

Volunteer in the spotlight

ALIA Tasmania

Tell us a bit about your group

The committee is based in Hobart, and in the past ALIA Tasmania has been implicitly 'Southern Tasmania'. Now that there is no longer a regional group for Northern Tasmania, we are looking at ways of developing a statewide program.

We run local events such as talks by guest presenters, conference report backs, group discussions, tours and visits, and an annual quiz night. Our aim is to have a mix of social events as well as solid professional development opportunities.

Tell us about your relationship with other Tasmanian ALIA groups

We work closely with TALIATecs, the Tasmanian library technicians group: their committee members have a standing invitation to attend our committee meetings, as does the Tasmanian representative on the New Graduates group. We also cross-promote events with the local branch of the Australian Society of Archivists.

How can other people get involved in your group?

Come along to committee meetings: you won't be co-opted, unless you want to be! Come along to events. Sign up for the email list to see what is going on. Suggest events and projects in your areas of interest. <http://www.education.tas.gov.au/school/educators/resources/schoollibraries/taslib-link>

An ALIA e-list will be available soon as aliaISLAND.

What are some of your upcoming activities?

A presentation about Library Thing (<http://www.librarything.com/>). The Systems Administrator lives in Hobart. He will talk about Library Thing, and also more generally about working from home for an international company that has no physical headquarters.

The annual Quiz Night. This is usually held in Library and Information Week, but this year had to be rescheduled. We hope that a spring night in Hobart will draw a larger crowd than an autumn one!

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ALIA provides two more free Professional Development opportunities for members

ALIA has negotiated free places with two more Library Professional Development providers: free registrations and member discounts with **PiCS**, and free registrations with **Lyrasis**.

PiCS are holding three excellent workshops in the coming months. Event Management for Libraries: Practical skills for successful library event management; Introduction to Library Metrics: Statistics, Evaluation and Assessment; and Online Surveys Masterclass: Designing, Implementing, Interpreting and Leveraging Online Surveys.

Lyrasis is one of North America's leading library training providers. Now you can undertake professional development in your own time and at your own pace with on demand and live online distance education classes from. Classes available this month include Cataloguing for Non-Cataloguers, Dreamweaver – Designing with Styles, Grant Writing for Digitisation and Preservation Projects, Practical Approaches to Information Literacy, and XHTML: The Future of Web Design

Don't forget to register early for our last **FOLIOz** course for 2009: Maximising the impact of your service (MAXIM), which starts Monday 30 November 2009. Registrations close 13th November.

For more information visit our website at: <http://www.alia.org.au/education/pd/workshops/>. All these courses earn PD points towards your Certified Practitioner status.

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