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Thousands participate in *Safer Internet Day*

Almost 9000 students across Australia participated in Cybersmart activities on *Safer Internet Day* on 7th February 2012.

More than 1750 students across Australia participated in Cybersmart Networking and Cybersmart Hero activities while another 7000 students participated in online Internet Safety Awareness Presentations, led by Cybersmart's Outreach program.

The theme for this year was Connecting Generations and Educating Each Other. With the Australian Communication and Media Authority's Communications Report 2009-10 research showing that Australians 65 years and older have increased their time spent using the internet by 167% in the past six years; now more than ever, all generations are virtually connected.

"The virtual world is a unique environment where people of all ages and levels of experience can learn together and from each other," says ACMA Deputy Chairman, Richard Bean.

"Tech-savvy young people can teach their grandparents how to use new technologies, while older people can draw on their life experiences to help younger generations stay safe," he said.

In line with the theme of *Safer Internet Day* 2012, Cybersmart also provided helpful information specifically for grandparents. The information is designed to help them keep themselves safe online, while also looking out for their grandchildren. All resources, including the poster, lesson plans, videos, blog posts and more can be accessed at **www.cybersmart.gov.au/SID2012.aspx**.

Safer Internet Day is observed in over 60 countries and recognised across Europe, North America, South America and the Asia-Pacific region. The Australian Communications and Media Authority worked with partners from government, industry and community organisations across Australia to promote *Safer Internet Day* 2012. *Safer Internet Day* and the Cybersmart program are supported by ALIA.

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Events March 2012

This is just a taste of the events on offer across the library and information sector. For a comprehensive and up-to-date list, check the website at **www.alia.org.au/events**.

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Only one month to go before …

Library and Information Week 2012
21–25 May
Library and Information Week aims to raise the profile of libraries and information service professionals in Australia. For more information, check the website at **www.alia.org.au/liw** or contact Christina Granata, ph (02) 6215 8222 christina.granata@alia.org.au

National Simultaneous Storytime 2012
23 May
Every year, at over a thousand locations around Australia, 170 000 children read the same Australian children's book simultaneously and enjoy a range of supporting educational activities designed to promote the value of reading and literacy. For more information, go to **www.alia.org.au/nss** or contact Christina Granata, ph (02) 6215 8222, christina.granata@alia.org.au

QUEENSLAND

21 May ALIA Qld Trivia Night
Lots of fun, lots of prizes! 5.30pm, Irish Club, Elizabeth St Brisbane For more information, contact Vicki McDonald, vicki.mcdonald@qut.edu.au

VICTORIA

24 May Library Week celebration
Save the date for our annual celebration with colleagues and LIS students. Seminar Room 1 RMIT Swanston library, 5.30pm – 7.30pm. For more information, contact Margie Anderson, ph 0404 471 404, margie.anderson@alia.org.au

Want to list your event on the ALIA website? Group members and office bearers – don't forget to upload your event at www.alia.org.au/events/add.

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