PDPOSTINGS
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEWS AND ADVICE FOR LIS PROFESSIONALS

WELCOME

It's a new financial year, a new ALIA membership year and a new ALIA PD Scheme year. Let's kick off all three with some terrific learning opportunities. – Margie.

Plan ahead! ALIA Back to Basics conference and Metamorphosis symposium

There is still time to enjoy big savings with early bird registration for the ALIA Library Technicians' conference and New Graduates' symposium in September in beautiful Perth. Register for email news and updates so you don't miss out.
http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2011/
http://conferences.alia.org.au/nls5/
PD category: Informal learning activities
PD points: 1 point per hour, 30 points maximum per year

Educate! School library survey

What happens in school libraries flows on to all information sectors. Educate yourself about funding, staffing and literacy results with the *Softlink 2011 Australian School Library Survey*. Then move on to the House Standing Committee on Education and Employment *Inquiry into school libraries and teacher librarians in Australian schools*.
http://www2.softlinkint.com/?au/softlink-australian-schools-survey
http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ee/schoollibraries/report.htm
PD category: Professional reading
PD points: 1 point per hour, 10 points maximum per year

Connect! Library 2.011 virtual conference

Make this your first international conference without leaving home – registration is free! Plan to join the global discussions as colleagues explore the challenges facing libraries in the digital age. Sign up for more information now.
http://www.library20.com/page/2011-conference
Dates: 2-3 November 2011
PD category: Informal learning activities
PD points: 1 point per hour, 30 points maximum per year

Watch! Cataloguing efficiencies that make a difference

Download video of the OCLC seminars *Good practices for great outcomes*, focusing on achieving cataloging efficiencies by tapping the collective wisdom of OCLC members. In this series Roy Tennant presents his keynote, *A Bibliographic Metadata Infrastructure for the 21st Century*.
http://www.oclc.org/au/en/multimedia/2011/good_practices_san_marino.htm
PD category: Informal learning activities
PD points: 1 point per hour, 30 points maximum per year

Implement! Plan for RFID

If it's time to research rolling out RFID technology in your workplace then presentations and resource guides form the PLVN seminar, *RFID - How and why you should make it happen, will be invaluable.*
http://www.plvn.net.au/node/102/
PD category: Work-based research projects
PD points: 2 points per hour, 20 points maximum per year

Speak up! Add audio to your blog

Make your web pages, blogs and training materials more engaging by embedding personalised speaking avatars. There are loads of free tools to give your presentations a voice. Start with *Voki* and you'll quickly be hooked.
http://www.voki.com/
PD category: Informal learning activities
PD points: 1 point per hour, 30 points maximum per year

Australian Library and Information Association

Volunteeer! ALIA Groups need you

In every State or Territory there is an ALIA Group which would welcome new committee members. Contact the convenor of an ALIA Group which interests you and offer your expertise and time to assist with the running of that Group. It's an ideal way to build skills and extend your professional networks.
http://www.alia.org.au/groups/groups.html
PD category: Contribution to ALIA
PD points: 1 point per hour, 5 points maximum per year

Read! Free scholarly articles

The ProQuest LIS Journals online package is available free to all ALIA members at http://www.alia.org.au/LISjournals/

> Henczel, S., and K. O'Brien. 2011. Developing good hearts: The disability awareness training scheme for Geelong Regional Libraries staff. *Australasian Public Libraries and Information Services* 24, no. 2, (June 1): 67-73.

> O'Connor, L., and K. Lundstrom. 2011. The Impact of Social Marketing Strategies on the Information Seeking Behaviors of College Students. *Reference & User Services Quarterly* 50, no. 4, (July 1): 351-365.

> Zeeman, D., R. Jones, and J. Dysart. 2011. Assessing Innovation in Corporate and Government Libraries. *Computers in Libraries*, June 1, 7-11,13,15.

PD category: Professional reading
PD points: 1 point per hour, 10 points maximum per year

Read! Free ebook

The EBL eBook Library online package is available free to all ALIA members. My pick for the month is:

> Stefani, Lorraine, Robin Mason, and Chris Pegler. 2007. *The educational potential of e-portfolios: supporting personal development and reflective learning.* London: Routledge.

