

Australian libraries support the creative process

with writers and illustrators using library collections as the source for their stories and drawings.

We believe the solution for ebook lending in libraries lies in a whole-of-sector approach. This requires a strong, neutral and effective central forum for discussion and action, as well as

many side conversations with different elements of the supply chain.

We call on all stakeholders, especially publishers, to adopt a consultative approach, working with library leaders to achieve the optimal solution for all parties.

Our overall goal is to help our members make ebooks readily available to library users, while ensuring there is a generally accepted, fair balance between the interests of libraries, creators, publishers and aggregators.

We are currently formulating our position paper, which will follow in a future issue of INCITE. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know by emailing ebooks and elending project manager Brenda Currie, brenda.currie@alia.org.au.

1 <http://www.auslib.com.au/pdfs/Marketing%20to%20libraries.pdf>

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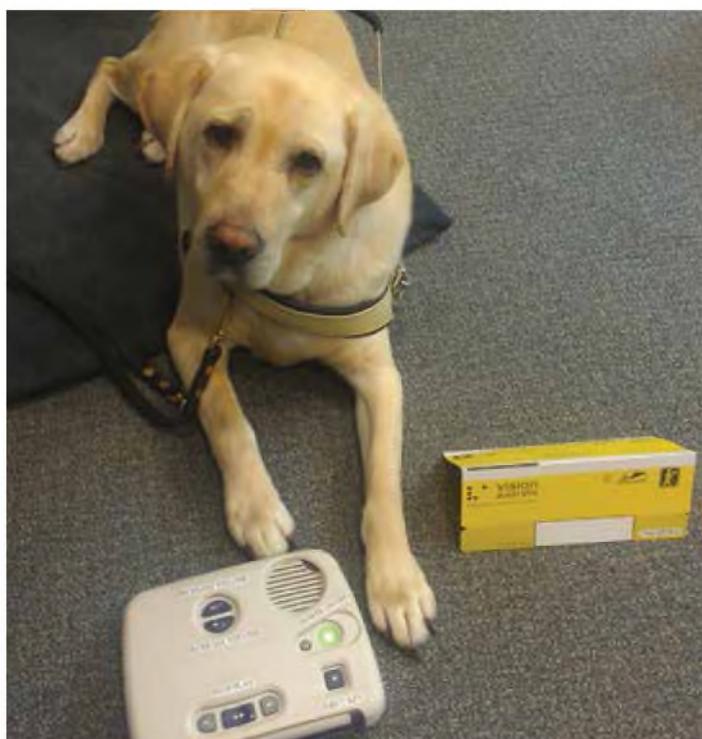
SOMERS – ACCESS FOR ALL USERS

When we launched the Australia's Favourite Librarian competition, we expected to be awed and we expected to be inspired, but we didn't expect animals! But Vision Australia proved that thinking outside the box and pushing boundaries can have amazing results. We'd like to share their nomination with our readers:

Somers trained at Vision Australia as a Guide Dog due to the kind sponsorship of Darryl Somers. He graduated and came to work in the Vision Australia Library in February 2007 to support Jamie Kelly. As he is due to retire this year, the VA Library team would like to nominate Somers in recognition of all the great things he has done (as you can appreciate this will be a great loss to Jamie and the rest of the library team).

Nominated for his ability to boost team morale, Somers has proven to be a great listener who is always willing to get involved. During the GFC, Somers positioned himself 'guard of the stationery cupboard' in an effort to help reduce costs. Always first to volunteer, Somers is a strong promoter of library

services, and has been a terrific advocate of reading, always keen to participate in children's story times. Keen to be at the forefront of technology, Somers has appeared in Daisy training videos and entered social media competitions. He has the uncanny knack of being able to connect with people of all ages and in particular those in high places.



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