

Groups take the initiative



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An incentive behind the new group structure was to give groups more scope to take up issues of particular interest and need within their representative area. A number of groups are doing so and here are just some of the projects planned for the next twelve months.

Information literacy on the agenda

The Information Literacy Forum included a request in its group submission for a seeding grant to establish a steering group and employ a consultant to determine the feasibility of establishing a Round Table as 'an ongoing advocacy group to promote and advance the integration of information literacy into community, business, public library, school and tertiary education programs.' The steering group will be a partnership between ALIA, the National Library of Australia and the National Office for the Information Economy. This initiative follows on from the Round Table on Information Literacy for all Australians

held on 28 February 2001 and based on the National Forum for Information Literacy in the United States. The consultancy go to tender in July/August.

Using the numbers

As the Health Libraries Australia Group states in its submission 'if we aren't counted, we don't count.' The group will undertake a census of health libraries and staff to identify its market and to collect data to assist in benchmarking exercises and in making contributions to the national health information policy development process. A project officer will collect and analyse the data and a database will be developed for data storage and analysis and ongoing ALIANet web-based reporting.

Setting the standard

TAFE National Group will be developing performance indicators for TAFE libraries to be used nationally. Health Libraries Australia will be working on a scheme for the accreditation of library services.

Health Libraries Aus-

tralia is to extend the Anne Harrison Award project on Evidence Based Healthcare already underway — to provide a website with some self-directed learning packages — to include a train-the-trainer exercise to develop at least one person from each state and territory as the local leader in promoting skills development in evidence based healthcare.

CPD happenings

Planning a weekend in the country? The Children and Youth Services Victoria Group is holding its *Rhythm and rhyme* biennial literature country weekend in October. ALIA SA will hold its biennial regional conference in Berri later this year. The ALIA Hunter Regional Group is working with the University of Newcastle on a regional conference in September, and in November ALIA Riverina is holding a regional 'mini' conference and ALIA Tasmania is holding a statewide conference.

In addition there are hundreds of CPD activities planned that will be listed in the Events columns in *inCite* and on ALIANet. To assist members outside the region, South Queensland University and Research Libraries (SQURLS) Group will be videotaping its major seminar for distribution on request.

New groups

Submissions for endorsement of a group by the Board of Directors may be made at any time. Details are at <http://www.alia.org.au/groups/> or available from National Office.

Books Alive!

The Australia Council has issued *Update No.1* (June) for Books Alive!, the campaign to 'promote the intrinsic value of books, reading and literacy (particularly for children) and the books of Australian writers' and part of the Federal Government's Book Industry Assistance Plan (BIAP). ALIA is represented on the reference group. The Australia Council is distributing the *Update* to public libraries. If you are not in a public library and would like a copy please contact ALIA National Office or log on to their website at <http://www.ozco.gov.au/issues/booksalive/>.

Honour roll

Back in October 2000 the idea of a 20th century Honour Roll was floated in *inCite*. Given the overwhelming response to the call for nominations beyond those initially listed the Board of Directors has decided not to proceed with the Roll at this stage. All nominations will be retained for future record and the Board thanks all those who made sugges-

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