

Conferences

ALIA 2009 National Library & Information Technicians Conference



15-18 September 2009

<http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2009/>

Over the next few months as we count down to the ALIA 2009 National Library & Information Technicians Conference, the organising committee are introducing readers to members of the committee. This month we would like to introduce Robyn Nagel.

I am the Loans Desk Supervisor at the Waite Library, University of Adelaide. I have two roles on the Organising Committee: one is helping organise library tours and the other involves coordinating the program over the three days of conference.

Together with another committee member, Sarah Townsend, we are planning to offer tours of libraries in and around Adelaide that will showcase the diversity of the library world and the organisations they serve. Some libraries are housed in new 'green' buildings and others are special for the partnerships they have forged within their communities. Adelaide is also home to Artlab where conservators have been caring for the state and nation's treasures for over 20

years and have kindly agreed to allow delegates a look at what they do. There will be an opportunity to nominate for one of these tours when you register for the conference.

Along with other committee members we are assembling a program that includes speakers from all library fields to provide delegates with an exciting three day program. We want to inform you of the latest technologies, inspire you to try the latest techniques and excite you with the possibilities of doing something unique.

The committee is gaining great satisfaction working together to produce a conference that will benefit the library technician profession as a whole.

Keep an eye on the conference website at <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2009> for the latest developments as the conference draws near.

From the website please use the Facebook link to leave a message and connect with one another before you even arrive in Adelaide in 2009.

Look forward to meeting you all in September 2009.

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Expression of Interest for ALIA National Library & Information Technicians Conference 2011

The ALIA Board of Directors is asking for formal expressions of interest for the ALIA National Library & Information Technicians Conference to be held in 2011 following the 2009 conference in Adelaide.

Groups interested in submitting a bid are asked to refer to the ALIA Conference Manual located at <http://conferences.alia.org.au/conference.resources/> to assist them with the writing of their formal proposal. ALIA is currently finalising the appointment of a Professional Conference Organiser (PCO) for ALIA's conferences held from 2011 - 2012.

As well as consulting the ALIA Conference Manual, interested groups should also address the following aims of ALIA's conferences:

- provide continuing Professional Development (PD) opportunities;
- promote excellence in practice;
- extend the knowledge of delegates;
- provide networking opportunities, especially for those in isolated and rural locations;
- promote research in the sector;
- adopt innovative use of technologies to encourage wide delegate participation in the program;
- promote the sector to the wider community;
- strengthen partnerships with related organisations;
- build relationships with sector trade organisations through their participation, including sponsorship, product reviews and exhibitions;
- contribute income to the Association; conference surpluses are vital to ALIA to ensure that ALIA can continue to support all services to members.

Interested members and groups can seek advice from ALIA's Events Manager, Kamara Schlegel, and from previous conference committees. Please contact Kamara on 02 6215 8214 or kamara.schlegel@alia.org.au for further information. The ALIA Board of Directors will review the expressions of interest at their Board Meeting in May 2009.

The closing date for the expression of interest is 1st April 2009

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ALIA: creating bonds at *dreaming08*



2009 will be another great year of conferences and workshops, more innovative ideas will be learned and shared. But, lest we forget the *dreaming08* experience....

dreaming08 was an unforgettable experience. And, for a first-timer like me, it was indeed an incomparable event and unique to itself. It certainly will be a forum that will continue to benefit its members with the passage of time.

For me, every presentation was an eye opener, challenging and inspiring. More so, the presenters were real professionals as they shared information and exchanged ideas. Socially, they shared popcorn and red wine and braved the cool night out together under the canopy of stars and moon at Ooraminna outback for dinner with chop sticks and steak.

My whole perspective of the program coverage was gorgeous! Information sharing? – in-depth, socialising? – fantastic! There was too much to grasp at once.

Regardless of the diverse nationalities and the geographical locations, we conversed at Alice Springs as information professionals, for we are librarians.

The ALIA network gave me the opportunity as an institutional member to be part of the group at *dreaming08* conference representing my library, the Pacific Adventist University in Papua New Guinea. Thank you ALIA for extending your membership beyond the borders of Australia.

Pacific Adventist University Library is a growing library with hopes and aspiration to climb to the next level. We see that staying connected with the ALIA network is an opportunity to acquire and learn innovative ideas from other advanced libraries.

ALIA has an excellent network, a role model information network in the Pacific realm. And, with its APSIG group, it extends to serve the Asia Pacific region as APSIG aims to lead efforts in identifying new sources of support for the development of information professionals in the region, through two-way cooperation.

As a growing library we believe that a possibility of coordinating job attachments or exchange programs with other 'sister' advanced libraries through APSIG would broaden and equip us in terms of personnel development to move forward.

The universities in PNG through the PNG ARNET network are tapping into broadband technology and we are excited about the prospects of faster access to information and exchange of knowledge and skills both domestically and internationally through this development.

The PNG ARNET network is also an opportunity for PNG academic libraries to work together to advance the information industry in this country. As such, the ALIA network is a role model for PNG academic libraries!

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