



# IT IS A TRUTH UNIVERSALLY ACKNOWLEDGED

I don't think I'm alone when I admit I have perfect recall of a few seminal sentences from my favourite authors, polished like jewels and ready to roll out on demand. Quite a few of mine come from Jane Austen. (I have even thought about having Lady Catherine de Bourgh's withering comment, "I am most seriously displeased" printed on a t-shirt. It could save me a lot of time.)

Such is the power of words, so this month we are exploring and celebrating our relationship with writing and reading. It's a rapidly changing relationship – evolving, as all good relationships should, and not without its challenges.

In this issue we hear from Michael Carney and Liam Wyatt, two LIS professionals who have 'been there, done that' with Wikipedia and have shared their personal viewpoints on where Wikipedia might lead us. Incoming editor of the Australian Library Journal, Ross Harvey, has a few words to say on why you should be planning your next article for the Association's scholarly journal right now, and Suzana Sukovic shares a travel tale or two, made possible by her ALIA Research Award.

We also have international reader development training experts Rachel van Riel and Anne Downs reporting on a significant milestone for Victoria's public libraries, as over 1000 library staff have now completed their Frontline program. And Frank Flintoff has been playing with 3D printers and has some ideas on how to get started.

One of my favourite columns in INCITE is EEI, tirelessly coordinated by New Generation Advisory Committee member Lesa Maclean since 2011. Lesa is moving on to other challenges this year, so thank you Lesa, for putting all your reference skills to work chasing down potential contributors (and staying relentlessly on the chase for those print-quality photos!) for our pages for the last three years. EEI will continue in future issues; watch this space for an introduction to our new column coordinator.

Now, obviously if you have reached this page, you have seen our cover. Let's be honest, it's not that usual to have an international superstar on the front of INCITE. Our thanks go to Dolly and the team at United Way who helped us report the arrival in Australia of a program aiming to help boost early childhood literacy in the most direct way possible – by helping children gain access to books. You can find the full story on page 32.

There's really no other way to finish my note this month other than to say 'happy reading'!

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