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Isn't 2018 flying by! I have been out and about at library events, presenting student awards and meeting fantastic ALIA Members. If you'd like me to visit your library, please get in touch, I'd love to learn more about libraries and information providers in NSW. The planning for the first NSW GLAM unconference for 2018 is well underway. The theme is coGLAMeration - a mashup of cooperation, collaboration and GLAM. Venue and date are to be confirmed and we are working on a plan to livestream the main sessions. Charles Sturt University is hosting a study visit in the Sydney CBD in April. Join us at El Loco in Surry Hills on Tuesday 17 April at 5pm to welcome this group of students into the library family. And don't forget to follow @ALIANational for news and training opportunities.



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I am pleased to report that Queensland has recently had some fantastic events and we are set for even more. The ALIA QLD Group held a SoundBites VALA2018 wrap up session at QUT in the evening with some really interesting talks on text mining and virtual reality. We also held a PD event at Helensvale Library, 'Librarians and Dragons'. Everyone had fun, networked and managed to apply their transferable skills to real life scenarios to complete the quest. We will roll out 'Librarians and Dragons' to other QLD regional areas, and of course there is the lead up to [APLIC2018](#). As always, I'm here for our members so if you have any queries, concerns or ideas then please do get in touch.



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Recently there has been much thought and discussion in the South Australian library community about fostering social inclusion in libraries. Conversations are being had about the improvement of library spaces, customer service, content, activities, and programs which meet a range of user needs and create a welcoming library. ALIA SA Group hosted an Inclusive Libraries Forum which looked at increasing access to libraries for children with special needs and their families, questioned what multicultural communities want from libraries and how this could be provided, and examined alternative approaches to GLAM practice for the inclusion of the LGBTQI community - from the small (but important) ways we use pronouns to bigger issues reflecting on systemic power and privilege. I hope to hear more stories from SA libraries soon about programs that have benefited their community and the strategies they implemented for overcoming barriers to participation.



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I hope everyone's work and study year has started strongly, ALIA in Victoria certainly has and there's so much more to come. In May we have two exciting regional events being run by the ALIAVic Group: Star Wars Day in Ballarat (4 May) and the ALIAVic Meetups for the two days of Clunes Booktown (5-6 May). ALIA Schools has two PD activities planned, they're hosting the Group's very first national webinar 'Dyslexia in Reading' (8 May) and they have another half-day seminar, #TreasureOzLit planned (26 May). And of course, we will be celebrating [Library and Information Week](#) from the 21-27 May. Exciting plans for the [National Simultaneous Storytime](#) are underway with Victoria's very own Tony Wilson (23 May). Make sure you're signed up to the ALIA Weekly for more details and events coming your way.



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A goodbye from Jess: I feel incredibly privileged to have had the opportunity to support the WA membership. My biggest takeaway is that you get out of ALIA what you put in. Although I don't think I could ever possibly give back what I have received: a sense of belonging in an accredited and respected profession and future opportunities that I once could only dream of. And a hello from Sienna: I'm very excited to have taken over from Jess as the WA State Manager. While I've been connected to the Students and New Grads Group for a while, it's been great to meet others in the sector and to find out what is important to them. Hopefully I will have the opportunity to meet you at an event soon, but please feel free to contact me via the details above even if it's just to say hi.



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The ALIA Top End Group holds the Top End Symposium every two years and it will be held again in Darwin in October 2018. This year the Committee is collaborating with the NT branch of the Australian Computer Society (ACS), and the Broadband for the Bush Alliance (B4BA), and focussing on a broader digital theme to attract a wider audience. As ALIA NT Manager I am supporting the Committee and have been invited to serve on it as an ALIA volunteer. The Symposium is the major PD activity for the Group and draws participants from all types of libraries in Darwin and across the Northern Territory as well as interstate. It will present a great opportunity to meet and network with members and colleagues.



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There have been two senior library appointments in Tasmania recently: Marijana Bacic is the new Tasmanian Parliamentary Librarian while Janine Bourke will take up her new position as University Librarian at the University of Tasmania on 28 May. During the state election, the returning Liberal Tasmanian government made a pre-election promise that LINC Tasmania would change its name to Libraries Tasmania and receive an extra \$3 million in funding. Our first ALIA Tas meeting for 2018 was a report from the Tasmanians who attended VALA2018. The University of Tasmania Library hosted this event which was available, via video conferencing, in Launceston and Burnie. The ALIA Tas event showing us how Mary Lijnzaad from MONA Library worked with the renowned David Walsh to manage his personal library on 24 April was also a great success.



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Hello ACT ALIA stars. This year in Canberra we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of National Library of Australia and the Chifley Library (ANU), along with the 30th anniversary of the Parliamentary Library in its current space. Stay tuned for upcoming celebrations. I would also like to welcome to the new ALIA Group - ALIA Canberra and Region Retirees. This Group was formed to allow like-minded retired information professionals to remain connected, and perhaps find and share opportunities to continue contributing their knowledge and skills in areas of personal interest. Lastly, all the ACT Groups convenors had a catch up at ALIA House in March, planning for a jam packed year ahead. Be sure to check out the ALIA events pages to find out about all the upcoming activities. Check out the website find out more about ALIA Groups. We welcome everyone to share their knowledge and ideas or ask questions. I look forward to meeting you at an upcoming event soon.