or yet to come to engage with the ALIA community, we have some wonderful ALIA Groups in the ACT who will be hosting a variety of events in the lead up to the end of the year, so keep an eye on the ALIA events page and we would love to see you soon.

ALIA CEO Sue McKerracher and Director of Learning Kate Bunker will be in Darwin from Tuesday 3 September to Friday 6 September, and we hope to see as many Darwinians (and travellers to Darwin) as we possibly can during that time. Meanwhile, the new Heritage Collections Specialisation for the ALIA PD Scheme is on special collections, rare books and the preservation of heritage materials. The Specialisation provides a framework of ten key competencies that enable Members to plan for and reflect on professional learning related to the acquisition, description, preservation, interpretation, storage, access and promotion of heritage materials. Don't forget that we have a dedicated email contact for our NT members (NT@alia.org.au) so that you can contact us anytime with questions, queries or suggestions for events and professional development.



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I recently attended the Lake Macquarie Libraries GLAM 2019 event at Warners Bay

which brought together an impressive array of creative arts practitioners, museum and art gallery people with many of the ideas transferable to library settings. I also participated in Digiposium at the iconic Studios 301 which was a day spent looking at digitisation of oral histories and other audio material and included a tour of the studios and a practical demonstration of the digitisation process. I also attended the New Librarians' Symposium 2019 (NLS9) in Adelaide which was just fantastic, with a great venue, engaging keynote speakers, invigorating sessions, and wonderful tours in a city that continues to astound me. This all combined to make for a very memorable weekend. Additionally, I am currently organising a regional professional development unconference, Wonderposium, for the end of July at Shellharbour City Library. I hope to see you there!



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This month's *INCITE* looks at Campaign Slogans which aligns well with the movement I've seen

across the library sector towards a more socially inclusive industry. I see a constant stream of events happening that challenge our systems, practices and policies. We can also see this focus in the theme of the ALIA National 2020 conference: Courageous and Audacious. On 22 June, in Queensland we held an event called Disruptive Discussions: A Day of Critical Librarianship, in July with more than 45 participants. In August, we had a follow up event to discuss how things that were previously discussed had been implemented. This all aligns with ALIA's year-long campaign Truth, Integrity and Knowledge (TIK), and I am just finalising the last parts of a TIK themed event coming to Queensland towards the end of the year.



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The New Librarians' Symposium 2019 (NLS9) Committee pulled off a cracker of a conference

in Adelaide. What I found particularly refreshing was that it wasn't all sunshine and gushing about how great we are as information managers and library-lovers. The conference was full of content asking questions about how, and what, we could do better. I found Mary Carroll's session especially relevant and fascinating, it certainly posed more questions than answers for me. If you are interested in the history of cultural institutions and information professionals in Australia let me know, and I'm sure Mary would also love to hear from you. To plan the future of your career or institution and to move forward you need to have an understanding of the past, which takes hard work, research, listening, and collaboration.



TAS

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There are plans afoot for three exciting new libraries to be built in Tasmania. Two will be built by the University

of Tasmania – as part of the university's move to set up campuses in Hobart and Launceston. The library at the new Launceston Inveresk Campus will be the first to be built and the challenge will be in building a library that meets the needs and future needs of the academic community but also interacts with, and is part of, the greater Tasmanian community. The other exciting library on the horizon is a new and much enlarged library at the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA). However, the plans for the expansion of MONA are on hold while additional funding is sought.



VIC

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Eileen Loudon has stepped down from her role as ALIA's Victorian State Manager and

we are sure that you will join us in thanking Eileen for all her wonderful work over the last two and a half years, she will be missed. It opens the door for Margie Anderson to rejoin us as the ALIA Victorian State Manager. Margie will continue her previous work promoting ALIA events and opportunities in Victoria, starting with the upcoming ALIA Library and Information Technicians' Symposium 2019, running 13–15 November at the Victoria University City Convention Centre and Box Hill Institute City Campus, Melbourne. Margie will also be attending other ALIA and library and information related events throughout Victoria in the coming months, so keep an eye out for her and say hello, she'd love to hear about your experiences and ideas.



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I want to take this opportunity to show my appreciation for all those in the Western Australia

library and information sector who volunteer their time and expertise on committees and groups for the benefit of us all. Our calendar is packed full in September and October and many of these events – such as the joint ALIA/RIMPA mini-conference, Bodies of Information – are planned, run and organised entirely by volunteers. I'd also like to welcome the eight new committee members of the ALIA Western Australia Library Technicians' Group (WALT), and give my love and thanks to the remaining and retiring committee members. We have a strong library and information community in Western Australia and if you're wondering how to get more involved, improve your skills, and give back to the sector, please get in touch with me.