



Library and Information Week, 23–29 May 2005

New sponsor announced

ALIA is delighted to announce that NetAlert Limited will be the principal sponsor for Library and Information Week 2005.

NetAlert is Australia's internet safety advisory body. Its vision is to promote a safer internet experience for young people and their families. NetAlert recognises that one of the main areas where families, and especially children, access the internet is at their local public library. So the organisation will be working closely with ALIA to produce and distribute educational materials to Australian public libraries to raise awareness of the safe use of the internet.

A not-for-profit advisory organisation, NetAlert was established by the Australian Government in late 1999 to provide independent advice and education on internet safety and managing access to online content. In its community education programs the organisation focuses on reassuring parents that their children's internet experience can be safe, educational, informative and entertaining. These programs provide practical information for those who wish to responsibly manage their own and their children's internet use.

In fulfilling its charter, NetAlert works closely with national and state government agencies (particularly the Australian Broadcasting Authority), the internet industry and community organisations.

An e-mail and telephone helpline focuses on the methods (including filtering) of managing inappropriate content and providing children with safe access to the internet. The helpline is accessible through a toll-free national telephone number: 1800 880 176 and an e-mail address: enquiries@netalert.net.au.

The NetAlert website, <http://www.netalert.net.au>, contains advice, information and resources on internet safety. Free materials including posters, brochures and information

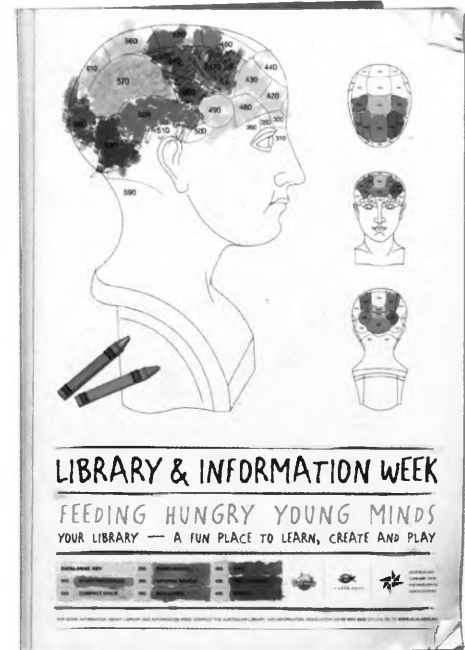
sheets are available for individuals and organisations. A children's website, <http://www.nettysworld.com.au>, designed by NetAlert, teaches youngsters the concepts of internet safety in a fun and interactive environment.

During Library and Information Week 2005 NetAlert will distribute its *Librarian's guide to internet safety*, containing internet safety tips for library patrons, and will launch its new online resource for librarians at <http://www.netalert.net.au/library/>.

Other LIW news

Merchandise for Library and Information Week 2005 is now available. ALIA's Library and Information Week Planning and Advisory Group has been working with designers to create a fresh and creative series of three posters and three bookmarks aimed at: children, especially in school and public libraries; information science/information online, with a focus on librarians' expertise, and products and services in libraries; and the promotion of library and information services to a tertiary student population. Posters can be bought individually or in a discount pack of three, and bookmarks are available in mixed packs of 30 and 75. To purchase any of these items visit ALIA's online shop at <http://shop.alia.org.au>.

Libraries around the country are now busily preparing their activities for Library and Information Week. ALIA National Office would love to know what your library is planning, so we can profile certain events in the lead-up to and during the week. E-mail alw@alia.org.au with the details of your organisation's activities and stay tuned to <http://alia.org.au/advocacy/alw/2005/> for regular updates. ■



One of the images developed by the Library and Information Week Planning and Advisory Group. Merchandise is now available from <http://shop.alia.org.au>.

Call for expressions of interest: editor

The Editorial Board of the *Australian Academic and Research Libraries* (AARL) journal is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced persons for the position of editor of the journal.

AARL is the quarterly journal devoted to all aspects of librarianship and information management and services in academic, research and technical libraries, and information organisations and associations.

First published in 1970, AARL has established an international reputation as one of the leading professional journals in its field. It publishes original, refereed contributions on all aspects of librarianship and library and information services. All articles appearing in AARL are fully peer refereed.

The closing date for expressions of interest is 29 April 2005.

Further information on the duties and responsibilities of the editor, and the role of the editorial board, can be obtained from Earle Gow, chair, editorial board, c/- Borchardt Library, La Trobe University, Victoria 3086, ph 03 9479 2920, fx 03 9479 3018, e.gow@latrobe.edu.au. ■