TOP RESULTS FOR TOP END SYMPOSIUM

Held each year, the ALIA Top End Symposium is always a highlight on the calendar and 2018 was no exception.

Close to 70 participants attended the 10th ALIA Top End Symposium, held 12–13 October at the Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre in Darwin, Northern Territory. The theme was 'Enabling Universal Literacies in the Digital Age'.

This theme was selected to highlight the key role that libraries play, in multiple ways, towards attaining the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. The symposium attracted an impressive range of speakers, each of whom linked back to the theme in diverse ways, making us ponder about the significance of the message being delivered.

Professor Deb Verhoeven, Associate Dean of Engagement and Innovation at the University of Technology Sydney, spoke on 'Dewey really need to get into this? Preparing libraries for the pluriverse to come'; while Jane Cowell, the Chief Executive Officer of Yarra Plenty Regional Library, talked about digital fluency. Roxanne Missingham, University Librarian of the Australian National University, spoke about the future dreams and dangers facing libraries; while ALIA President, Lyndall Ley, spoke on the value of literacy. The presentations were all a big hit and the symposium was a resounding success.

The presentations can be viewed at (bit.ly/2Kzxmmh) and you can see more information about the event on the ALIA Top End Group's Facebook page (bit.ly/2AqUe2M).

We are grateful to the generous support of our sponsors: Ebsco, SAGE and ProQuest, without whom the symposium could not have been such a success. In addition, we would also like to thank all our speakers, the delegates and the volunteers who all contributed towards making it such a brilliant event.

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A note from ALIA: We would like to say a big thank you to Jayshree Mamtora for her service to ALIA as NT Manager for over 10 years. Jayshree initiated the Top End Symposium and the Top End Awards and has been a tremendous asset to the Association and our Members in the Northern Territory.

For 2019, Jayshree will continue to run the Top End Awards, but the ALIA House team will be working with the Top End and Red Centre Groups on other events and activities. I am looking forward to visiting Members in the Territory in April, and if you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me or the membership team. Sue McKerracher, ALIA CEO (sue.mckerracher@alia.org.au) (membership@alia.org.au).

LIBRARY DESIGN AWARDS 2019

The 2019 ALIA Australian Library Design Awards conference will be held in March 2019 and voting is now open for the ALIA Members' Choice Award.

ALIA Members are invited to vote for their favourite library in the 2019 ALIA Australian Library Design Awards. These awards celebrate 15 new and refurbished libraries across Australia and include libraries such as the University of Queensland Library, Karratha Public Library and Glenelg Libraries. The winning library will be announced at the 2019 Library Design Awards Conference, as part of the Asia-Pacific Architecture Forum.

Bookings (bit.ly/2Al9KwZ) for the conference close 7 March 2019.

The conference is to be held at the State Library of Queensland on 14 March 2019 and has a range of inspirational Australian and international speakers. 'The conference is an ideal opportunity for people to see some of the great ideas in library design and have valuable conversations about the future of the industry', said Sue McKerracher, CEO of ALIA.

ALIA Members can vote for the Members' Choice Award via an online survey (bit.ly/2A94b4B) and select their top five entries. Voting closes 31 January 2018.

You can see all 16 of the new and refurbished libraries from across Australia that have entered the 2019 awards in our gallery (bit.ly/2P2hHN5). The nominees showcase some inspirational and achievable examples of modern exteriors and interiors for school, public and academic libraries.

For more Australian libraries, visit the Victorian Design Your Library website (bit.ly/2zr7ncf) and for a world view check out Designing Libraries (bit.ly/2DZkOV1).