



## Roundup 2001 – NSW...

### Sharing ideas...

Children and Youth Services NSW [<http://groups.alia.org.au/cysnsw/>]

Reading: *Children's literacy and the library connection* was the theme for the Children's and Youth Services (NSW) one day seminar on 2 April 2001. The topic offered plenty of scope: Bill Spence of the NSW Department of Education and Training spoke on literacy in the school curriculum, and Debra Oswald and Moya Symon entertained us with their insights into the joy of writing for fledgling readers. Lee O'Connor introduced us to the Home Emergent Literacy Program (HELP) and Together for Under Fives and Families (TUFF) programs underway in Coonamble. The day finished with a panel session on resources for supporting literacy in libraries, online and in the community. Many of us had never heard of the great work that St John's First Aid provides in the Aid Literacy program.

The pre-bookweek extravaganza is a regular date in the calendars of NSW children's librarians and teacher librarians. This year, more than forty people gathered to share their ideas and inspirations for promoting and displaying the short-listed books for children's book week. Ideas flowed thick and fast for displays, competitions, readers theatre, games, crafts and lots of other activities. The ideas are all posted on the website each year as a resource for children's librarians and teacher librarians.

We went back to basics with this year's Children's and Youth Services (NSW) management seminar, *On the shelf and online: managing 21st century collections for children and youth*. Forty-eight people attended the seminar at Burwood Council Chambers, Sydney on Friday 26 October. The topics

covered included collection management policies and planning, responding to censorship pressure, new collections, virtual collections, library suppliers, selection and withdrawal criteria and arranging collections.

*Mylee Joseph, convenor, Children and Youth Services NSW group*

### All happening on the coast...

ALIA Far North Coast (NSW) [<http://groups.alia.org.au/fncnsw/>]

The group has continued to exist and thrive after the restructure. Activities for the year have included: presentation by Judy Hibberd from Southern Cross University, Coffs Harbour Campus, on the topic of E-books; a demonstration of an innovative new document supply system for Southern Cross University Library, Lismore, developed by the document supply staff in conjunction with the IT department of the university; a couple of social events where informal networking took place, as well as some discussion about common areas of interest and ideas for future activities; and in November the group hosted a dinner with guest speakers Peter Corris and Jean Bedford.

*Robyn Murray, secretary, ALIA Far North Coast (NSW) Regional Group*

### A successful year in 2001

ALIA TAFE NSW [<http://groups.alia.org.au/tafensw/>]

After a few hiccups during the change-over mid-year, the ALIA TAFE NSW group was established. The committee has worked well to achieve successful outcomes for the activities that we have undertaken and we look forward to an even more rewarding year in 2002.

Several TAFE library staff participated in the Bridge Walk and Storytelling activity during Library Week in May. We were fortunate to have wonderful weather and some great storytelling at the picnic which followed.

During October, the ALIA TAFE Conference was held in Brisbane and our group was able to sponsor a participant. Many interesting topics were covered but the workshop on information literacy standards indicated that libraries were leading the way on this important topic, and that TAFE needed an agreed definition and standards, which they could adopt nationally.

The web seminar — *Web design, web access and online learning* — held on 2 November, was greeted enthusiastically by many TAFE library staff. This event had the largest response to an activity so far and indicated a preference for this type of activity amongst our members.

Possible activities planned for next year include a mini state-wide conference for our library staff, a technology seminar and a workshop on information literacy.

*Jennifer Huthnance, convenor, ALIA TAFE NSW group*

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## Roundup 2001 – NT...

### A busy year in the north...

ALIA NT Library and Information Workers [<http://groups.alia.org.au/liwnt/>]

The ALIA NT Library and Information Workers had a very productive year in 2001. The *Northern Territory Interlibrary Library Loans Scheme (NILLS)* was updated and libraries were again asked to be signatories. Thirty-four organisations have now re-committed to the scheme.

ALIA NT contributed to a special supplement in the North-