

# Conferences

## ALIA dreaming08

2–5 September 2008



Registrations are coming in fast and furious and if you don't want to miss out then you'd better get moving. By the time this issue is published, early bird registrations will be close to closing but don't let that deter you – there's still time to be part of the best Australian library conference in 2008. All the information you need to register is on the conference website at <http://www.alia2008.com>

The program has been up on the website for some time and while you're looking at it, check out the Satellites as well. There's a number of really interesting options on Monday the 1st and Tuesday the 2nd of September – enough choice for anyone, whatever their interests. Why not consider flying into Alice on the Sunday and including a couple of sessions on the Monday and the Library Tours on the Tuesday in your itinerary.

The trade exhibition is being held in a 40m x 25m Hoecker marquee in the grounds of the main conference venue, an exciting innovation for both ALIA and the Alice Springs Convention Centre. All the exhibition booths had sold out by the end of May!

It seems that 'different' will be the catchword of the conference. The entertainment at the Welcome and Farewell events will certainly be different, as will the library tours, the conference dinner held under the stars, the Australasian premiere of the documentary 'Hollywood Librarian' and, of course, the main program with its fascinating array of keynote speakers and its strong Indigenous content.

Alice Springs itself is 'different' as is the Red Centre with its desert landscape and stunning colours. It's hoped that delegates will take the opportunity to extend their stay and explore this exciting area of Australia.

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## ALIA Information Online Conference and Exhibition 2009

20–22 January 2009



Planning for 09 is on track and on target!

ALIA, the Information Online Organising Committee and Conference Action would like to welcome our second GOLD SPONSOR ProQuest LLC. ProQuest's mission is to create innovative products and services that are valued by researchers and the libraries which serve them. As a company, ProQuest stands for the power of discovery through research.

The list of exhibitors that have signed up for the 09 trade exhibition continues to grow with 75 exhibitors including Dun & Bradstreet, Mergent Inc, RMIT Publishing, The Australian Financial Review, and Serials Solutions to name a few.

The call for papers has now closed and 122 abstracts were received for 65 places in the program. Themes include service delivery, knowledge and content management, digital rights, e-learning, information architecture and emerging technologies.

Information Online 2009 is the leading conference and exhibition for the online information industry in the Asia-Pacific region. It will be held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour from Tuesday 20 – Thursday 22 January 2009. Satellite events are planned for Monday 19 and Friday 23 January.

See the latest Information Online news at <http://www.information-online.com.au>

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## ALIA New Librarians Symposium 2008

5–6 December 2008

Registration opens!



On behalf of the Organising Committee, I am excited to announce that registration for the ALIA New Librarians Symposium 2008, to be held in Melbourne, is now open!

The ALIA New Librarians Symposium 2008 Conference will provide a forum for new librarians, as well as new graduates in related and associated fields, to network with peers. Delegates will have many opportunities to meet and talk with some of the most influential leaders of our industry, as well as take advantage of the cross sectoral nature of the event by gaining new perspectives on other sectors and fields. This conference offers a stimulating program featuring leaders in their fields of expertise and based on the Conference themes 'breaking barriers'.

The Early Bird registration deadline is 05 September 2008 and the easiest method of registration is on-line via the Conference website. <http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2008/>

While in Melbourne, don't forget to visit our gold sponsor, the State Library of Victoria with its stunning Domed Reading Room. This icon of the Melbourne skyline was the largest of its type in the world upon its opening in 1913, and underwent major refurbishment between 1999 and 2003 to restore it to its former glory.

To keep to date with what's happening with your NLS4 Melbourne 2008 Conference, subscribe to our news feeds. There will be many announcements and other exciting things happening during the lead up to the Conference.

We look forward to seeing you all in Melbourne in 2008.

<http://www.conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2008>

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## ALIA 2009 National Library & Information Technicians Conference

16–18 September 2009

On behalf of the Conference Organising Committee, 'Team Adelaide 2009' I am delighted to invite all library & information technicians and other interested persons, to the 2009 ALIA National Library & Information Technicians Conference.

In 2009, the conference returns to Adelaide, where library technicians convened their first conference, thirty years ago. Known as the city of food and wine, Adelaide is a compact city situated between the beautiful Adelaide Hills and the long white beaches of the Gulf of St Vincent.

The theme of the conference, 'Technology-Technique-Unique', aims to provide a program that will challenge ideas, generate discussion and promote new thinking. It will offer delegates a unique experience, address the challenges and opportunities provided by fast moving technologies and explore the techniques used to survive and thrive in 2009.

Adelaide 2009 will provide a forum where library and information professionals can debate, network with colleagues, participate in tours of best practice sites, attend a trade exhibition and enjoy social activities at a range of Adelaide venues.

The organising committee welcomes suggestions from intending delegates on possible program content. In keeping with the 'Technology' theme a Facebook group has been established <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=18131723932> for suggestions and comments.

Please join us at the conference in September 2009 and stay on to enjoy your visit to Adelaide. We, Team Adelaide 2009, look forward to welcoming old friends, meeting new ones and offering you a conference experience to remember. <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2009/>

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### THIS MONTH'S BIENNIAL QUIZ QUESTION IS:

**Name some of the Indigenous languages still spoken in the Northern Territory?**

Send your answers to any member of the Committee – to find their details go to the conference website at <http://www.alia2008.com>

The question in the last issue was "What year did the first Ghan arrive in Alice Springs from Oodnadatta?" And the answer was: 1929 (as found in 'The Ghan' by Basil Fuller. pp222)

Congratulations to the winner Carol Lydeamore, from Streaky Bay Community School Library.



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