

Conferences

Brisbane is ready to welcome delegates to IFLA 2010!



IFLA 2010, Brisbane,
14–19 August 2010

The Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC) will be the congress venue, an exceptional site with outstanding facilities to accommodate the large number of delegates expected to attend the IFLA 2010 Congress, to be held in

Brisbane 1–19 August 2010. It is the perfect venue for the program to take place under one roof within a ten-minute walk from the centre of Brisbane.

The Centre offers a wide range of meeting rooms, exhibition spaces, plenary halls, and event facilities including a permanent and dedicated Speakers' Presentation Centre. Here congress speakers will have access to modern IT and audio visual facilities and a private soundproof rehearsal room for finalising and rehearsing presentations.

Preparation is also underway to expand the floor space of the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre further, which will enhance the site's flexibility for Congress use even more. This expansion phase will be completed prior to IFLA 2010.

The congress venue is located in the South Bank precinct, one of Brisbane's popular destinations, well known for its sandy beach and grassy picnic areas. It also boasts shops and markets, a cinema, and numerous outdoor cafes. The area is also a cultural precinct, with the State Library of Queensland, the Queensland Art Gallery, and the Gallery of Modern Art within easy walking distance. The multicultural West End and Fortitude Valley areas are easily accessible, and the Brisbane city centre is located across the river, offering stylish shopping and many world-class restaurants. Why not take a ride across the river on one of Brisbane's famous City Cat ferries and experience the city from the water? For those wanting to experience more of the outdoors, the state's capital is also located close to beaches and mountain ranges.

The IFLA 2010 National Committee invites you to Brisbane to participate in this annual world congress to be held 14–19 August 2010. Please plan to 'Stay an Extra Day' for library tours on Friday, 20 August 2010 as well as some sight-seeing tours before or after the congress.

Note the dates in your diary now. IFLA 2010 will be the closest congress for Australian colleagues for some years to come and this means travel costs will be kept to a minimum. The proximity of Queensland to Asia and Oceania is a bonus for colleagues located close by.

The IFLA Congress provides a great opportunity to improve and expand your skills through involvement with this professional programme.

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ALIA 2009 National Library & Information Technicians Conference

15–18 September 2009

Earlybird registration for the ALIA 2009 National Library & Information Technicians Conference is now open.



The 2009 'Techs Conference' offers five days of networking and learning opportunities. The committee has prepared a program offering professional development opportunities that promote excellence in professional practice and will extend the knowledge of delegates. The pre-conference program commences Monday with satellite events, Tuesday offers a full day of library tours of best-practice sites and, in the evening, delegates are invited to the Welcome Cocktail Party. This is an opportunity to meet old and new friends, network with established professionals, and to explore the trade exhibition featuring the latest library industry vendors have to offer. First-time delegates are not forgotten – you are invited to join your colleagues for an informal dinner after the cocktail party.

The conference program commences on Wednesday and the next three days will provide a forum to hear local, national, and international speakers, to attend a selection of workshops, and to enjoy a range of social activities. Experienced keynote and invited speakers with a variety of expertise will motivate and energise participants, encouraging them to look to the future of the profession. Workshops have been organised to fit in with the theme, Technology–Technique–Unique, offering delegates practical experience to broaden their knowledge on current issues relevant to the contemporary library industry. The social program is also a learning experience with the opportunity for professional networking and socialisation with local, national, and international participation.

Attendance at the conference will earn members of the ALIA PD scheme one point per hour. The earlybird rate offers considerable savings on the standard rate and ALIA members enjoy a further discount. Not a member of ALIA? Join before you register and save. It only takes a few minutes online to receive your ALIA member number and password. <http://www.alia.org.au/membership/benefits/>

To assist you with your application to your employer to attend this conference, a sample letter is available on the Registration page. Please visit <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2009/registration.php> to register online and to view the Registration Brochure where you will find the full provisional program.

On behalf of the organising committee of the ALIA 2009 National Library & Information Technicians Conference, I look forward to welcoming you to the Adelaide Convention Centre, 15–18 September 2009. Please visit the Conference webpage <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2009/> for up-to-date news and a link to Facebook where you can meet other attending delegates.

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Correction: Please note in Volume 30 Issue 6 (May) on page 22, the creator of the Brotherhood of St Laurence, Father Gerard Tucker's name was misspelled.

Warringah Library Service – Get in the Game...Read!

SUMMER READING CLUB 2009

Great fun was had by all young Warringah Library Service readers who took part in the 2008/09 Summer Reading Club.



Carol Yuen (Team Leader Information and Library Services) and Kerry Ritson (Librarian) with a member of the Summer Reading Club

We adapted the Get in the Game logo to mirror the local beach theme with a surfer reading a book while riding a wave. Large banners were hung at the libraries to encourage new members.

Registration began on the 1st of December and we were delighted to have 449 young readers sign up to receive their free library bag and passport and start reading over 9000 books this summer.

The library bag contained an activity book and a journal for the children to complete. The children loved their activity book and journal featuring recommended reading lists, CBC's Books of the Year list and an area for them to note the books they had read.

As the children joined, we tagged their library membership to show that they were members of the Summer Reading Club. The Access Database we compiled from this information saved branch staff a great deal of time and streamlined the process.

Library visits increased as young patrons were keen to borrow more books and pick up the gifts they received as rewards for reading. Miniature torches, sets of Russian dolls, and compasses were a great hit.

The reward for reading 20 books was a great hit. Staff simply had to take a digital photo of the child and forward to our Central Library where it was made into a coloured poster of a wet-suited surfer in action, displaying the face of the child.

There was also wonder and awe when the children and their families realised they would be off to the movies to see *Bedtime Stories*. Special badges were issued to children whose parents were not accompanying them, and there was staff on hand for supervision.

The children's book reviews on specially designed Get in the game...read! postcards were displayed in all our libraries and many of the books reviewed were borrowed as a result. The



children enjoyed seeing their contributions displayed in a public arena.

Our selectors and reader's advisory staff will make good use of this valuable information about what our young patrons like to read.

An added bonus of the Summer Reading Club was the informal networks formed between the young readers from all over Warringah as they met other readers at the gala movie event.

Staff thoroughly enjoyed the whole program as they felt a little like Santa handing out rewards to our readers.

Warringah was also fortunate that one of our readers won the iPod in the 10+ age category in the national ALIA competition. Louise is a prolific reader, along with the rest of her family, and was overjoyed with being the lucky winner.



Summer Reading Club 2009 was proudly sponsored by



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ALIA Summer Reading Club

1 December 2009 – 12 February 2010

Start planning for the 2010 Summer Reading Club now: visit the planning wiki

<http://www.alia.org.au/src/wiki/pmwiki.php?n=Category.MainPage>

