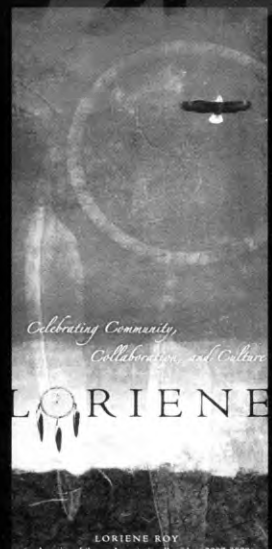# Loriene Roy visits ALIA

Staff at ALIA National Office recently welcomed Dr Loriene Roy, President-Elect 2006–2007 of the American Library Association when she made a brief visit to Canberra following 2Deadly, the ATSILIRN Conference where she was a keynote speaker.

A professor in the School of Information at the University of Texas, Austin, Dr Roy is an enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa tribe and has worked to develop programs that encourage indigenous Americans' use of and involvement in library and information services.

Staff members enjoyed the opportunity to discuss a variety of issues including some of the similarities and differences between ALIA and ALA and to explore areas of possible future collaboration between the two Associations. Loriene was very interested to learn that ALIA's next biennial conference is to be held in Alice Springs and we look forward to welcoming her to Dreaming 08 in two years time.

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ALIA Research Awards

In 2007 ALIA is offering two research awards that can assist members to undertake projects of value to the profession. The Dunn & Wilson Scholarship is open to library technician members who wish to undertake a project of relevance to the particular roles technicians can occupy in the information profession. The Ray Choate Scholarship provides an opportunity for members to investiagate an aspect of reference or information service that can lead to improved service provision.

More detailed information about the Dunn & Wilson and Ray Choate Scholarships and how to develop a project applicaton is available on the ALIA website http://alia.org.au/awards/ Applications for the two awards close on 1 June 2007 and all applicants must be financial members of ALIA at the time of application. For further information contact Marie Murphy marie.murphy@alia.org.au