

# Directline

Library buildings are always one of my favourite topics—library spaces, renovations and redesign form an important part of how our customers experience our services. Working with a good architect or designer who can work with the library staff on 'needs and wants' is also important. Many Australian libraries have won awards again this year, some featured in this edition of *inCite*. Other stories, from large and small libraries, inspire us to think differently and take the plunge to redesign or refurbish.

## Groups and volunteers @ ALIA

Groups of ALIA undertake thousands of hours of volunteer service for the Association. At this time of year, the Group committee members are planning the activities and initiatives they will conduct next year. What would you like to see? Or is it time to get involved, do something different, make your contribution and put your hand up? Contact a Group Convenor or our ALIA Groups Liaison Officer with your suggestions. <http://www.alia.org.au/groups>

## Professional and career development @ ALIA

I was pleased to attend the ALIA Tasmania Group's 'Growing your career' workshop last month. This one-day conference on career development focused on three themes: the future of library work, empowering your career, and where your career can take you.

ALIA continues to support your career in lots of ways, with the Career Development Kit and guide, professional development opportunities, committees to join and new skills to gain. The PD Scheme provides the resources for you to formally record and demonstrate your commitment to professional development; to provide a widely-accepted and endorsed record of learning for you and your employer; and to gain recognition within the profession by the use of the Certified Practitioner (CP) post-nominal. <http://www.alia.org.au/education/pd/>

## IASL School Librarianship Award

Our congratulations to Jane Viner who has been awarded the IASL School Librarianship Award. The award recognises outstanding contributions

to the national development of school libraries and services within the recipient's own country or internationally. Jane has been recognised for her significant achievements in the development of information services and education for teacher librarians in IB schools in Australia and the Asia Pacific region.



Jane Viner, IASL School Librarianship Award recipient

The International Association of School Librarianship (IASL), which promotes and administers this award, is committed to enabling young people to develop literary and cultural appreciation and to use information effectively through the improvement of school libraries and school library programs as a vital component of education.

## Nominations and online voting for the ALIA Board of Directors

Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors positions for 2009-11: see page 6 of this issue. The Boardroom Bound program webpage has more information about being on the Board. Please note that the deadline for nominations is slightly earlier next year—the deadline is Wednesday 14th January 2009. Details and forms are available on our website: <http://www.alia.org.au/governance/elections>

In 2009, ALIA will move to online voting for members for the first time. The Board has endorsed this development to make it easier for you to participate in voting and to have a voice in your Association's future.

## Goss! Behind the scenes...

We have been lucky enough to be in contact with the writers of 'The Librarians'. Series 2 is now being developed for 2009 by the ABC. Look out on the e-lists for more about what's happening. Not on an ALIA e-list? Join one today to keep up with the news. <http://www.alia.org.au/alinet/e-lists/>

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