

Awards for innovation

In recognition of the innovative practices established by many librarians in Victoria, ALIA is joining with Freelance Library and Information Services Pty Ltd to celebrate excellence in library practice. Presented annually to coincide with Australian Library Week, the awards are open to library staff at all levels who are personal members of ALIA...

The winner of each award will receive \$500 and a citation. Participants may be nominated by their managers, coworkers or clients, or can nominate themselves.

Six awards will be presented, one for each of the following sectors: academic (universities and TAFE); public libraries, including the State Library of

Victoria; school libraries; special libraries; law libraries; and health libraries

The innovation may stem from any aspect of library activity, for example the design of a brochure or home page, the development of teamwork, clever

use of technology, financial efficiency or a children's activity.

There is no formal application form. Applicants should detail the activity or innovation in a short submission outlining the aims, objectives and outcomes of the innovation.

The submission must be accompanied by a letter of support and recommendation from a manager, coworker or client, verifying and supporting the application, and also a cover sheet giving the full name of the applicant, ALIA membership number, name of the library, and contact details.

Applications marked *ALIA awards for innovation in Victoria*, must be forwarded to ALIA, PO Box E441, Queen Victoria Terrace ACT 2600 by 1 March 1996.

These awards give personal ALIA members the opportunity to be recognised publicly and financially for their achievements within the industry and within their host organisation.

Be proactive, market your new ideas, upgrade your reputation within the profession, win recognition for your achievements, and increase your profile. The judging panel will consist of the Victorian president of ALIA, Meg Paul, managing director of FLIS and the president of the relevant ALIA Section.

How innovative are you? Enter today! ■

Is this a first?

A German translation for an Australian library science publication

When Meg Paul and Sandra Crabtree collaborated to write *Strategies for special libraries* they thought such a practical handbook would be useful to Australian librarians. It is now in its second impression. Without any marketing on their part they were approached by SMR International and an American edition is selling like the proverbial hot cakes. Now they have just sold the rights to Deutsches Bibliotheksinstitut for a German edition which will also be marketing the book in Eastern Europe.

Published by Freelance Library and Information Services Pty Ltd the book is now also helping the Australian balance of payments. Negotiations are also under way for an English edition as a pair with Meg Paul's other publication *Manual of fund-raising for libraries*.



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