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4th ALIA New Librarians Symposium 5–6 December 2008

Special libraries have their own set of unique barriers that new graduates have to break through. These can include: working in a library with a low number of staff often resulting in an inability to attend professional development opportunities; the need to be multi-skilled in order to complete a wide variety of tasks; limited access to new technological innovations due to restricted access and limited funding are just a few of the issues that sometimes need to be navigated.



In keeping with the theme 'Breaking Barriers', the 4th ALIA New Librarians Symposium (NLS4), provides new and not so new graduates including those who work within the special library sector, the opportunity to network, exchange ideas and learn how to overcome barriers currently facing library and information professionals.

The NLS4 committee has received many energetic, enthusiastic and inspiring abstracts to consider for presentation at the Symposium in December. These presentations promise to provide discussion on how to overcome employment, promotion, stereotype and professional development barriers that exist within our industry.

But wait...there's more! As well as providing entertaining and informative presentations, the NLS4 committee ensures that all delegates will be able to partake in the full 'Melbourne experience', offering tours of local innovative libraries and hosting a cocktail party and symposium dinner guaranteed to break down any confidence barriers that delegates may have been suffering, prior to their arrival at the symposium.

With such an exciting program to look forward to, prospective delegates have no excuse. Registration is due to open in June 2008, so start saving for an investment well worth making.

For more information or to stay updated via RSS or our email list, please visit the website <http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2008/>

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BIENNIAL QUIZ QUESTION OF THE MONTH

At Ooraminna Homestead diners are seated amongst buildings that were erected for a film (by Ted Egan) that was never made. What was the film's working title?

Send your answers to any member of the Committee <http://www.alia2008.com>

Jan/Feb question was: *What is the name of the 20 minute film shown at the Alice Springs Desert Park? The answer: The Changing Heart.* Congratulations Louise Barton, Collection Services Coordinator, Stanton Library, North Sydney who has won a guided tour for two of the Desert Park (donated by the Alice Springs Desert Park)

ALIA Biennial Conference

2–5 September 2008

Satellites and Library Tours

There are several good reasons for arriving in Alice Springs a few days before *dreaming08* begins.



Participating in the exciting program of Satellites and Library Tours that the Committee has planned for delegates is sure to be a highlight!

The satellites begin with the AARLIN Users Group planning a 2-day meeting on Friday 29th and Saturday 30th August in the Seminar Room of the Campus Library at Charles Darwin University. This is to be followed by the ALIA National Advisory Congress meeting at the Convention Centre in the afternoon of Monday 1st September 2.30pm-5pm – to which all ALIA members are invited.

Tuesday 2nd September has satellites and library tours on the agenda. 'Library stars: best of the best' will be held all day at the Convention Centre. Health Libraries Australia is holding their workshop 'Dreaming 2020 – Strategic Visions for Health Librarianship' at the Centre for Remote Health, Alice Springs Hospital. Later that afternoon ASLA are hosting a workshop entitled 'Showcase of Excellence: Teacher Librarians at Work' at the Convention Centre.

Information and contact details can be found at <http://www.alia2008.com/meetings.asp>

But if none of these events appeal then one of the library tours is sure to entice. For a small town, Alice Springs has a number of libraries and we are showcasing an interesting cross-section in the library tours.

Tour 1 visits the library at **Alice Springs Campus of Charles Darwin University**, one of only four joint-use libraries in Australia catering for 3 sectors of education. From there, the tour will continue to **Alice Springs Public Library**, famous for its Akaltje Antheme Collection, a local knowledge collection which won the Library Stars prize for 2006. The **Strehlow Research Centre** is the last stop for the day, where there is a wealth of material collected by TGH Strehlow during his years studying the Aboriginal people of Central Australia. There will also be an opportunity to visit the Natural History Museum and the Araluen Art Gallery.

Tour 2 visits the **NT Archives Service** which is the archival authority for the Northern Territory Government followed by **St Philip's High School Library** which services an independent co-educational day/boarding college. The third stop is the **Alice Springs School of the Air**, which supports students of the largest classroom in the world through Interactive Distance Learning (IDL).

