

Library and Information Week 2019

Library and Information week is your chance to celebrate the work that you, and every other library and information professional, does for communities across Australia.

Library and Information Week (LIW) 2019, running 20–26 May, is coming up soon. The week celebrates and recognises the work of library and information professionals throughout Australia. The theme for LIW 2019 is Truth, Integrity, Knowledge (TIK) in recognition of all the ways that library and information professionals support and promote these values. Over the course of 2019 ALIA is releasing 10 TIK blogs from industry leaders. You can read the first four on the [ALIA FAIR website](#), with the other six blogs will be released on the first day of each month through to November.

To help you celebrate LIW 2019 you can purchase a range of merchandise from the [ALIA shop](#) including bookmarks, pins, notebooks, stickers, and more. ALIA has also made free resources available on the [LIW webpage](#) including flyers, letterhead, posters, and Library Technicians' Day stickers, as well as a media release template that you can use to promote your local LIW 2019 events.

We would love to see your displays and celebrations for the week on social media, please use the hashtag #LIW2019. Library and Information Week 2019 is proudly supported by [Booktopia](#). 🌐

Each day of the week has a different theme:

Monday 20 May – Launch day – you can start creating activities for your users that will run across the entire week.

Tuesday 21 May – National Library Technicians' Day – this is the day to celebrate the great work that library technicians do and to gain a better understanding of their role in libraries. This year we have created some free Library Technicians' Day stickers.

Wednesday 22 May – National Simultaneous Storytime – at 11:00 am AEST participants across Australia and New Zealand will sit down and read *Alpacas with Maracas* written and illustrated by Matt Cosgrove.

Thursday 23 May – Libraries celebrate Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea – take a break and help raise money with your community for this important cause.

Friday 24 May – ALIA Day – spread the love and let user and other library and information science professionals know the good work that ALIA does, including Library and Information Week!



First graduates of the ALIA accredited Diploma of Library and Information Services from Pacific TAFE

First graduates of ALIA accredited course in Fiji

In late October 2017, at the invitation of Pacific TAFE, The University of the South Pacific (USP) in Fiji, an Accreditation Panel representing ALIA undertook a First Accreditation review of the Diploma of Library and Information Services (BSB52115).

The Panel comprised of Kathryn Leong, retired librarian and previous Business Unit Leader for the Library and Information Services Diploma course at Box Hill Institute; Terri Pamment, retired librarian and previous Staff Development and Training Coordinator, University Libraries, University of Adelaide; Dr Bob Pymm, Adjunct Senior Lecturer in the School of Information Studies, Charles Sturt University; Kesaia Vilsoni, Information Management Coordinator, Library at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Fiji; as well as Judy Brooker and Kate Bunker from the Learning team at ALIA House.

As a result of the accreditation application and panel visit, the Diploma of Library and Information Services at Pacific TAFE was accredited with initial red ALIA accreditation for a period of two years, from December 2017. This means that successful graduating students are eligible for ALIA Library Technician membership.

Kate Bunker, ALIA Director of Learning, said, 'It was a fantastic opportunity to talk with the educators delivering the Diploma at Pacific TAFE and to meet with employers and students and tour the USP library. We also took the time to talk to members of the Fiji Library Association.

'Time goes on, and in March this year the first students of the Diploma graduated, and we are so pleased to see the results of all the hard work by students and staff. Congratulations to all students and to the first ALIA Student Award winner Elenoa Fonmanu who also received the Vice Chancellor's Prize for the best graduating student in the course.' 🌐