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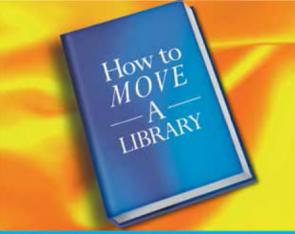
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E-services passion wins FA Sharr medal

Each year, ALIAWest bestows the FA Sharr medal on a graduate in their first year of employment that exhibits potential and is highly likely to have a positive impact on their preferred stream of the library profession.

The recipient of the 2011 FA Sharr was Molly Tebo. During 2011 Molly was employed as a Graduate Librarian at the State Library of Western Australia, where she rotated through numerous teams. Each new placement required Molly to quickly acquire a solid working knowledge of the activities of the team and undertake project work of relevance to them.

The medal is named after Francis Aubie Sharr in recognition of his contribution to libraries, librarianship in Western Australia and to the profession, during his tenure as the State Librarian from 1953 – 1976.

Molly has since also won the role of eLearning Librarian at the State Library of Western Australia. Molly is extremely passionate when it comes to electronic services – which was evident from her presentation at the awards night, when she focused on the types of online services libraries are currently using, and how these could be better employed to assist patrons with serendipitous browsing and discovery.

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New convenor for ALIA Retirees

Robin Hempel from McMinns Lagoon near Humpty Doo in Darwin's rural area has taken on the role of Convenor for the ALIA Retirees Group for 2012-2013, following Faye Lawrence's two years in the role. (Our thanks to Faye for her tireless work as a founding member of the ALIA Retirees and as Convenor.) Robin now heads up a busy team that includes Pat Gallaher from Western Australia, Gill Hallam from Queensland, Lorna Prendergast and Moyra McAllister from Victoria, and Mylee Joseph from New South Wales.

Robin's library career began at the National Library in 1964 and took her to the Northern Territory, back to Canberra again and then New South Wales before she ended up back in the NT in Katherine. Along the way, she added teacher and teacher librarian training to her portfolio and became involved in the provision of library services to rural and remote regions in the Territory. A highlight was the Hyper-Highway to Humpty Doo project, which resulted in two years of free internet access for the communities of Taminmin and Berry Springs.

ALIA Retirees enables retired members of the profession to stay connected through networking and events. The main focus for the group this year is to support the National Year of Reading (www.love2read.org.au/) and each of the committee members has been posting messages about events in their own state and local libraries in support of this initiative. To see the full range of activities and join the conversation, check out their website page at www.alia.org.au/groups/retirees/.