

Australasian Libraries in the Emergency Sector – Information Catalysts

Australasian Libraries in the Emergency Sector (ALIES) is a cooperative library network supporting the information requirements of the emergency sector within Australia and New Zealand. The ALIES 2008 conference, held 16–20 March, is hosted annually in Mt Macedon, Victoria by Emergency Management Australia (EMA), a division of the Federal Attorney-General's Department. This year's theme *ALIES 3.0: information catalysts* reflected the impact of Web 2.0 technology on libraries and how the ALIES network is evolving in an ever changing information environment. The focus of ALIES 3.0 was to go further than Web/Library 2.0 technologies and plan for the next 'version' of ALIES in order to move forward in the emergency sector information environment.

Keynote speakers from the emergency management, knowledge management and library sector addressed 46 representatives from 37 ALIES Libraries. The conference provided a fantastic opportunity for idea sharing, networking, and professional development. It gave those involved a chance to assess the current and future role of ALIES and to identify key issues and projects for the next twelve months, and into the future.

<http://www.ema.gov.au/alies>

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New guidelines for NSW public libraries

Library consulting company Libraries Alive! has been awarded the task of working with the NSW Public Library Network Research Committee on a new project to develop a set of guidelines for NSW public libraries that will underpin service development for the future.

The project, launched in February by The State Library of NSW on behalf of the Research Committee, will review existing standards and guidelines, taking into account demographic, service and technological change. It is hoped that the project will devise new guidelines to assist councils, library managers and the State Library in the development of meaningful and contemporary public library services.

With the project due to be completed in June this year, Libraries Alive! will work closely with the Research Committee, consulting and reviewing local and international practice, before drafting new guidelines for endorsement by the Library Council of NSW.

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LIS Careers

The ALIA Promote LIS Career committee is keen to get professionals involved in events and careers expos. See DestinationLibrary wiki <http://destinationlibrary.pbwiki.com/> for information.

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