Extrapolate the implications and benefits of ePortfolio usage as a tool to maximise your own professional learning. Read this ebook and then join the ALIA ePortfolio Practice Group to share with other ePortfolio users.
http://www.alia.org.au/onlineLISresources
http://www.alia.org.au/groups/ePort/
PD category: Professional reading
PD points: 1 point per hour, 10 points maximum per year

Understand! Why searchers use Wikipedia

We've all heard the cry "I don't need a library, I can find it all on the internet". *The search queries that took Australian internet users to Wikipedia*, helps bring us closer to understanding information seeking behaviour and developing the best responses to meet customers needs.
http://informationr.net/ir/16-2/paper476.html
PD category: Professional reading
PD points: 1 point per hour, 10 points maximum per year

Update! Master RDA

Whether you are a cataloguer or not, it's important to understand how the move to RDA will impact your workplace. The *Report and Recommendations of the U.S. RDA Test Coordinating Committee on the implementation of RDA—Resource Description & Access* is a key resource for understanding and adopting RDA.
http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/rda/
PD category: Professional reading
PD points: 1 point per hour, 10 points maximum per year

Collaborate! Present with a colleague

Conference papers are like good wine; they take time to develop and are best shared with friends. Start discussing with workmates and managers how you could join forces to create and present a paper in the next 12 months. Be ready for the call for papers for the ALIA Biennial Conference to be held in July 2012.
http://conferences.alia.org.au/alia2012/
PD category: Presentations and papers
PD points: 2 points per hour, 20 points maximum per year

Teleconference! Professional development - make it count

Join ALIA's Professional Development and Careers manager, Judy Brooker, for advice about a range of PD issues and understand the ALIA PD Scheme.
http://www.alia.org.au/education/pd/pd.services/brochures/Teleconference.PD.Make.it.Count.ALIA.Training.2011.pdf
PD category: Informal learning
PD Points: 1 point per hour, 30 points maximum per year
Date: 21 July 2001 at 2.00pm
Registration closes: 13 July 2011

Orate! Public Speaking with Confidence

This teleconference series facilitated by the well respected Dr Irena Yashin-Shaw is specifically designed with Librarians and Library Technicians in mind. Build your confidence in public speaking, get expert guidance in preparing speeches for public forums and conferences, and develop strong verbal cases when opportunities arise.
http://www.alia.org.au/education/pd/pd.services/brochures/Speaking.Edge.Public.Speaking.ALIA.Training.2011.pdf
PD category: Informal learning activities
PD points: 1 point per hour, 30 points maximum per year
Dates: 19, 21, 25, & 28 July 2011 at 10 am AEST
Registrations Close: 5 July 2011

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Get it right! Buying for your Collection

This online course from TAFE NSW Sydney Institute is all about selecting and acquiring library materials. Hone your acquisition skills and methods. The course includes reviewing your collection, developing/assessing acquisition recommendations and assessing the qualities of recommended acquisitions.
http://www.alia.org.au/education/pd/pd.services/brochures/TAFE.Select.and. Acquire.ALIA.Training.2011.pdf
PD category: Tertiary courses
PD points: 30 points, 60 points maximum per year
Dates: 15 August – 30 September 2011
Registrations Close: 1 August 2011

I'm learning WebPlus!

Always on the lookout for free, easy to use web development software, this month I'm mastering WebPlus from Serif.
http://www.serif.com/FreeDownloads/
PD category: Informal learning activities
PD points: 1 point per hour, 30 points maximum per year

Join! Become a certified practitioner

Not a member of ALIA's PD Scheme? All professional (Associate and Library Technician members) can join ALIA's PD Scheme for free.
For more information visit **http://www.alia.org.au/education/ pd/#PDScheme/**

Are you managing a library or information service?

Check out LIS Management in Focus – provided free to all ALIA members at **http://www.alia.org.au/publishing/enewsletters/focuson/**

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