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#### Safer Internet Group and Internet **Filtering**

I was very proud to represent the Safer Internet Group http://www.saferinternetgroup. org at the roundtable hearing of the Senate Joint Select Committee on Cybersafety on 8 July. This was followed on 9 July with the announcement by the Government that RC Classification legislation would be delayed, with the Government taking further consideration on transparency. ALIA continues to be represented on the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE) Cybersafety Working Group (CWG). We are also starting discussions with the Alannah and Madeline Foundation on progression of the e-Smart Libraries Project following on from the success of e-Smart Schools http://www.amf.org.au/

#### **Election 2010**

As the Federal Election has now been called for 21 August 2010 it is time for all ALIA Members to embrace the opportunity of Every Member being an Advocate. Our election materials are available from http://www.alia.org.au/

If there's just three things you do before this

- Use the template letters to ask your local member our ALIA lobby questions
- Take the opportunity to email your local member (you vote for them, they want to hear from you)
- Mention your National Association ALIA - and that you join with the other 6000 members of your profession advocating together on common issues.

This is your chance to get involved and be part of our common voice for libraries. There's a comprehensive Federal Election Kit available on the ALIA website. Advocacy resources are an important part of what your membership fees contribute to.

#### **School Libraries**

We will be doing a roundup of the Inquiry into School Libraries and Teacher Librarians so far, now that all the public hearings have been completed. The 385 submissions, 12 public hearings, videos produced, significant national media, and our library e-list discussions on the topics and recommendations raised all prove the importance of this Inquiry to our profession. I encourage you to take a look through the links at http://www.alia.org.au/ **schoollibraries** to see what it's all about.

### **National Year of Reading**

The National Year of Reading 2012 was launched in Brisbane, Albury, and Canberra during the week of 12 July. The website already has information, ideas, and news. Set aside some time at your next library staff meeting to talk about what your library will be doing in 2012 as part of this initiative (let your imaginations run wild!), then tell us by emailing advocacy@alia.org.au, and visit the website at http://www.love2read.org. au ALIA is proud to be a founding partner of the National Year of Reading on behalf of all Australian libraries.

#### This Week in Libraries - Australian **Edition**

#Love2Read is also the lead story in This Week in Libraries – Episode #14, sponsored by ALIA, which highlights Australian Libraries and key library personnel who were interviewed on the recent Shanachie Tour (Erik and Jaap) including Brisbane City Council Libraries. the State Library of New South Wales, and The Edge at the State Library of Queensland. Check out the video at http://www. thisweekinlibraries.com

#### **IFLA Conferences**

Our congratulations to the Gothenburg 2010 IFLA WLIC Committee for pulling together the conference in just one year. Many Australian delegates look forward to experiencing Sweden and surrounds and the packed conference

The Asia and Oceania Region will host the 2013 WLIC and while Australia will not be bidding on this occasion, Australian library staff will be able to attend an IFLA Conference closer to home that year. IFLA will announce the location for the 2013 conference next year in Puerto Rico at the 2011 WLIC.

Thanks to The Library Provocateur (page 8) for providing another interesting set of views in this edition, highlighting Special Libraries. I am pleased that many of our members' questions will be answered in the informative articles and stories provided in the pages ahead. Thanks to all our special library colleagues who contributed.

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# Congratulations...

to Jan Fullerton, awarded the ALIA HCL Anderson award at a ceremony on 14th July. More in the next edition of inCite

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