



Roundup 2001 – NSW...

Sharing ideas...

Children and Youth Services NSW [<http://groups.alia.org.au/cysnsw/>]

Reading: *Children's literacy and the library connection* was the theme for the Children's and Youth Services (NSW) one day seminar on 2 April 2001. The topic offered plenty of scope: Bill Spence of the NSW Department of Education and Training spoke on literacy in the school curriculum, and Debra Oswald and Moya Symon entertained us with their insights into the joy of writing for fledgling readers. Lee O'Connor introduced us to the Home Emergent Literacy Program (HELP) and Together for Under Fives and Families (TUFF) programs underway in Coonamble. The day finished with a panel session on resources for supporting literacy in libraries, online and in the community. Many of us had never heard of the great work that St John's First Aid provides in the Aid Literacy program.

The pre-bookweek extravaganza is a regular date in the calendars of NSW children's librarians and teacher librarians. This year, more than forty people gathered to share their ideas and inspirations for promoting and displaying the short-listed books for children's book week. Ideas flowed thick and fast for displays, competitions, readers theatre, games, crafts and lots of other activities. The ideas are all posted on the website each year as a resource for children's librarians and teacher librarians.

We went back to basics with this year's Children's and Youth Services (NSW) management seminar, *On the shelf and online: managing 21st century collections for children and youth*. Forty-eight people attended the seminar at Burwood Council Chambers, Sydney on Friday 26 October. The topics

covered included collection management policies and planning, responding to censorship pressure, new collections, virtual collections, library suppliers, selection and withdrawal criteria and arranging collections.

Mylee Joseph, convenor, Children and Youth Services NSW group

All happening on the coast...

ALIA Far North Coast (NSW) [<http://groups.alia.org.au/fncnsw/>]

The group has continued to exist and thrive after the restructure. Activities for the year have included: presentation by Judy Hibberd from Southern Cross University, Coffs Harbour Campus, on the topic of E-books; a demonstration of an innovative new document supply system for Southern Cross University Library, Lismore, developed by the document supply staff in conjunction with the IT department of the university; a couple of social events where informal networking took place, as well as some discussion about common areas of interest and ideas for future activities; and in November the group hosted a dinner with guest speakers Peter Corris and Jean Bedford.

Robyn Murray, secretary, ALIA Far North Coast (NSW) Regional Group

A successful year in 2001

ALIA TAFE NSW [<http://groups.alia.org.au/tafensw/>]

After a few hiccups during the change-over mid-year, the ALIA TAFE NSW group was established. The committee has worked well to achieve successful outcomes for the activities that we have undertaken and we look forward to an even more rewarding year in 2002.

Several TAFE library staff participated in the Bridge Walk and Storytelling activity during Library Week in May. We were fortunate to have wonderful weather and some great storytelling at the picnic which followed.

During October, the ALIA TAFE Conference was held in Brisbane and our group was able to sponsor a participant. Many interesting topics were covered but the workshop on information literacy standards indicated that libraries were leading the way on this important topic, and that TAFE needed an agreed definition and standards, which they could adopt nationally.

The web seminar — *Web design, web access and online learning* — held on 2 November, was greeted enthusiastically by many TAFE library staff. This event had the largest response to an activity so far and indicated a preference for this type of activity amongst our members.

Possible activities planned for next year include a mini state-wide conference for our library staff, a technology seminar and a workshop on information literacy.

Jennifer Huthnance, convenor, ALIA TAFE NSW group



Roundup 2001 – NT...

A busy year in the north...

ALIA NT Library and Information Workers [<http://groups.alia.org.au/liwnt/>]

The ALIA NT Library and Information Workers had a very productive year in 2001. The *Northern Territory Interlibrary Library Loans Scheme (NILLS)* was updated and libraries were again asked to be signatories. Thirty-four organisations have now re-committed to the scheme.

ALIA NT contributed to a special supplement in the North-

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ern Territory News promoting library and information week 2001. A banner was also displayed on the highway in Darwin. Local identity Tom Pauling launched the week on a short ABC community broadcast on television.

The ALIA NT Awards were also announced during Library and Information Week. Special guest Anne Lipow (director and founder of Library Solutions Institute and Press, in the United States), presented this years awards:

- NT Library and Information Worker Librarian/Library Technician/Library Assistant of the Year: Gaynor Lovett of the Northern Territory Library.
- NT Library and Information Community Award: Giselle Pryor of the NT Open Education Library, Darwin, NT.
- NT Organisational Innovation Award: Electronic Resources Project, Northern Territory Library, Darwin, NT.
- NT University Most Outstanding Student in the Diploma of Library and Information Studies Award: Roger Couatts.

Three groups arose out of the ALIA restructure: LIWNT: Library and Information Workers of the NT; LATTe: Library Assistants and Technicians in the Territory; and CARG: Central Australian Regional Group.

A copyright seminar presented by Nick Smith of the Australian Digital Alliance focused on the new *Digital Agenda Bill*. The seminar proved to be of great interest and was attended by approximately fifty people.

Group meetings coincided with visits to three libraries: Territory Health Services Library, Mines and Energy Library and the Joint-Use Taminmin Community and High School Library.

Ruth Quinn, LIWNT convenor



Roundup 2001 – Qld...

Keeping health information professionals up-to-date...

ALIA Queensland Health Libraries [<http://groups.alia.org.au/healthqld/>]

The ALIA Queensland Health Libraries group held a number of activities during 2001. In July the group hosted a presentation that outlined projects of the University of Queensland's Centre for Online Health. There was a live demonstration of the e-healthcare portal being developed by the Centre. Discussion on the scope, selection standards, technology and ongoing management issues of the portal were also covered. The session was available remotely via teleconference and was followed by a dinner for participants.

The group participated in a seminar, *Conference capers*, held on 4 September and organised as part of the ALIA CPD series, to discuss papers presented at the recent ALIA Special, Health and Law Libraries Conference in Melbourne.

An all-day workshop, *Evidence-based practice skills* (EBP), was held on 5 December, at Princess Alexandra Hospital. The workshop was intended for information professionals and educators (including those in pre-vocational training) in the healthcare industry. Participants learned to focus an EBP question using the PICO method, the basics of study design and statistical methods in health sciences research (by Dr Miranda Mortlock, statistician) and critical appraisal skills for randomised controlled trials.

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