

ALIA 2008 Biennial Conference — Call for papers

Dreaming08, ALIA's 2008 Biennial Conference will be held 2–5 September 2008 at the Alice Springs Convention Centre, Alice Springs.

Abstracts are invited for oral and poster presentations. To submit an abstract for consideration by the Program Committee, you must also intend to register for the conference. Online submission, via the ALIA website, is the only method for the receipt of abstracts. If you have any questions regarding online submission, please email your query to <program@icms.com.au>.

The evaluation of abstracts will be based on suitability to the conference themes; importance and interest of the topic to

delegates; demonstrated evidence of creativity, leadership and excellence in professional practice. Authors of abstracts accepted for oral presentation are required to submit a full paper, whether peer-reviewed or not, via the conference website.

Peer reviewed papers: All papers for peer review will be required to be submitted by **Friday, 16 May 2008**. All non-peer reviewed papers must be submitted by **Friday, 18 July 2008**.

Please see the conference website for full details of the themes and topics and the submission and selection process at <<http://www.alia2008.com/abstract.asp>>.

Web 2.0 and its potential for the library community

A November current awareness seminar and joint initiative of the National Library of Australia and the School of Information Studies, Charles Sturt University

The concept of Web 2.0 offers a new paradigm for how institutions and organisations interact with their user communities. Web 2.0 technologies emphasise a more open organisational model: participation, collaboration, sharing as behaviours, the creation of user-generated content as a platform for re-use and service development as an ongoing and constant cycle. These trends are filtering through into online business and organisational models, community and consumer expectations, and the design of open technology platforms that emphasise the social and overlapping nature of online interactions.

Libraries have long been at the intersection of people, information and ideas. How do the development and delivery of library services sit within the Web 2.0 paradigm? What challenges and opportunities does Web 2.0 present for the practices, and even principles, of libraries as institutions? How can Web 2.0 technologies facilitate Library 2.0; a new way of thinking about how libraries and their communities interact with one another?

Join us at the National Library of Australia on Tuesday 27 November to find out. A series of speakers from the information industry will present new ideas at an event aimed to inform, stimulate and equip library and information professionals for the future. The emphasis will be on the presentation of ideas around Web 2.0 in an accessible manner (with clear language to demystify the jargon), highlighting the relevance for everyday practice in libraries and information services. The event will be of interest to librarians, records managers, archivists, library technicians and students of library and information management.

Thanks to generous sponsorship by the National Library of Australia, registration for this event will be free. Further information on the program and registration are available online at <<http://www.nla.gov.au/initiatives/meetings/web2hm.html>>.

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Editor's note: November inCite will feature Web 2.0. Your contributions on this topic are welcome. Please contact <incite@alia.org.au> for more information.

Aurora leadership skills

Applications are now open for the 11th Aurora Leadership Institute which will be held at Thredbo, NSW, from 14–19 February 2008.

This is a once-in-a-career opportunity to acquire and practise leadership skills in a fully supported residential learning environment away from the distractions of work — and in one of the most inspiring places in Australia.

Once again the Institute will be facilitated by John Shannon and Becky Schreiber, assisted by nine mentors prominent in Australian and New Zealand librarianship.

If you are a middle-level librarian seeking the fast track to a more effective contribution to your profession, and would like to join the Aurora network of more than 300 librarians on both sides of the Tasman, then here is your big chance.

Application details are on the Aurora website at <<http://www.alia.org.au/aurora/>>.

Applications close on Monday 22 October, but please don't delay with your submission; competition for the limited number of places is keen. Applicants who previously missed out on selection are encouraged to reapply — leaders are persistent.

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Details of the ALIA Aurora Scholarship can be found at <<http://www.alia.org.au/awards/aurora.scholarship/>>.