

ACT

12 September: ALIA/RMAA Joint Breakfast Series. Contact Stephanie Ciempka, ph 02 6213 6726, admin@rmaa.com.au.

NSW

2 September: ALIA CYS NSW Meeting. Contact Alexander Mills, ph 02 9716 1827, alexanderm@ashfield.nsw.gov.au

24 September: Library Folk in the Pub. Hippo Lounge, Madison Hotel, Surry Hills. Contact Julian Sortland, ph 0429 470 672, info@lfip.info

NT

17 September: Top End Meeting. No meeting scheduled due to dreaming08. Contact Stephen Barnett, ph 08 8930 0202, s.barnett@darwin.nt.gov.au

QLD

11 September: Reality 2.0: Dealing With Innovation in Today's Information World, Brisbane. Stephen Abram, SLA President. Contact Sue Henczel, ph 03 5227 8246, sue.henczel@deakin.edu.au

12-14 September: Mobile Library Muster 2008. Contact Marian Morgan Bindon, ph 07 5581 6706, lcs@goldcoast.qld.gov.au

SA

10 September: Reality 2.0: Dealing With Innovation in Today's Information World, Adelaide. Stephen Abram, SLA

President. Contact Sue Henczel, ph 03 5227 8246, sue.henczel@deakin.edu.au

16 September: ALIA SA Meeting. Contact Helen Kwaka, ph 08 8397 7454, kwakh@cttg.sa.gov.au

30 September: Open Source Seminar - hold the date. Contact Karen Ayles, ph 08 8302 0277, karen.ayles@unisa.edu.au

TAS

No group events listed for September. Check the events listing online at <http://www.alia.org.au/events/tas.htm>

VIC

11 September: Hollywood Librarian, Melbourne screening. Appearance by writer/director Ann Seidl. 5:30pm, Victoria University. RSVP by Sept 5. Contact Janetta Mascilongo, ph 03 9919 2980

12 September: Reality 2.0: Dealing With Innovation in Today's Information World, Melbourne. Stephen Abram, SLA President. Contact Sue Henczel, ph 03 5227 8246, sue.henczel@deakin.edu.au

WA

17 September: Disaster Planning for Cultural Collections, ALIA/CAVAL, Perth. Lead by Kim Morris. Contact CAVAL Training, ph 03 9450 5508, training@caval.edu.au

ALIA conferences

2-5 September 2008: ALIA 2008 Biennial Conference, Alice Springs, <http://www.alia2008.com>

2 September 2008: Library stars: best of the best, Alice Springs, <http://www.alia.org.au/governance/committees/public-libraries>

2 September 2008: Dreaming 2020 - Strategic visions for health librarianship, Alice Springs, <http://www.alia.org.au/groups/healthnat/>

25-26 October: River of Opportunities V, Canberra. Contact Libby Brackenridge, libby.brackenridge@deakin.edu.au

5-6 December 2008: 4th ALIA New Librarians Symposium, Melbourne, <http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2008/>

20-22 January 2009: ALIA Information Online Conference and Exhibition, Sydney, <http://www.information-online.com.au>

PD opportunities

For a listing of this month's PD opportunities, visit the online event listing <http://www.alia.org.au/events/index.html?2008->

Non-ALIA conferences

For a listing of other non-ALIA conferences, please visit <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/other.html>

ALIA and Library Technician Educators annual meetings

Progress so far...

Working with LIS educators, ALIA hosts an annual forum for library technician educators to provide an opportunity for professional development, the sharing of professional ideas and experiences while building and supporting a community of practice.

In 2006 library technician educators met in Sydney to discuss the potential for the peer review of courses. Facilitated by A/Prof Gillian Hallam and Dr Paul Genoni, the forum focused on whether course design and curriculum content should be determined by the National Training Package. A peer review process was proposed, allowing educators to consider how courses were resourced and delivered while exploring the range of learning activities and assessment approaches.

2007 progress

The 2007 ALIA Library Technician Educators Forum was held in Melbourne on 8 October, and workshop participants formed four groups to review four

dimensions of effective teaching, based on the conceptual framework developed by Queensland University of Technology (QUT).

These learning and teaching groups are: Engaging learners, designing for learning, assessing for learning and managing for learning.

The four dimensions are underpinned by a philosophy of learning and teaching that supports and encourages continuous improvement, the maintenance of currency of knowledge, contributing to new knowledge, the collection of feedback, reflection and analysis, improvement of practice, contributing to communities of practice and the dissemination of outcomes.

Where to from here in 2008

The 2008 Library Technician Educators Forum will be held in Sydney on 24 October and will include discussions on The National Museums and Library/Information Services Training Package. ALIA has had significant input into the development of the training package

with a further review being proposed.

It is expected that the groups will continue to expand upon outcomes of the 2007 workshop, further reviewing the relevant dimension of teaching in order to develop a set of elements and goals that are appropriate for library technician courses. The group will also be asked to examine the requirements of the Australian Quality Training Framework to determine the degree of alignment and/or overlap, so that the ALIA course recognition process can in turn be aligned with the TAFE quality assurance processes. As a final step, the groups are being asked to consider how the goals, together with achievement towards those goals, might be measured.

ALIA is committed to the annual meetings with LT educators, as this offers an opportunity to consider any important issues relating to course recognition.

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