

Educating our future profession: towards cohesive and sustainable library and information science education in Australia



Re-conceptualising and re-positioning Australian library and information science education for the twenty-first century is a research project funded by the Australian Learning and Teaching Council.

The project aims to establish a consolidated and holistic picture of the Australian library and information science profession and identify how its future education and training can be mediated in a cohesive and sustainable manner.

The project is being lead by Associate Professor Helen Partridge from Queensland University of Technology, and will be undertaken in conjunction with a project team that includes 11 institutions representing the broad spectrum and diversity of university and vocational library and information science education in Australia. Participating institutions include Queensland University of Technology (Project Leader), Charles Sturt University, Curtin University of Technology, Edith Cowan University, Monash University, RMIT University, University of Canberra, University of South Australia, University of Tasmania, University of Technology Sydney and Victoria University.

The project commenced in November 2009 and will be undertaken over a period of approximately 12 months. The project is framed around three areas of consideration which represent key stakeholder groups in library and information science education. These areas of consideration are students, employers, and higher education.

The primary objective of the project is to develop a *Framework for the Education of the Information Professions in Australia*. This framework will provide guidance on how best to reposition and reshape Australian library and information science education to ensure it remains dynamic, sustainable and responsive to the evolving information age and produces graduates with the necessary attributes for professional practice in the rapidly changing 21st century. The project also seeks to provide a medium through which LIS professionals and educators can identify opportunities for collaboration and communication, and to foster increased engagement between LIS educators and other parts of the industry in the education of the next generation of professionals.

A website has also been established to provide information about the project and to facilitate the sharing, discussion and dissemination of LIS education issues in Australia. Visit www.liseducation.org.au and subscribe to the project's RSS feed for regular information including news, events, progress reports, and project findings. Questions, comments, or requests for further information about the project can also be directed to Associate Professor Helen Partridge at h.partridge@qut.edu.au.

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ALIA would like to acknowledge and thank Ian McCallum for his dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment in his position as Editor of the Australian Library Journal from 2007 to 2009. We wish him the very best in his future endeavours.

Call for Expressions of Interest

Members, Editorial Board: *The Australian Library Journal*

ALIA is seeking expressions of interest for up to seven members of the *Australian Library Journal* Editorial Board from suitably qualified and experienced persons.

The *Journal* is published quarterly and covers a wide range of professional interests in the sector. Published by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), the *Journal* is now in its 55th year. It is the flagship publication of the Association and the Editorial Board will be expected to be familiar with its evolution and with ALIA's objectives, programs, range of interests, and place in the LIS sector.

Editorial Board members will maintain ALIA membership, and will be involved in the overall policy and development of the journal, including determining the broad character of particular journal issues, assisting in the peer review process, and contributing ideas, themes and possible authors. Communication is via email and meetings are via teleconference. Membership of the Editorial Board is on an honorary basis.

Interested people should email their expression of interest to Sue Hutley, ALIA Executive Director, sue.hutley@alia.org.au. For further information, contact Sue Hutley, ph 02 6215 8215.

**Closing date for expressions of interest is
March 19 2010.**

Call for Expressions of Interest

Editor: *The Australian Library Journal*

The Editorial Board of *The Australian Library Journal* is seeking expressions of interest in the position of Editor from suitably qualified and experienced persons.

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Experience in the professional field, in serial publications, and as an editor are important. Applicants should briefly address the selection criteria (indicating editorial experience) and supply the contact details for two referees. A maximum of 400 words outlining their thoughts on possible editorial directions for ALJ and its relationship to ALIA's other publications would also be acceptable as part of the application.

Further information on the duties and responsibilities of the editor and the roles of the Editorial Board and the Association, and copies of the selection criteria, is available from Sue Hutley, Executive Director, ALIA, PO Box 6335, Kingston, ACT 2603, ph 02 6215 8215, sue.hutley@alia.org.au.

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