

ALIA Top End Symposium 2007

evolutionary theories are coming to Darwin 5–6 October

The ALIA Top End group will host the 5th ALIA Top End Symposium in Darwin 5–6 October 2007. This is the premier event for library and information professionals in the Northern Territory, and has been hugely successful in attracting both local and interstate audiences. It is an opportunity for information professionals to share new ideas and experiences of working in the Northern Territory, and planning for the future of the industry.

This year's symposium will be held at the centrally located International Room at SKYCITY, Darwin. This premier conference venue overlooks Mindil Beach and its market, and is minutes from the CBD, restaurants, and Darwin Wharf (as featured in the upcoming Baz Luhrman film, 'Australia').

Theme

This year's symposium focuses on the theme of 'e-volving education'. Evolution is about survival in a rapidly changing environment, and the information industry is no exception. As we move into a globalised information society, libraries must evolve in order to survive by accommodating new trends, whilst maintaining its fundamental services to the community.

'e-volving education' aims to highlight needs, changes and trends associated with the evolution of education in the context of libraries and the library profession; setting a challenge for delegates to 'evolve'



their own personal and professional knowledge, and share this knowledge through educating their clients and peers.

This theme follows and expands on the concepts discussed and originating from the highly successful LibER8on (Library Education Ready for 2008 onwards) forum hosted by the Top End Group in August 2006.

Keynote Speakers

We are excited to announce Roxanne Missingham and Gillian Hallam as the keynote speakers — active leaders in the Australian library and information industry. With library service innovation and professional workforce planning as major aspects of our education theme, they are certain to engage and inspire Top End professionals in tackling these growing issues in the industry.

For general details, see <<http://alia.org.au/groups/topend/ntsymposium2007.html>>.

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ACOC Seminar

Promise for the future, or legacy of the past? : cataloguing in a changing world

Registrations are now open for the 'Promise for the future, or legacy of the past?' seminar to be held from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm on 7 September 2007 at the State Library of Queensland, Brisbane. The seminar is organised by the Australian Committee on Cataloguing as a professional development event for all cataloguers and metadata creators.

The environment in which cataloguing operates is undergoing rapid and continuous change. Many factors are causing the profession to examine traditional cataloguing practices. Where do we go from here? Will cataloguing evolve slowly to accommodate the changing environment or will there be radical change? Will the traditional standards like AACR/RDA and LCSH be replaced by other metadata standards? Will cataloguers need to acquire a new battery of skills to remain in the profession? This seminar will challenge both speakers and attendees to find the answers to these and other questions.

The seminar will feature a keynote address by Karen Calhoun, Vice President, OCLC WorldCat and Metadata Services. Other speakers will discuss various aspects of cataloguing in a changing world including: cataloguing education; attitudes to cataloguing; new cataloguing tools and standards; and new roles for cataloguers.

Full details of the seminar, including the program and a registration form are available at: <<http://www.nla.gov.au/lis/stndrds/grps/acoc/acocseminar2007.html>>.

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