Cybersmart information pack distributed to public libraries

The Australian Library and Information Association endorses and supports effective, practical and appropriate measures to assist young Australians to manage their use of the internet. Cybersafety education is one of the most effective strategies to manage content issues.

ALIA has been working with the Australian Media and Communications Authority (ACMA) to develop a cybersmart information pack. This pack has been distributed to all public libraries and additional copies of the guides can be ordered from the Cybersmart website: **http://www.acma. gov.au/libraries**

The pack comprises a *Cybersmart guide for library staff* and a cyber rules poster. A series of four web-based internet safety information videos is also available for library staff to access and download. These materials are complemented by the *Cybersmart guide for families: safe internet use in the library and at home.*

ALIA has an Online Content and Regulation Advisory Committee, chaired by ALIA President Derek Whitehead. The advisory committee monitors developments in online content regulation, and advocates for the basic right of library and information services users to have unhindered access to information regardless of format. The ALIA website

has an Online content regulation page where you can keep up-to-date with what ALIA is doing in this area **http://www. alia.org.au/advocacy/internet.access**

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Retirement of Angela Bridgland

It is with mixed feelings that I announce the retirement of Angela Bridgland who is leaving the University of Melbourne on the 11th September 2008. Angela has left an outstanding professional legacy through her achievements at Melbourne and beyond – her retirement is very well deserved but she will be sorely missed.

Angela began at the University in 1994 as the Director, Management Services within the Library, then as Associate Librarian, Management and Development Services. In 2001, her responsibilities included a budget of $25 million for the operational management of the library, with some 20 library sites and 254 EFT staff. When Information Services Division was formed, Angela was initially appointed Director of the Library, and then, with the first restructure, Director of the newly established Teaching, Learning and Research Department. As a result of the 2004/2005 re-alignment, Angela became one of the two deputies to the Vice-Principal, Information.

Angela is a good role model of life-long learning, and was awarded her PhD in 1998, researching the "Impact of the National Training Reform Agenda on Staff Development in Academic and State Libraries."

Beyond the University her professionalism and expertise is well recognised. Angela is an elected Director of the Board of CAVAL and has been an active member of the Australian and Information Library Association (ALIA) spending time as a Director of the Board and until recently served on the Association's National Awards Panel.

Angela was also Program Chair for Educause Australasia, the premiere conference on advancing information technology in higher education, considered the best ever in the history of Educause Australasia, attracting some 600 delegates to Melbourne.

Angela's bright smile, her wicked sense of humour and encouraging, positive attitude will be sorely missed by us all.

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