

Conferences

Information Online attendance grant – fantastic opportunity!

In January, I was very fortunate to receive a grant to attend the ALIA Online 2009 Conference in Sydney. As a Trainee Librarian at the 'one person' East Arnhem Health Library, in Gove Hospital, Northern Territory (NT), my conference experience turned out to be a wonderful contrast to my usually quiet life. I am currently in my second semester studying Librarianship and Corporate Information Management through distance education with Curtin University.

The isolated East Arnhem Region where I live covers an area of 64 000 sq kms on the very top north-east of the NT peninsula. With a lack of sealed access roads and, therefore, minimal road transport, the majority of movement into and out of the region is by aircraft. The population of 15 935, of which 64% are Indigenous, live in 12 main communities and numerous smaller Aboriginal homelands located on the mainland and adjacent islands.



The Health Library is part of the Northern Territory Department of Health and Families (DHF) library which supports the research and information needs of all DHF staff and affiliated health professionals throughout

the NT. I supply ICT and library support to health professionals in the Gove region as well as the remote health workers living in the surrounding communities.

Getting ready for Adelaide 2009



This month, the ALIA 2009 National Library & Information Technicians Conference Organising Committee would like to introduce another of its members.

Hello all. I'm Kath McCulloch. My role in Team Adelaide 2009 is one of three program coordinators. We had an excellent response to our Call for Papers and it's been a privilege to be involved in the review process. We have a dynamic group, dedicated to providing a vibrant and inspiring conference.

Many ALIA conferences, including Adelaide 2009, rely on a volunteer committee to plan, organise, and implement the event. Past Library Technicians' conferences have also been fortunate to have TAFE students volunteer their services in the role of guides for library tours and at the conference venue. In recognition of Volunteers Week 11–17 May, I'd like to take this opportunity to invite TAFE students to participate in the 2009 ALIA National Library & Information Technicians Conference. For more information, please contact the convenor Terri Pamment at terri.pamment@adelaide.edu.au

I'm delighted to be part of what will be three days of sharing information on new technologies, techniques, and unique stories, one day of satellite events, and a day of library tours. A total of five days of professional development – and for those who take advantage of the early-bird registration there are considerable savings.

Be sure to visit the conference website at <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2009/> or join our Facebook group. I'm looking forward to meeting new faces and reacquainting with familiar ones. Roll on September!

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The ALIA Information Online Conference, Sydney 2009 enabled me to experience the developments of ICT in libraries around Australia and the world that I would not normally be exposed to, due to my isolated situation. Of particular interest were the emerging Web 2.0 tools that will allow me to offer improved services to remote library patrons.

Highlights of the conference are numerous. I am *still* processing information. I am *still* a frequent visitor to the IO2009 website to refer to information I gathered in Sydney. I particularly enjoyed discussions, both on stage (with Sherman Young) and off, referring to the future of the book. I am *still* amazed by a presentation by keynote speaker Laura Campbell from the Library of Congress showcasing what is possible online through the World Digital Library, even though I have watched the vidpod many times.

Apart from the conference content, it was a wonderful experience to travel so far and recognise the depth of professionalism and information contained within the industry. The networking was amazing and I was kept running from venue to venue with opportune happenings that had been organised to coincide with the major event of IO2009, including a tour of the new Royal North Shore Health Library by Gillian Wood.

Thank you so much to the Information Online Committee for making this possible, and also to ALIA for sponsoring the grant. I felt very welcome and had a wonderful time at the Conference Dinner.

I've come away with a far broader vision of what is possible and some tools that will help achieve it. What an exciting time to be involved in the library and information industry!

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ALIA Research Awards



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Nominations are now being called for the following research awards of the Australian Library and Information Association.

Library Technicians Research Award [previously the Dunn & Wilson Scholarship]

The Library Technicians Research Award provides the recipient/s with an opportunity to undertake a particular project of relevance to the role of library technicians in the broad library and information profession. The award proposal can be made by an individual financial library technician member or a group of financial library technician members.

The award is a biennial award of up to \$5 000 and is open to all financial library technician members of ALIA. The award will be presented at the ALIA National Library & Information Technicians Conference in September 2009.

Ray Choate Scholarship

The Ray Choate Scholarship is a biennial award up to \$4000 which will enable the recipient to investigate a particular aspect of reference or information services that will lead to improved practice in the area. The research topic should relate to the Objects of the Association.

Applicants are required to be financial personal members of ALIA with an understanding of and experience in provision of reference services.

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Nomination forms and further information:

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IFLA 2010 World Congress, Brisbane – Stay one more day!

Library and information professionals attending the IFLA 2010 World Congress in Brisbane from 15–19 August 2010 have the opportunity to see how ideas and strategy have been transformed into unique, stunning, and functional library buildings in sunny South East Queensland when they stay just one more day...and nominate for a Library Visit on Friday 20th August 2010.

Visits have been organised to suit every palate!

Should you wish to see the many libraries located in the CBD, there are a number of visits to choose from. Some include the large libraries – the new, iconic State Library of Queensland, the bright and bold new Brisbane Square Library, Queensland University of Technology, where gown meets town, and Southbank Institute of Technology, supporting technical education – all close to the city heart. Most of the CBD Library Visits are guided walking tours.

If your interest is in specialised libraries, a number of smaller government and corporate libraries in the CBD are offering guided tours of their collections. Step back in history and visit the O'Donovan collection at the Parliamentary Library, still housed in its original 1860 room

and shelving. Or become a sleuth at the Queensland Police Service Library and guess 'who dunnit?' when you see the simulated murder scene in the heritage display.

Perhaps after the hustle and bustle of the Congress you would prefer a relaxing coach trip to the Gold Coast and to be amazed by the innovative multimedia technology at Bond University, two of the award-winning eco-friendly Gold Coast City Libraries, and the 'mini information city' created at Griffith University's Gold Coast campus.

If your preference is for rural scenery, the coach trip to Ipswich and Gatton to see the regional University of Queensland Campus Libraries may be of more interest.

The University of Queensland throws open the doors of 11 of their different libraries for visits – many of them award-winning buildings, stunning in both form and function. As well as the key libraries on the main campus at St Lucia, four health libraries co-located with Brisbane's largest hospitals are on show.

Public libraries are well covered, with visits to the newest libraries in the area.

School Librarians will not be disappointed either. Five of the large private schools in



Brisbane are inviting visitors to see their spectacular library buildings, collection and services.

If you haven't got all day to spare, there are DIY tours, and State Library of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology Libraries, and Brisbane Square Library will all offer one hour tours all day.

As part of the Conference registration process, you will be asked to register for one of the August 20th Library Visits – stay one more day and be delighted by the Libraries of South East Queensland!

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