Tour 3 first calls at the **Central Land Council Library**, a library that supports the role and function of the Land Council in its work for justice for the Indigenous population of the region. From there the tour moves on to the **Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education Library**; a dual sector education provider aiming at improving self determination

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and employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The final stop for the day is at the **Institute for Aboriginal Development Library** which works alongside the institute's program for the education and training, language and culture and research and publishing.

For more information on the library tours, visit the website at <http://www.alia2008.com/tours.asp>

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ALIA Information Online

20–22 January 2009

Information Online 2009 is the leading conference and exhibition for the online information industry in the Asia-Pacific region. Take a sneak peek behind the program and preview two of the keynote speakers that will be addressing delegates at Information Online 2009!

Liz Lane Lawley, our gaming expert, is Associate Professor of Information Technology and the Director of the Laboratory for Social Computing at Rochester Institute of Technology New York.



Liz's current teaching and research interests focus on social computing technologies such as weblogs, wikis, virtual worlds, and collaborative information retrieval. She was the closing keynote at the Internet Librarian conference in Canada in October 2006 and will be speaking on Online Gaming (not the racing or betting kind) and their role for libraries at Information Online 2009.

Louise Guy, head of Cirque du Soleil's Centre for Research and Documentation will share her Knowledge Management and Information Management projects and experiences gained while working with Cirque du Soleil; providing a great example of the blending of information centric professions i.e. those of records management, archivists and knowledge management.

Information Online will be held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney Australia from Tuesday 20 – Thursday 22 January 2009. A number of engaging satellite events will be available on Monday 19 and Friday 23 January 2009. Include this must attend event in your diaries now!

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Conference Committee member



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President Roxanne Missingham and Directors invite members to join them at 6:00 pm, Tuesday 13 May 2008 for the

ALIA Annual General Meeting

Agenda and rules of meeting

The 20th Annual General Meeting of the Australian Library and Information Association will be held on Tuesday 13 May 2008 at ALIA House 9-11 Napier Close Deakin ACT.

AGENDA

1. Notice of convening meeting
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the AGM, 15 May, 2007
4. Presentation of the 2007 Annual Report and financial statements
5. Election of Directors
6. Appointment of Auditors
7. Fixing of Auditors' fees
8. Reports
9. General business

RULES OF MEETING

1. Motions for discussion at the AGM are to be forwarded in writing to the ALIA Executive Director P.O.Box 6335, Kingston ACT 2604 by **13 March 2008**. Motions should be signed by the movers either individually or on behalf of a division/group of the Association. All such motions received will be published in the AGM agenda notice in the April issue of inCite and on ALIANet.
2. All motions to be put to the AGM must appear in this published agenda.
3. The only items that may be raised under general business are those of an informal nature, or those that are within the scope of the business already laid down. Motions of a substantial nature relating to items not covered in the notice of the meeting will not be allowed.
4. If any item of urgency arises which is not within the business of the meeting, the Chairperson has the power to accept it without notice or rule that notice must be given.
5. All motions additional to those on the printed agenda and in accordance with rule 4, and amendments, shall be in writing, signed by the movers (forms will be provided) and delivered to the Chair.
6. When addressing the Chair, the person desiring recognition will properly identify themselves, giving his or her name and affiliation. Only ALIA members may speak.
7. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker; no speaker may have the floor twice on the same question until all who wish to speak have spoken.
8. Proxies. To be valid, proxies must be in the form set out in the Constitution item 8.2 and be in the hands of the ALIA Executive Director, ALIA, PO Box 6335, Kingston ACT 2604, email address: enquiry@alia.org.au, by 6:00pm AEST on **12 May 2008**. Proxy forms must not specify how the holder of the proxy is to vote on specific areas. A proxy must also be a member. A form is available from ALIA National Office or on ALIANet at <http://www.alia.org.au/governance/>
9. By general consent, if there be no objection, or by a two-thirds vote, any rule governing the debate may be suspended.
10. The Chair's rulings on procedural matters may not be debated. The reference for rules and their interpretation by the Parliamentarian will be Joske's The Law and Procedure at Meetings in Australia, 10th ed, 2007. A Parliamentarian will be appointed to advise the Chair on procedures and to assist in determining the results of a poll of members present if necessary.

All members are invited to attend. RSVP: Helen Wheeldon ALIA National Office, ph 02 6215 8222 helen.wheeldon@alia.org.au