

2Deadly: 2006 ATSILIRN Conference

20–22 November 2006, University of Technology Sydney

If you are involved in providing information services to Indigenous clients and/or looking after Indigenous Knowledge, then this is the conference for you. There will be workshops, meetings, speakers and social events held over 2½ days.

Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning, University of Technology, Sydney will be hosting ATSILIRN's 10th conference: *2Deadly*, 20–22 November 2006. *2Deadly* follows on from the 2005 *Deadly Directions* conference at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS). The 2006 conference aims to be bigger and better. The theme of the conference revolves around many issues affecting those of us working in the Library and Information Sector providing a service to Indigenous clients. Some of the themes of *2Deadly* are Indigenous authors writing in Indigenous styles and genres with Indigenous perspectives on copyright and intellectual property issues, library and archive projects, family history research, international perspectives and digitisation issues.

Speakers will include film and documentary producer Rachel Perkins, and Lorie Roy, President Elect of the American Library Association. A dinner address will be delivered by the noted author, academic and activist, Marcia Langton. Many other deadly* speakers will be participating at *2Deadly*.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Library, Information and Resource Network (ATSILIRN) is a professional support network for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people working in libraries and for professionals providing for the information needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait



Islander peoples. ATSILIRN was established in 1993 and has grown to have an international reputation. Membership is open to Indigenous people who work in libraries and all those people who provide a service to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients whether that organisation is a library, archive, or resource centre. Our aims are to support our members via networking, conferences, list serves, or newsletters.

Since its inception ATSILIRN has hosted many conferences in many different cities around Australia. From Sydney to Darwin and Cairns to Adelaide members have met on an annual basis to share information about service initiatives, programs and trends. After a three-year hiatus, ATSILIRN was reinvigorated in 2005 at the *Deadly Directions* conference (2–3 August) at AIATSIS, Canberra.

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* 'Deadly': Aboriginal colloquialism meaning wonderful and/or excellent.

Classification Review Board decision determines two Islamic books are 'Refused Classification'

The full Board of the Classification Review Board (has determined that of the eight Islamic books submitted for review by the Australian Attorney-General, two are 'Refused Classification' and six are classified 'Unrestricted'. The film *Jihad or Terrorism* is classified PG with the consumer advice 'Mild themes'.

The books classified 'Refused Classification' are *Defence of the Muslim Lands* and *Join the Caravan*. 'Refused Classification' (RC) means the books are immediately banned throughout Australia. They cannot be sold within or imported into the country.

Defence of the Muslim Lands was Refused Classification because it promotes and incites in matters of crime, specifically terrorism acts, including the plan, action and execution of martyrdom operations. The Review Board noted that the book, republished in

English in 1995 and 2002, is specific and explicit in its support for and encouragement of suicide bombing, including details for undertaking such crimes.

Join the Caravan, printed in 1996 and reprinted in 2001, is a direct appeal to Muslims to engage in fighting. The book promotes and incites acts of terrorism against 'disbelievers'. It is a call to specific action to fight for Allah and engage in acts of violence. The publishers state that "the struggle must continue until Truth emerges distinct from Falsehood and the true Mujahudeen attain triumph and defeat the enemies of Islam who are trying to destroy the fruit of the Afghan Jihad."

The books classified 'Unrestricted' are *The Ideological Attack*, *The Criminal West*, *Jihad in the Qur'an* and *Sunnah*, *The Absent Obligation*, *Islam and Modern Man: The Call of Islam to*

Modern Man Vol II, and *The Qur'anic Concept of War*. Unrestricted publications may be sold and imported.

All decisions were unanimous, with the exception of the Unrestricted decision for *The Absent Obligation*, which was a majority 5 to 2 decision. The Classification Review Board's reasons for this decision are located on the OFLC website on the page entitled Review Board Decisions.

The Classification Review Board is an independent merits review body. The review was undertaken in response to an application from the Attorney-General.

More information about the Office of Film and Literature Classification is available at <http://www.oflc.gov.au/>. Click on the Consumer FAQs link to find out more about the work of the Boards of classification and review. *