

ALEX BYRNE NEW STATE LIBRARIAN NSW

Dr Alex Byrne is set to take up the reins at the State Library of New South Wales as the new State Librarian and Chief Executive next month. His appointment was announced by the NSW Minister for The Arts, George Souris in June. As State Librarian, Alex says his aim is to "make libraries a vibrant force for the future of New South Wales".

Alex, currently University Librarian at the University of Technology, Sydney, will be stepping into his new role in

time to embark on a major renovation project aiming to transform this much-loved and respected library, creating a contemporary, community-oriented space and confirming the Library's place as a cultural destination. He has previously held a range of senior positions, including Pro Vice Chancellor (Information Resources) and Vice President at Charles Darwin University, Deputy Librarian at the Australian Defence Force Academy, a past President of IFLA (2005-2007) – and, of course, a longtime active member of ALIA. Congratulations, Alex.



*NSW libraries a vibrant force – Alex Byrne.
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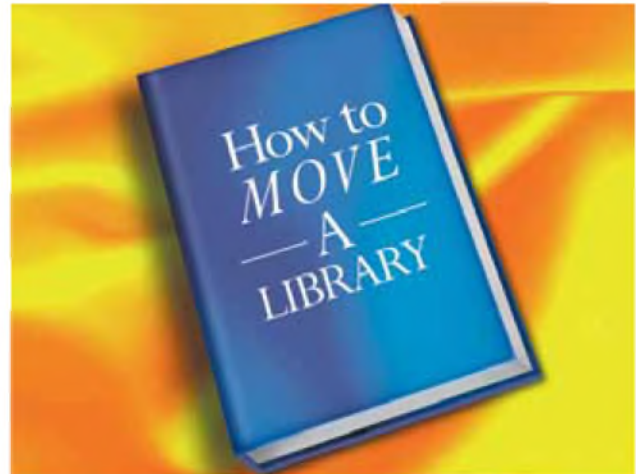


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ROBYN ELLARD JOINS NYR2012 TEAM

Robyn Ellard, currently with OCLC but known to the ALIA community as a former Director of Member Services, has joined the team at the National Year of Reading 2012. She will be joining Sue McKerracher and Donna McDowell (NYR2012 social media) and will be working full-time to deliver the four national projects under the NYR2012 banner. Robyn's position has been made possible with the support of OCLC and funding from the Myer Foundation and founder partners.

With just a month to go til delivery of the Adult Learners' Week project and work well underway to get the *One Story Reading Project* moving, it's a busy time. Check out the latest at www.love2read.org.au.



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