

Culture **Knowledge** Future

5th International Indigenous Librarians Forum

4-7 June 2007, Brisbane

<http://5iilf.org/>

In 1997 the Maori Library Workers Network proposed to the American Indian Library Association (AILA) and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Library Information and Resource Network (ATSILIRN) a gathering of Indigenous library workers from around the globe. It was to be held in New Zealand and one of the outcomes was the establishment of the International Indigenous Librarians Forum.

The Forum is an opportunity for Indigenous library workers from around the world to share information, contribute in the development of solutions to common concerns, and to discuss issues relating to the communication, documentation and preservation of Indigenous cultures.

Forums are held every two years in a different country with major input by the local Indigenous community. Previous forums were hosted by the Sami of Scandinavia in Jokkmokk, Sweden, the American Indians in Santa Fe, New Mexico and the Cree and the Meti Nations in Regina Saskatchewan, Canada.

ATSILIRN, in conjunction with the State Library of Queensland, will host the 5th International Indigenous Librarians Forum so, for the first time since its inception, the Forum is heading back to the South Pacific region.

The theme for the Forum is 'Culture, Knowledge, Future', with each day reflecting a part of the theme:

- Day one will cover Knowledge, with sessions on ways of knowledge, including protocols, ethics, copyright, repatriation and developing knowledge places.
- Day two will centre on Culture, which will include history, heritage, as well as visiting an Aboriginal community/group in south east Queensland.
- Day three will be a day of Sharing, with non-Indigenous people invited to attend the forum to discuss different perspectives.
- Day four will focus on Future and will be an opportunity to workshop the future directions for the Forum.

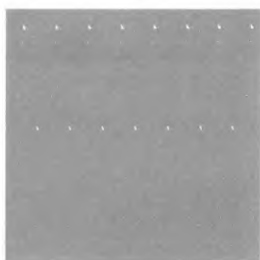


Join us for presentations and discussions of the current issues that impact Indigenous librarianship and the opportunity to learn more about the cultures of Australian Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders, as well as Indigenous people from across the globe.

Check out <http://www.5iilf.org/> – our website has much more information, including latest news, registration details, our great new venue and who's on the organising committee. So if you are interested in exploring international issues relevant to libraries and Indigenous peoples, we look forward to seeing you in Brisbane.

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