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# E-deluge as 300 e-delegates e-mbrace ALIA 2002 Issues Forum

**O**K, let's see. Nobody guessed the origin of last month's quotation (Alan Ayckbourn, *Table manners* (1975), act 2, sc. 1), but 300 registered for the Issues Forum ... Must be something going on.

Sure is.

Convenors of ALIA Groups are posting their pressing issues, and National Policy Congress and Peak Bodies Forum reports are being pillaged for postable points.

Fragments of the new agenda are taking form:

- Employment prospects and career paths for librarians.
- Challenges in providing academic services within public libraries.
- Advantages of joint-partner libraries.
- Characteristics of authoritative information.

- Database licensing provisions — restricting access to information
- Contributions to the National Bibliographic Database (NBD) by publicly funded libraries.
- Benefits of ALIA membership.
- Role of music in attracting young people to libraries.
- Knowledge management and corporate memory.

Add your issues. Join us at <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/alia2002/issues.html>.

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This month's quote? 'A library is thought in cold storage.'

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