



RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE

We are delighted to announce Judy Brooker's new position as Director: Learning at ALIA. This new title recognises her invaluable contribution to the membership through her expertise and dedication to providing expert support and advice on professional development and career advancement. Her new role also includes responsibility for education services to members.

And we are very proud to officially congratulate Jan Richards and Cheryl Hamill on the awarding of their ALIA Fellowships, conferred by the ALIA Board of Directors in recognition of Jan's distinguished contribution to the practice of library and information science in Australia, and Cheryl's leading advocacy for health libraries and health librarians in Australia.

Jan has been a passionate, long term public advocate for Australian libraries throughout her career. She joined ALIA as an Associate member in 1979 and during her time as a member has made a significant contribution to the Association, holding many positions within the Association including President (2010), President elect (2009), Chair of PLAC (2008 to present day) and has been a member of three Biennial Conference Organising Committees (1995, 2002 and 2011).

Jan has been the Manager of Central West Libraries since 1994. In her time there Manager of the library service she has made a long-lasting and extensive contribution to her local community and the profession, including overseeing the relocation and refurbishment of four libraries. Other achievements include positioning Central West Libraries as an essential and respected part of the community, and securing additional funding from the member councils so as to increase opening hours and, in turn, usage of the libraries.

Jan's contribution to public libraries and the profession at the state level has been significant, including running the @yourlibrary campaign between 2003 and 2009, which was a huge commitment that also led to her nomination as a Life Member of Public Libraries NSW in 2012. Since 1994, Jan has also ventured into further challenges at an international level, as a member of the IFLA Committee on Standards, and Information Co-ordinator for the Public Libraries Standing Committee.

In awarding the distinction of Fellow of ALIA on Jan Richards we recognise the contributions Jan has made, and will continue to make, to the Association and to the industry.

Cheryl Hamill has worked tirelessly to enhance the professional status of health librarians and the role of health libraries throughout her career. She has been an active member of ALIA for more than 25 years. Cheryl became an Associate member in 1987, and was a driving force within ALIA Groups such as WA LAA and the ALIA Medical Libraries Section. She was editor of the health libraries' national newsletter during the 1990s, WA representative on the first edition National Guidelines for Australian Health Libraries from 1985–1987, and one of the producers of the fourth edition of the guidelines in 2008.

Cheryl helped establish ALIA Health Libraries Australia (HLA) in 2001 and served on the Group's executive committee through until 2013. During these years, she was the lead author of, or a contributor to, many HLA submissions. At a local level, colleagues say Cheryl is always available to assist with professional development and to share her knowledge and expertise with others.

Cheryl is currently the Head of Department, Library and Web Services, Fremantle Hospital and Health Service. Here she has developed the library and information service as a leading model for integration and innovation, which will benefit other special libraries. For her contribution to the health library sector, her service to ALIA and the profession, Cheryl Hamill is a worthy recipient of the distinction of ALIA Fellow.

BILL & MELINDA GATES REGIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is to fund a regional leadership program for emerging leaders in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific islands. The program, called INELI-Oceania, is based on the Foundation's highly successful Global Libraries International Network of Library Innovators (INELI) established in 2011.

The program, which will be delivered in partnership with ALIA, National and State Libraries of Australasia (NSLA) and the Library and Information Association of New Zealand (LIANZA), will receive \$550,000 to support a program of online learning modules and face-to-face workshops.

There will be two groups of participants and mentors involved in the initial program, which aims to develop leadership and innovation in the public library sector. The first group, comprising six participants each from Australia and New Zealand and four from the South Pacific, will shortly be invited to take part in the initial program scheduled for July 2014.

Yarra Plenty Regional Library CEO Christine McKenzie, Northern Territory Library Director Jo McGill, and Manager Libraries and Innovation Allison Dobbie form the Establishment Committee working with a Steering Committee representing the three associations.