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Nominations are now being called for the following premier awards of the Australian Library and Information Association

HCL Anderson Award

The HCL Anderson Award is the Association's highest honour that can be bestowed on an Associate member of ALIA. It is awarded in recognition of outstanding service to the library and information profession in Australia, to ALIA, or to the theory of library and information science or to the practice of library and information services.

Applicants are required to be financial members of ALIA. This award is peer-nominated.

Redmond Barry Award

The Redmond Barry Award is the Association's highest honour that can be bestowed on an individual not eligible for associate or technician membership of the Association. It is awarded in recognition of outstanding service to or promotion of a library and information service or libraries and information services, or to the theory or practice of library and information science, or an associated field.

Nominees do not need to be a member of the association. This award is peer-nominated.

Ellinor Archer Pioneer Award

The Ellinor Archer Pioneer Award recognises pioneering work in new areas of library and information science. This may involve a one-off product, a new service or program or development of an existing service, but must incorporate a future-oriented approach.

Applicants are required to be financial members of ALIA. The nomination may identify a specific group or unit within an institution. This award is peer-nominated.

Nominations forms

Nomination forms and further information:
<http://alia.org.au/awards/>
ALIA National Office, PO Box 6335, Kingston 2604
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Nominations close 1 August 2007

LocLib Awards

At the end of November the Riverton Public Library hosted the Local Government Librarians' Association of Western Australia's (LocLib) Awards Presentation. This annual event celebrates the achievements of staff working in public libraries. The nominees and winners of awards in three categories were announced.

Jean Ryding Award

This award is presented to a public librarian who has completed no more than six years professional employment in a public library, who is able to discuss issues concerning the public library and information industry and who has demonstrated the fundamental skills and abilities required in public librarianship.

The award is named in honour of Jean Ryding, who during a long career in public libraries in Western Australia contributed an enormous amount to public libraries and librarianship. Even now, 15 years after her retirement, Jean's contributions to the public library community are keenly felt by all.

The nominees in this category were:

- John Toomey – Branch Librarian – Knowledge Centre – City of Gosnells
- Kelly Butun – Youth Services' Librarian – City of Bayswater
- Lincoln Kay – e-Services Librarian – Town of Victoria Park
- Linda Papa – Adult Services' Librarian – City of Bayswater

The Jean Ryding Award was presented to Linda Papa who impressed the judging panel with her enthusiasm and her proactive and positive attitude in her approach to life, library services and the library sector. Linda clearly articulated the broader vision and role of public libraries; the human rights of equitable access to information; and her desire and ability to assist the community in accessing information and library services. The Jean Ryding award recipient also receives a year's membership of ALIA and a publication as part of their prize.

Service Excellence Award

This award is presented to a member of the clerical support team in a public library. Started in 2002, it is intended to recognise the tremendous contribution to quality

service that library clerks and assistants provide.

The nominees in this category were:

- Catherine Hutchinson – City of Stirling
- Chantal Carroll – Town of Vincent
- James Hunt – City of Gosnells

The Service Excellence Award was presented to Chantal Carroll who was nominated for achieving positive outcomes in customer service; her participation in outreach and extra organisational activities and the positive impact that she has made as an individual on the library team at the Town of Vincent.

Country Library Officers – Service Excellence Award

This award recognises the outstanding job done by Country Library Officers who are often the only person working in the library, yet managing to deliver a range of services and programs, sometimes while also fulfilling other roles within the Council.

There was only one nomination in this category. Upon assessing the nomination the judges unanimously agreed that it was outstanding and worthy of being presented an award rather than carrying it forward to next year.

The Country Library Officers – Service Excellence Award was presented to Camilla Cavoli from the Katanning Public Library. Camilla's enthusiasm is evident in all that she undertakes for the Library, as demonstrated by numerous new programs and activities that she has implemented, as well as reassessing procedures and processes to ensure the library is managed more effectively.

Congratulations go out to all nominees, whose commitment to public libraries is appreciated by their colleagues and customers alike.

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