

# 3rd International Evidence Based Librarianship Conference

16–19 October 2005, Brisbane

## What's it all about?

Be sure to be a part of the 2005 Evidence Based Librarianship (EBL) conference, which is making its debut in Brisbane, Australia. The conference reflects the growing importance of evidence-based practice in all sectors of the library and information profession. It will challenge you to rethink and refine the ways in which you work as a library and information professional in the twenty-first century.

## Is it relevant to my field of expertise?

Yes. EBL developed from the medical field and has successfully been applied across various library and information industries such as universities and public libraries. It is a universal tool that can be applied to any environment, including yours.

## What's in it for me?

You will:

- gain an understanding of evidence-based librarianship and its role in the library and information profession
- become familiar with conceptual and theoretical frameworks
- acquire an awareness of potential directions for the future and the evidence base that underpins practice
- learn from case studies that use EBL tools and techniques showcasing innovative practice within the profession

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- establish national and international networks
- be armed with strategies to provide you with the foundations for a sustainable and rewarding future.

Andrew Booth (LIANZA 2000), the godfather of EBL, who will be a keynote speaker at the 2005 conference, defines EBL as:

*an approach to information science that promotes the collection, interpretation and integration of valid, important and applicable user-reported, librarian-observed and research-derived evidence. The best-available evidence, moderated by user needs and preferences, is applied to improve the quality of professional judgements.*

The 3rd International EBL Conference will build on the ideas generated at the two previous international EBL conferences, held in Sheffield, UK (2001) and Edmonton, Canada (2003).

The committee wishes to advise that the conference is designed to provide a forum that facilitates exclusive sharing and discussion of experiences and knowledge. Therefore participant numbers are limited. Visit <http://conferences.alia.org.au/eb12005/> for more information.

Early bird registration is from 1 June to 1 August 2005. Don't miss out! ■

## neXt 2005 trade exhibit

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For the last two years various committees have been making a collaborative effort to put together *neXt 2005*: ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Conference. This collaborative process began with the appointments of various committees to tackle the vast array of work required.

The Trade Committee is responsible for attracting trade sponsorship and organising a trade exhibition to provide delegates with access to the world of library suppliers and the latest in services and new products at this, the premier event for technicians and library staff. These companies work weeks and sometimes months ahead, establishing their presentations to delegates at the conference. Not only do these participants exhibit, but they also sponsor awards, dinners, refreshments, satchels etc. They are an important part of any conference and the *neXt 2005* committee is proud to announce that the State Library of New South Wales has become a Silver Sponsor of the conference. Thanks go to Dagmar Schmidmaier, state librarian and CEO, for

her generous support of the conference. Visit their stand at the trade exhibit to see the array of their services and resources available at the State Library!

The *neXt 2005* trade exhibit is not only as a chance to 'schmooze and cruise' what is available for the library industry, but also to collect business cards and discuss your needs with booth exhibitors.

Conference sponsors include the State Library of New South Wales, Macquarie University, the National Library of Australia, EBSCO, 3M Australia, RAECO International, Northern Territory Library and Information Service, Edith Cowan University and Bold Women, Big Ideas.

The Conference Committee looks forward to welcoming delegates and library industry representatives to the *neXt 2005* conference, 6–9 September, at Darling Harbour, Sydney. Registrations are now open, so find out more about the program and how to register at <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2005/>.

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