

It all happened in Perth

Click06 was a huge success, with registrations exceeding organisers' predictions, inspirational papers on a wide variety of library issues, and the chance to meet up with life-long library colleagues and friends. A great time was had by all, and we hope everyone was able to take something back to their workplace and share what they learnt with their colleagues.

Welcome drinks

Click06 kicked off on Tuesday evening with Welcome Drinks at the trade exhibition at the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre. Everyone was pleased with the funky orange and white conference satchels they received on registration (apologies to those who received a black bag, the number of registrations far exceeded our initial predictions!). The Civica

maracas handed out by circus folk at the door were a fun touch and the roving Spanish musicians were entertaining. Drinks and finger food were plentiful and there was a real buzz in the air as people caught up with friends and colleagues from near and far. Quite a few lively librarians stayed around until close to 9:00pm.

First timer's breakfast

For the first timers at an ALIA conference the day began early with a satisfying full cooked breakfast. It was a perfect opportunity to meet new people in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. There were copious amounts of beautiful food and an air of excitement and anticipation before the conference began.



Keynote speaker, Dr Dawn Casey, with Dagmar Schmidmaier AM, ALIA President

Wednesday

The first keynote speaker of the click06 conference, Josephine Bryant, thrilled and inspired us as she discussed the process of amalgamating seven municipal libraries (98 branches) into the Toronto Public Library System, the largest system in North America. She was a thought-provoking and inspirational speaker who presented an array of interesting ideas for everyone to take away and think about.

The concurrent sessions provided us all with information that was stimulating, challenging and motivating. Concurrent session 2 began with Katryn Pearson and Meredith Martinelli and their presentation 'Not the "R" word! – the impact of organisational restructuring at Macquarie University Library'. Robyn Benjamin followed with a presentation about the restructuring of the Technical Services Department at the University of Western Sydney. These presentations on organisational restructuring encouraged us all to be 'change champions' and be positive while working with restructuring. In concurrent session 1 Andy Wright gave an enthralling presentation, '1001 Australian Nights: the importance of librarians telling their own story'. This talk inspired several 'share the stories' entries on the conference blog.

After a fabulous lunch in the exhibition hall Grant Stone woke us up with Laughter Yoga and a presentation on the portrayal of librarians in film. Dawn Casey delivered her keynote address, which was an eye-opener for many on the similar issues libraries and museums have to deal with. Dr Casey then launched the National and State Libraries Australian Indigenous Policy.

The afternoon concurrent sessions included Chris Kelly from Hume Global Learning Village, who spoke about a new partnership of learning providers, librarians and government to provide education services for the residents of the City of Hume. Helen Partridge's paper was 'Understanding digital inequality in the smart city: a psychological model'. Helen challenged the group to consider whether the digital services we are designing encourage use.



The ALIA stand where a range of information and advice was on hand

ALIA awards presented at Click06

Ena Noël Award: Tony Eaton

Marjorie Cotton Award: Carolyn Bourke, Fairfield City Library Service NSW

Bess Thomas Award: Auburn Library NSW

YBP/Lindsay & Croft Research Award for Collection Services: Bruce Munro and Peter Philips

ALIA Study Grant Award: Edmund Balnaves

Twila Ann Janssen Herr Research Award for Disability Services: Cameron Tang

ALIA Fellowship: Imogen Garner

FA Sharr Medal: Melissa Okely



Imogen Garner receiving her ALIA Fellowship award at CLICK06

An eminence of presidents



(l-r) Imogen Garner, 2004–05; Lynn Allen, 1990; Alan Bundy, 1988, 2001–02; Kerry Smith, 1997; Robert Sharman, 1971–72; Bill Linklater, 1994; Christine MacKenzie, 2003–04; John Shipp, 1998; Gillian Hallam, 2005–06; Alex Byne, IFLA President, 2005–07; and Dagmar Schmidmaier AM, 2006–2007

Thursday

Thursday began with the 'Meet the leaders' session, where Alex Byne (IFLA President) and Dagmar Schmidmaier (ALIA President) each spoke about their organisations, where they stand now and their vision for the future, as well as how each came to be president. Both reminded the audience that the real value of getting involved in the activities of your professional organisation is in the participation and knowing that you are making a difference.

Topics of the concurrent sessions included the results of an OPAC transaction log study in Germany, issues surrounding RFID and the Wave Riders HSC support program being run by a co-op of Sydney libraries. Australian libraries could take note of the findings from the German study that OR and NOT were used much more when they were presented as radio button options on the catalogue, instead of as a drop-down menu where the other options aren't immediately visible.

After lunch, the new grads ran the wake up session, a 'Gold medal coaches' ceremony. They presented certificates of recognition and medals to more than a dozen librarians who had been nominated by new grads as great mentors.

In Penny Carnaby's keynote address she took us on a whirlwind journey through New Zealand's new digital strategy and how recent library developments have made this possible. Aus-

tralia can learn a lot from our library colleagues across the Tasman with the aim of establishing a similar strategy in this country.

The next session of concurrent papers included university library reference and information literacy services, SMS reference and print vs electronic reference sources.

Conference dinner

The dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Everyone who had been to the opening function brought along their Civica maracas to add to the Spanish atmosphere. The food was fantastic and Darren Reid and the Soul City Groove had most out of their seats and dancing within a couple of numbers.

Friday

Friday was another full program. Neil McClelland shared the experiences of the UK Literacy Trust in partnering with public libraries, teachers, the corporate sector and professional football players to encourage reading from a early age. Concurrent sessions included hot tips on hot technologies such as wikis and blogs, and financial accounting for libraries and collections. There was a particularly interesting discussion on different ways libraries can contribute to socially inclusive communities by providing services to minority groups such as the homeless, and partnering with health care professionals to provide self-help books.

Jason Clarke revved up the crowd after lunch with a rousing talk on creative thinking. The afternoon involved an announcement about the National Licensing Initiative, presentation of some important awards and closing remarks from ALIA President Dagmar Schmidmaier and the conference organising committee. Finally, the organising committee for Dreaming08 in Alice Springs gave an inspirational presentation that had everyone determined to make their way to the Northern Territory



Chelsea Harper, Kate Davis and Clare Glanville enjoying Click06



WA LLO Natarsha Larment on the ALIA stand

for the 2008 ALIA Biennial Conference.

Blog

The click06 conference blog was a great success, a big thank you to all the bloggers who participated. If you want to check out photos from the events and more information please visit the click06 blog at: <http://click06blog.blogspot.com/>.

The conference papers will be on the Click06 website (<http://conferences.alia.org.au/alia2006/>) around mid-October. If you haven't completed your evaluation form we encourage you to do so from the conference website.

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