

LGMA AND ALGA

We were recently represented at the Local Government Managers Association and Australian Local Government Association's conferences in Cairns and Canberra. This was an opportunity to showcase libraries and the National Year of Reading 2012 to many decision makers in local government and politicians. ALIA hopes to attend more conferences outside the library industry to speak directly to key stakeholders and those that hold the purse strings for libraries. Two libraries received a free ALIA Institutional Membership as a prize for entering their business card for their council. Congratulations to Port Stephens City Council (LGMA prize) and Mildura Rural City Council (ALGA Prize).

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Cr. Michael Raffoul
Mayor
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Happy winners: Cr. Judi Harris, Mayor John Arnold and Library Service Manager Sue Kelly, Mildura Rural City Council



Cr. Damien Ryan
Mayor
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BLOGS, MASHUPS, GOOGLE MAPS – ALL IN A DAY'S WORK FOR NT AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to A'Mhara Russell, eLearning Librarian, Department of Health Library, Northern Territory, winner of the 2011 ALIA NT Recognition Award. A'Mhara receives a cash prize of \$300, generously sponsored by RAECO.

Since May 2009 A'Mhara has been responsible for developing reference services using new technologies such as LibGuides, a library blog, and associated Web 2.0 applications such as RSS feeds, collaborative calendars and social bookmarking. Her excellent skills have motivated her to provide Web 2.0 peer training to library staff. This has included blogging tips, mashups, social networking and social bookmarking. A'Mhara also used her initiative to investigate other new technology that could be used to market the services of the library, in particular the use of Google maps, QR codes and mobile platforms. A'Mhara was nominated for the award by her colleagues, Ruby Lindberg and Alex Kersemakers.



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Jayshree Mamtara and A'Mhara Russell with the perpetual trophy provided by the Northern Territory News