

Recognising services to young people

Nominations are called for two awards recognising excellence in services to children and young people

The Bess Thomas Award

Entries are invited for the 2004 Bess Thomas Award commemorating an Australian pioneer in children's librarianship. This award is a grant of \$250 towards a project initiating or supplementing public library services for young people.

Aims

- Encourage and support the development of innovative and significant public library services to young people.
- Promote public and professional awareness of the importance of services to young people in public libraries.
- Honour the bequest made by Bess Thomas and commemorate her contribution to Australian children's libraries.

Applications close on 30 June 2004

May be made by individuals, public library services, regional services and co-operative networks. Require the consent of employing authorities.

Selection criteria

- Innovative proposals to develop services or supplement resources for young people in public libraries.
- Benefits of the project.
- Demonstration of special needs.

The Marjorie Cotton Award

Entries are invited for the 2004 Marjorie Cotton Award commemorating an Australian pioneer in children's librarianship. This award is a citation and certificate recognising an outstanding contribution to children's and youth library services.

Aims

- Promote the role and image of children's and youth services librarians.
- Recognise individual achievement and co-operative networking in pro-

viding services for young people in public libraries.

- Encourage children's and youth services librarians to actively support the profession and the Association.

Eligibility

Any ALIA member who is employed as a children's or youth services librarian in a public library.

Nominations close on 30 June 2004

May be made by ALIA members, employers or colleagues. Require a proposer, a seconder and the nominee's consent.

Selection criteria:

- An outstanding contribution to developing, implementing or promoting services to young people in libraries.
- Active participation in co-operative networks, committees or groups furthering public library services to young people.
- Research, publication or presentation of a paper on the subject of children's/youth librarianship or literature.

Further details

To be sent to Mylee Joseph, Hurstville City Library and Information Service, 12-22 Dora Street, Hurstville NSW 2220. For more information please contact Mylee Joseph 02 9330 6131 or mjoseph@hurstville.nsw.gov.au.

Presentation

The Bess Thomas Award and The Marjorie Cotton Award will both be presented at the ALIA Biennial Conference 2004.

Written reports

Written reports on both awards will be submitted for publication in *Orana* and *inCite*. ■

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We are also planning to feature the conference trade exhibition in this space in the next couple of months, so make sure you get your booth booking to the conference managers to be included! ■