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# ALIA LAUNCHES NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY CAREER PROGRAMS

ALIA is introducing two initiatives supporting public libraries. The first of these is the ALIA Public Library PD Scheme Specialisation which builds on the success of a similar program within the health sector. The Specialisation is open to all ALIA Associate and Library Technician ALIA PD Scheme members who will be able to undertake a general public library specialisation, or focus on one or more of the sub specialisations including:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services
- accessibility (disability/home and mobile library services/services to older Australians)
- child/youth services
- community engagement
- cultural diversity
- digital literacy
- local studies/genealogy

ALIA has also launched the first proficiency recognition program that is aimed at staff without LIS qualifications (including those with qualifications in other areas eg education, cultural management). The program is designed to develop core public library knowledge and to encourage members to fully utilise their skills and experience in the public library setting.

Members seeking more information please contact Judy Brooker, Director of Learning or Anne Newton, Learning Services Coordinator at [pd@alia.org.au](mailto:pd@alia.org.au) or check the ALIA website at [www.alia.org.au/professional-development](http://www.alia.org.au/professional-development) for details.



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