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Be Positive !

Directline

It's 5am during LIW and my hotel phone wakes me after attending a fun night of Trivia in Brisbane. I have just enough time to briefly freshen up before the phone rings again from the ABC morning radio presenter who puts me on hold to listen to the discussion before my interview.

I discover that the radio announcer (going to 50 rural stations) has decided to ask listeners about their worst or most interesting experience at a library, or with a librarian. "It's just a bit of fun" he says. A range of very interesting and discouraging stories are told as listeners phone in. It is amazing how people like to focus on the negative in the first instance in many situations, isn't it? There ended up being some good stories from listeners as well. It lead me to contemplate how our interactions with our many customers influence their thinking of our libraries and of the image of librarians. How are we all making a positive impact on this in our daily work?

I go back to sleep for a while before breakfast comforted in the thought that so many ALIA members are making a huge difference to people's lives and communities around Australia and that much more positive stories would be told during the day.

New Queensland Libraries and IFLA2010 shortlisting

Wow—what beautiful and well-designed new library buildings there are in Queensland. Thank you to the State Library of Queensland, Brisbane City Council Brisbane Square Library and University of Queensland Biological Sciences Library, which I visited during LIW.

Brisbane has been shortlisted along with Singapore and Kuala Lumpur to host the International Federation of Library Associations IFLA 2010 World Library and Information Congress. The WLIC Conference hosts over 5000 delegates from all around the world. We have received great support from library colleagues in Brisbane, the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre and government representatives to support the bid. A site visit was hosted in late June and the announcement of the selected city will take place at the WLIC in Durban in August 2007. Good Luck Brisbane!!

Library and Information Week

Congratulations to all the library staff that celebrated Library and Information Week and National Library Technicians Day. It's great to see the reports on pages 16 and 17.

Farewell to our *inCite* Editor ...

Our editor for nearly two years has been Karen McVicker who has crafted so many stories and news items with our members. Karen has moved on to a higher level role in the Australian Public Service and we wish her all the very best. The redesign of *inCite* from January 2007 will be well remembered as one of Karen's many achievements.

and a new editor ...

Our new editor, Lindy Shultz has started and is looking forward to hearing from ALIA members. Lindy can be contacted by phone or e-mail at incite@alia.org.au

Reports and Submissions

As mentioned in *Frontline*, our 2007 Internet Filtering in Public Libraries report has been released. Our thanks to all the public library staff who assisted with the responses and case studies.

ALIA also responded to the Attorney General's discussion paper on Materials That Advocate Terrorist Acts. The combined response from ALIA, CAUL, NSLA and ALLA can be found at <http://alia.org.au/advocacy/submissions/>

