

## ACT

• **6/6 ACT Specials.** *Librarians Libations.* Knock back your cheque and celebrate a return to the Hyatt! From 5:30pm. Contact: Julie Philips, ph 02 6208 5112, [jphilips@nma.gov.au](mailto:jphilips@nma.gov.au)

• **12/6 ACTIVE ALIA.** *Monthly meeting.* Jennefer Nicholson, ALIA executive director, will speak to us on the new ALIA. All welcome. 4th floor, Conference Room, NLA, 5:30pm. Contact: Judith Brooker (Group treasurer), [judith.brooker@alianet.alia.org.au](mailto:judith.brooker@alianet.alia.org.au)

• **17/6 PEARLS** (Previously Employed Australian Retired Librarians). All retired library people welcome, and any intending to retire soon. Backbenches, Old Parliament House, for coffee, cakes and conversation, 2:30pm. Contact Jon Prance ph 02 6255 1857, [prance@c031.aone.net.au](mailto:prance@c031.aone.net.au)

• **19/6 URLs.** *Virtual libraries:* Amanda Magnussen, IP Australia Library, will compare Commonwealth Government libraries today with earlier studies by CAUL and ARL, and will discuss a model of what virtual libraries might look like. McDonald Room Menzies Library ANU, 12:30pm. Contact: Nancy Clarke, ph 02 6209 1117, [N.Clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au](mailto:N.Clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au)

## NSW

• **14/6 ALIA Riverina.** *Meeting & Annual General meeting.* Wagga TAFE Library, Macleay Street, Wagga, 6:30pm. And afterwards? Dinner arrangements to be advised. Contact: Tim Eggleston, ph 02 6022 9103, fx 02 6024 1716, [timeg@umrl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:timeg@umrl.nsw.gov.au)

• **21/6 Children & Youth Services (NSW).** *Pre-bookweek extravaganza:* an event to celebrate the Children's Book Council Shortlist and share ideas for displays, readers theatre, activities based on the shortlist. Burwood Council Chambers, 4-8pm, refreshments provided. For more information contact: Mylee Joseph, ph 02 9777 7900, [mylee.joseph@willoughby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mylee.joseph@willoughby.nsw.gov.au)

**4/7 AGSM Business Information Service.** *Implementing change in your library seminar:* an international change management expert helps you implement your next innovation. AGSM Business Information Service, Australian Graduate School of Management, 9-5pm. Cost: \$550.00. Contact: Jennifer Bartolo, ph 02 9931 9391, fx 02 9662 2451, [jennifeb@agsm.edu.au](mailto:jennifeb@agsm.edu.au), <http://www.library.agsm.edu.au>

**8/7 CAVAL training activities.** *Preparing a disaster plan:* led by Jeavons Baillie. Venue: tba, Sydney, 9-12pm. Cost: \$176.00. Contact: Eve Cornish, [evvec@caval.edu.au](mailto:evvec@caval.edu.au), register online at [http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego\\_form.html](http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html)

**8/7 CAVAL training activities.** *Disaster response issues for senior managers:* led by Jeavons Baillie. Venue: tba, 1-5pm. Cost: \$176.00. Contact: Eve

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# Sharing the future – ALIA and ASLA working together

**T**he governing bodies of the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) and the Australian School Library Association (ASLA) acknowledge the importance of working together now and in the future to better meet the professional and representational needs of those within or interested in the school library and information sector. Sharing the future agreement, 2001.

As a result of discussions between June Wall, president of ASLA and Mairéad Browne, then president of ALIA, a significant chapter in co-operation between two professional associations has commenced.

As part of this agreement, ALIA and ASLA will offer member reciprocity for membership of e-lists/e-newsletters, and member rates for professional development programs, conference and publications (including journals).

Following a nomination process by member associations, two joint ALIA/ASLA groups were formed in February.

## ALIA/ASLA Policy Advisory Group

**Members:** Anne Girolami, ALIA (convenor); Jill Ball, ASLA; Pru Mitchell, ASLA; Sandra Ryan, ALIA

The purpose of the ALIA/ASLA policy advisory group is to advise the ALIA Board of Directors and the ASLA Federal Council on:

- submissions to governments and other bodies on matters relating to library and information practice within the school community. Submissions may be in response to a call for submissions or at the instigation of ALIA/ASLA for lobbying or advocacy purposes;
- the development of policy statements or documents relating to library and information practice within the school community;
- policy and practice matters of interest and concern to members. Such matters may be referred from or to the ALIA/ASLA governing bodies;
- representation on appropriate bodies;
- other matters as determined by the ALIA Board of Directors and the ASLA Federal Council; and

- mechanisms for collecting statistical data and research information on the sector.

The initial priority for this group has been reconsideration and updating:

- the ALIA/ASLA joint statement on library and information services in schools;
- the ALIA/ASLA joint statement on teacher librarians;
- *The library and information sector: core knowledge, skills and attitudes* (ALIA draft statement).

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## ALIA/ASLA Joint Issues Taskforce

**Members:** Pru Mitchell (convenor); Di Ballantyne, ASLA; Kris Johnstone, ALIA

The purpose of the ALIA/ASLA Joint Issues Taskforce is to develop and recommend strategies for:

- articulating and promoting the role of library and information services and staff within the school community;
- investigating employment and career path opportunities for qualified teacher librarians;
- reviewing publishing programs within the two organisations and to identify opportunities for further collaboration;
- identifying professional development priorities for currency of knowledge and implementing best practice.

The initial priority for this group has been consideration of:

- education for teacher librarians, including standards and continuing professional development;
- a proposal for a publication containing practical career and employment resources for teacher librarians; and
- how to show off the results of research and evidence-based practice, and how to promote the profession.

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