

Conferences

ALIA 2008 Biennial Conference

The Social Programme



Thanks to our sponsors, the social programme for ALIA dreaming08 is taking shape, looking very exciting and a bit different from previous conferences.

While all the usual components will be there - the Welcome Cocktail Party on the Tuesday evening, the First Timers Breakfast, Happy Hour on Wednesday evening, the Conference Dinner on Thursday evening and Farewell Drinks at the end of the conference on the Friday, two evening events will stand out.

Dust off the jewels, dress up and show off at the Australasian premiere screening of the film, *The Hollywood Librarian* (2007). Held on the Wednesday evening in the Convention Centre, this will be a red-carpet affair to rival Hollywood's 'Night of Nights'!

Premiering to an audience of 5 000 plus in Washington at the ALA conference last year, *The Hollywood Librarian* (2007) is the first full-length documentary to focus on the work and lives of librarians. Interweaving clips of fictional librarians who have featured on the big screen with interviews with real librarians, the film covers a range of topics from censorship and intellectual freedom to pay equity, library funding and the value of reading. For more information go to <http://www.hollywoodlibrarian.com/>

The Conference Dinner on Thursday 4th September will be held at Ooraminna Homestead, 30kms south of Alice Springs <http://www.ooraminnahomestead.com.au>. Conference delegates will be able to enjoy pre-dinner drinks and nibbles while gazing upon the famous outback sunset. Dinner is to be served within the recreated set that was built for the ill fated colonial movie *The Drover's Boy* written by Territory legend Ted Egan. Themed outback and country, diners are encouraged to dress in jeans, shirts, boots, Akubras or flouncy skirts and low-necked blouses to spend the evening revelling to the accompaniment of a bush band.

Conference website <http://www.alia2008.com>

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QUIZ QUESTION: What is the name of the 20-minute film that can be viewed at the Alice Springs Desert Park?

Send your answers to any member of the Committee at www.alia2008.com.

The question in the November issue was: **What is the name of the mountain in the MacDonnell Range that can be viewed from any location in Alice Springs?**

Answer: **Mt Gillen.**

Congratulations **Andrea McKey**, Manager of the Peter Spillett Library at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory in Darwin, who has won a \$50 voucher from the Queen Bead shop to be redeemed in Alice in September.

The 4th ALIA New Librarians Symposium

'Breaking Barriers'

Preparations are well underway for the 4th ALIA New Librarians Symposium, (NLS4) to be held in Melbourne this December. (As with previous years, our theme of 'Breaking Barriers' is intended to engage with new librarians on issues that they regularly face.) NLS4 will be held over two days, on the 5th and 6th of December, in the Melbourne CBD venue of Citiclub on Queen. CQ's modern function rooms provide the perfect environment for sharing ideas and interacting with other professionals. Furthermore, the CBD location is easily accessible by public transport, and is in close proximity to Melbourne's many city attractions - all within walking distance. An exciting social programme is also being planned and promises plenty of networking opportunities, as well as a chance to don your dancing shoes and boogie the night away with our favourite librarian DJ.



The organising committee is now calling for abstracts for papers on the symposium theme of 'Breaking Barriers' to be submitted by 4 April 2008. New librarians regularly face numerous barriers in the industry, from getting that first job in the library and information industry, to moving out of that first job and planning a career pathway. They face numerous stereotypical hurdles including the difficulties of generational gaps in the workplace, differences in professional attitudes, and the challenging ever-present public image of librarians. Furthermore, new librarians are faced with barriers to their own professional development and that of their teams, despite an increasing need to adapt to emerging trends in the industry. By exploring the theme of 'Breaking Barriers', new librarians will have the opportunity to share their experiences facing these hurdles and discuss strategies to overcome them.

Conference website

<http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2008/>

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ALIA Information Online Conference and Exhibition 2009

With less than 12 months it's time to check your calendars, block out the dates and look at your flight options.

Information Online 2009, the leading conference and exhibition for the online information industry in the Asia-Pacific region will be held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney Australia from Tuesday 20 - Thursday 22 January 2009. A number of engaging satellite events will be presented on Monday 19 and Friday 23 January.

A range of experts from across the nation and around the globe will be on hand to engage, stimulate and challenge. While the usual areas of interests such as information architecture and security, disruptive technologies, repositories, communities of best practice will be there, look out for our expert gaming and visual literacy speakers.



The Call for Papers is now open and the Committee seeks your assistance in presenting delegates of the 14th ALIA Information Online Conference with innovative, practical and well researched papers; in addition to case studies on all aspects of the electronic information and multimedia environment.

If you're involved in the records management, corporate or public sector, consider sharing your expertise, experience or new initiatives by responding to the call. We are also offering the opportunity for peer review on some papers.

