

# ALIA Appoints new Professional Development Officer

ALIA is pleased to announce the appointment of Karen Mills to the position of Professional Development (PD) Officer at its national office. Karen graduated as a Library Technician from Canberra Institute of Technology in 2005 and comes to us from the University of Canberra.



She has an eclectic background in client services and small business management before entering the Library field. Now studying part time, Karen recognises the value of continuing professional development to achieve one's goals in an ever-changing career environment.

Karen will be working closely with ALIA's training partners to further develop our quality training opportunities offered and to meet the needs and expectations of information professionals. Karen will also be managing the PD Scheme offered to ALIA members and assisting participants in this scheme. She is happy to discuss your professional development issues.

Contact Karen on 02 6215 8216 or [karen.mills@alia.org.au](mailto:karen.mills@alia.org.au)

## NAIDOC Week at Blue Mountains libraries

Springwood Library was transformed during NAIDOC Week, with the assistance of the local children in the Blue Mountains and Morna and Teneille (Children's and Young Adult Team)

A poster competition was held with the theme '50 years — Looking Forward-Looking Back' and the response was an overwhelming number of entries from all over the mountains. The fantastic quality of the artwork made choosing a winner difficult. There was also a display of stained glass native animals which the Creative Monday group had made.



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## What did your library do for NAIDOC Week 8–15 July?

Share your library's events and activities by emailing a short report to [incite@alia.org.au](mailto:incite@alia.org.au).

Other activities held during NAIDOC Week included a Family Night, where Aboriginal performer Mitchell Chatfield played the didgeridoo and spoke of his culture, and everyone had the opportunity to try some Indigenous food.

Aboriginal artist Kim Mooney held craft sessions at both Springwood and Katoomba libraries, where the children participated in Indigenous craft activities and had their faces painted with native animals. The week finished with the children creating native animal mosaics made from dried beans — a fantastic time was had by all.

**Morna Colbran**  
Blue Mountains City Council Libraries