I don't want to go to school, but I want to take part in NSS 2003!

National Simultaneous Storytime, 5 September, 11 am AEST

The popular National Simultaneous Storytime will this year be on Friday 5 September at 11:00am AEST. *I don't want to go to school*, written by Christine Harris and illustrated by Craig Smith, is the chosen book for 2003.

Sponsored by Dymocks bookstores and Random House, National Simultaneous Storytime will involve *I don't want to go to school* being read simultaneously to groups of children in Dymocks book stores (eighty locations), libraries, primary schools, childcare centres and pre-schools. In 2002, more than 700 locations throughout Australia took part in National Simultaneous Storytime. ALIA will again be producing and distributing promotional posters, bookmarks and certificates to participating groups.

More details, including how to register to participate, will be in July *inCite* and soon at http://alia.org.au/advocacy/. ∎

Kinetica innovation awards

Australian libraries have used the National Library of Australia's Kinetica service for many years to improve services to their customers and to automate aspects of their library operations.

Libraries have been great innovators, developing new services and improving their processes with verve and originality. Kinetica has been fundamental to creative solutions in state, university, special and public libraries.

The Kinetica Advisory Committee and the National Library of Australia are launching a new award program to recognise the innovative projects developed by libraries that use Kinetica. Nominations can be made for any innovative use of Kinetica. Areas for nomination are only limited by your imagination. Some of the areas of innovation you could consider include the following.

- Library users: Innovations that primarily benefit the library user, including providing access to the resources of Australian libraries.
- Library operations: Innovations that improve the efficiency or effectiveness of an area of operation of a library.
- Partnership: Technological innovations demonstrating partnerships and strategic alliances with industry, the community and/or in other institutions.
- Leadership: For overall leadership in the use of Kinetica in any library sector or area.

Up to three awards will be made each year at the Kinetica Annual Users Meeting. All winners will make a presentation at the meeting, providing an opportunity to let the Australian library community hear about innovative projects.

What will the winner receive? The Award consists of a free registration at the Kinetica Annual Users' Meeting, an engraved plaque, inclusion in the Kinetica Award register and $3000 towards the organisation's Kinetica account for the following year. Award winners will be announced at the Kinetica Annual Users' Meeting and will be required to deliver a short presentation on their innovation.

Applications need to be lodged by 30 June 2003. For more information see: http://www.nla.gov.au/kinetica/aum/aum03/award.html or contact the help desk on 1800 026 155

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