Adult Learners' Week 2003

What is information literacy?

Online Forum on Information Literacy for the Great Literacy Debate, 1–7 September

What is information literacy? Are the information literacy skills taught in one context portable to another?

Log on, debate and find out!

As a partnership activity with Adult Learning Australia (ALA), under the interim National Coalition on Information Literacy, the ALIA Information Literacy Forum is organising an online debate to take place between 1 and 7 September. This will run throughout the week on INFOLIT, our e-mail discussion list, and is open to everyone to participate.

Annemaree Lloyd of Charles Sturt University will lead the debate around 'Into the broader context: exploring information literacy meaning' — looking at what it means to be an information literate person, drawing on her research on information literacy in the workplace. The Forum has run an annual online debate each year since 2000 as a virtual professional activity. These are archived on the group's website http://alia.org.au/members-only/groups/infolit/debate.topics/.

The Great Literacy Debate is a major project of Adult Learning Australia's (ALA) special focus on literacy this year, to coincide with the commencement of the United Nations Literacy Decade. As part of this focus the ALIA Information Literacy Forum, in conjunction with Adult Learning Australia, launched *A library advocate's guide to building information literate communities* during Library and Information Week. This is kit available at http://alia.org.au/advocacy/literacy.kit.pdf.

ALA has a website with information about the debate and the week — go to http://www.adultlearnersweek.org/. There will be a series of debates on literacy held by organisations, large and small, around the country during Adult Learners Week (ALW). ALA is actively encouraging a whole range of organisations to stage their own literacy debates during ALW and is offering research support to help these debates get underway. Please get involved in a debate or in Adult Learners Week!

Our debate promises to stimulate and provoke discussion around definitions and meaning. To subscribe to aliaINFOLIT go to http://alia.org.au/alianet/e-lists/.

To send a message to the list the address is aliainfolit@lists.alia.org.au.

The discussion will be facilitated by Helena Zobec — all inquiries to helena.zobec@cit.act.edu.au.

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Knowledge management interim standard

Earlier this year Standards Australia International (SAI) released the Interim Standard AS 5037 (Int) Knowledge Management.

AS 5037 (Int) provides a model for the implementation of knowledge management and will have wide application across a range of organisations from commercial firms to government to community groups. The target audience of the Interim Standard are individuals, organisations and communities embarking on KM. The interim standard supersedes the handbook HB 275 *Knowledge Management — A framework for succeeding in the knowledge era* which was SAI's landmark publication in this field.

Feedback on the Interim Standard will guide the development of the final Standard due out in 2004. Until this is released the Interim Standard remains current. Workshops were held from March to May 2003 to explain the Interim Standard. SAI and the Knowledge Management Committee MB-007 continue to seek feedback on the interim standard.

A number of members of the Australian Library and Information Association participated in developing the standard, as representatives of ALIA, as individuals, and as representatives of other organisations. Dale Chatwin represents ALIA on the MB-007 committee responsible for developing the interim standard.

ALIA members are encouraged to provide feedback on AS 5037 (Int), either by e-mail to Dale as ALIA's representative (dale.chatwin@abs.gov.au) or through the online feedback form at http://www.knowledge.standards.com.au/KM/FRAMEWORK/ISRELEASE/ISRELEASE.HTM.

The Interim Standard can be purchased at from SAI (http://www.standards.com.au/ or by calling 1300 65 4646).

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