The trade exhibition has grown to become the largest event of its kind in the Asia-Pacific region and showcases a diverse range of exhibitors. Ranging from e-publishing services to e-records management, from business information to scientific and legal information, to library management systems and online databases, and KM and CMS systems, the 2009 conference will be no exception.

Stay up to date with the latest Information Online news at <http://www.information-online.com.au>

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Library stars: best of the best 2008

Call for submissions

Library stars makes its return at the **dreaming08** conference in Alice Springs. Following its successful debut in Perth in 2006, the forum, hosted by ALIA's Public Libraries Advisory Committee (PLAC), will showcase public libraries, their projects, and successes.

Sponsored by Peter Pal Library Supplies and SCentral, suppliers of the Bibliotheca RFID solution, the program is designed to inspire and recognise public library practitioners and will feature Inga Lunden, Director of the Stockholm Public Library.

The themes for 'Library stars: best of the best' will reflect the 'dreaming' themes for the ALIA 2008 Biennial Conference and we invite you to demonstrate excellence in one of the following areas:

- Are you **entrepreneurial** (eg in your marketing, fundraising, grants, partnerships, developing sustainable services)?
- Are you **accessible** (eg in indigenous access and services, multicultural services for all sectors information literacy, future access - digitisation, preservation)?

- Do you provide **meeting places** (eg libraries as community hubs, collaborative learning spaces, promoting the social role of libraries, online meeting places)?

You are invited to submit a proposal for presentation at the conference, featuring one of the above themes. Three projects will be selected and those libraries will be assisted with a travel grant of \$1,000 each to assist with costs in attending the conference.

The program will emphasise informal participation and interaction and there will be plenty of time to discuss each library's presentation and learn from each other.

Submissions should be no longer than 500 words, and should briefly describe your library and why you consider your library is a **Library star – the best of the best**. You should describe the impact of your organisation's program or achievement. What has your organisation accomplished? How do you know that your library has made a difference in people's lives?

Closing date is 29 February 2008 and all proposals are to be emailed to Jane Hardy, jane.hardy@alia.org.au.

<http://www.alia.org.au/governance/committees/public-libraries/inviting-submissions.html>





**The Children's Book Council of Australia
9th National Conference & Expo**

Melbourne Convention Centre
Friday 2 – Sunday 4 May 2008

**Join us for the 9th CBCA National
Conference and Expo**

All the Wild Wonders: keeping the magic of books alive

Speakers include:

- **Jack Zipes** 'Sticks and Stones', Editor Oxford Encyclopedia of Children's Literature
- **Neil Gaiman** 'Coraline', 'The Wolves in the Walls'
- **Shaun Tan** 'The Arrival', 'The Lost Thing'
- **Wendy Cooling** Founder of Book Start in the UK
- **Jan Ormerod** 'Water Witcher', 'Lizzie Nonsense'
- **Tim Travaglini** Putnam/Penguin USA, Publisher of 'Monster Blood Tattoo' in the US
- **Sarah Odedina** Bloomsbury UK Publisher of 'Harry Potter'

Innovative media presentations, performances and music including **Coco's Lunch** performing 'All the Wild Wonders'

An expo and many networking opportunities will support the outstanding conference program.

For more information, please visit the conference website
www.iceaustralia.com/cbca2008

Call for Papers

4th ALIA New Librarians Symposium

'Breaking Barriers'

The committee of the 4th ALIA New Librarians Symposium is now calling for abstract submissions for this year's symposium.

Dates for your Diary:

- abstract submissions close - 4 April 2008
- authors notified - 16 May 2008
- peer reviewed paper submission deadline - 5 September 2008
- final paper submission deadline - 7 November 2008
- registration opens - 2 June 2008
- early bird registration deadline - 5 September 2008

<http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2008/>

ALIA Information Online Conference and Exhibition 2009

The committee seeks innovative, practical, well researched papers and case studies on all aspects of the electronic information and multimedia environment for the 14th ALIA Information Online Conference.

The conference program team would be delighted to hear from you if you are considering submitting a topic that is of interest to our information community.

So if you're involved in records management in the corporate or public sector, why not share your expertise, experience or new initiatives with others. Some papers will be peer reviewed.

Call for papers deadline 28 March 2008.

<http://www.information-online.com.au>

Did you know?

Western Australia's premier Alan Carpenter has announced a \$73 million funding boost for the Arts. This includes \$4 million for the State Library.

The money will go towards the upgrade of the public and digital facilities of the State Library to make sure Western Australians have best possible quality access to this key learning facility.

The Western Australian Premier's Australia-Asia Literary Award is also to receive a \$1.2million boost. Spread over four years and aimed at recognising excellence in literature, the award will be for a book-length work published in the preceding year, written by an author resident in Australia or Asia.

Full details of the Premier's announcement can be found at <http://www.dca.wa.gov.au/ignite.asp>



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