

ALIA 2008 Biennial Conference: dreaming08



Don't just dream during your holiday break — submit an abstract!

Hello from the Red Centre, THE place to be in September 2008. The Conference Committee members are aware, as we approach Christmas 2007, that life becomes rather hectic, specifically, Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year. We also realise that many of the readers of *inCite* will be having well deserved breaks. But don't let your brains become idle. The Conference Committee and ALIA have a challenge for you! Yes, why not think about writing a paper for the dreaming08 conference?

The Call for Papers is available on the conference website <www.alia2008.com>. The crucial date for abstract submission is Wednesday 30th January 2008, hence this reminder not to totally veg out over the holiday period. All abstracts submitted must be original work and not previously presented in any form at other conferences.

The evaluation of abstracts will be based on the following criteria:

- suitability to the conference themes

- importance and interest of the topic to delegates
- demonstrated evidence of creativity, leadership and excellence in professional practice.

The Conference Committee and ALIA have produced a varied and exciting list of themes to maintain the high standard of all ALIA conferences, which allow delegates to gain further professional development and knowledge:

- D for dreaming the future, 'alteryre'
- R for research
- E for entrepreneurship
- A for access
- M for meeting places.

It must be emphasised that abstracts with an Indigenous focus on the above themes will be favourably received.

So readers, the ball is now in your court. We have created the best possible venue and themes for you. The keynote speakers are in place. But these are nothing compared with the quality of the program needed

for the conference. How to convince your workplace to send you to this fascinating part of the country? Create papers that will educate, excite and empower library workers all over the country.


Don't just dream; do it!

Each month, the Committee will be posing readers a question about Alice and the Northern Territory. If you know the answer, email one of the Committee — check out the website at <www.alia2008.com> for our contact details — and on the first working day of each month, we will draw a winner who will receive a gift voucher to be spent in Alice Springs next September. Answers and winners will be announced in the following issue.

The question for the December issue:

How many Libraries and Knowledge Centres (LKC's) are located in remote communities in the Northern Territory?

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