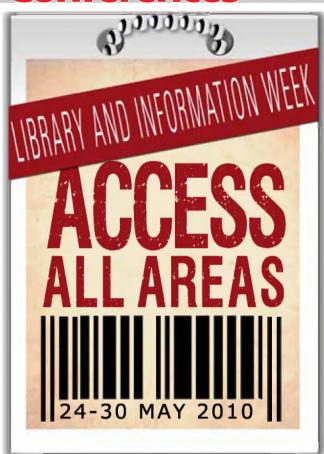
Conferences



National Simultaneous Storytime

We are very excited to announce the National Simultaneous Storytime book for 2010...

Little White Dogs Can't Jump

By Bruce Whatley and Rosie Smith Illustrated by Bruce Whatley

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National Simultaneous Storytime will be held on Wednesday 26 May at 11:00am

Join the hundreds of locations and thousands of children across Australia in this fun, rewarding event which promotes reading and literacy for young people!



ALIA Access 2010 Conference

1-3 September

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

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The ALIA Access 2010 Conference website has now been launched. The website provides up-to-the-minute information about the conference including the program, abstract submission, social functions and registration details.

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- · Public Libraries: a surprise on every page
- What next! Practical information to enhance the career of a new information professional
- Collective wealth, global sharing, global resources
- Hidden treasure: finding the gold in professional development
- The Acquisitions Continuum: where are we in 2010?
- TAFE surprisingly innovative libraries!
- Special Libraries: demonstrating our value
- LibraryCamp

- Creating and sustaining a culture of performance: library leadership
- Information literacy and web 2.0: a paradox?
- LIS Education seminar
- Access health librarianship mapping, scoping and developing the health librarian of the next decade
- Sustainable libraries

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Save the date! Conference early-bird registration will open on Thursday, 1 April.

You will go home from the conference feeling inspired. And why wouldn't you, with an abundance of new knowledge, new friends, new perspectives, and new dreams!

SPONSORSHIP & EXHIBITION

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90 people head to the top for Sixth ALIA Top End Symposium

Around 90 delegates attended the 6th annual ALIA Top End Symposium, held in Darwin, Northern Territory, 2-3 October 2009, at the Charles Darwin University. Professor Barney Glover, Vice Chancellor, CDU, officially opened the symposium and welcomed delegates warmly, noting that he was pleased to continue the university's support of the Symposium. He congratulated the local library community for such a sustained and ongoing commitment to the professional development of the profession.

The theme, Exploring Library Spaces for Learning and eLearning, was chosen because of its topical nature and relevance to all types of libraries. Many libraries around the globe are rising to the challenges of developing new learning spaces and elearning environments, and our invited speakers set the scene with keynote addresses from their various perspectives: Kathryn Greenhill (Special Services Librarian, Cottlesloe/Peppermint Grove/Mosman Park Library, WA), Jennifer Peasley (Deputy University Librarian, Macquarie University Library, NSW), Pip Hankin (Coordinator, Huon LINC, Community Knowledge Network, Tasmania), and Graham Black (ALIA Vice-President and Director, Division of Library and Academic Learning Services CQUniversity, Queensland).



Delegates were impressed particularly by the plans for new library spaces - the innovative and sustainable public library in WA; the elegant 'next generation' Macquarie University Library; as well as ideas about flexible community hubs and Huon Linc's combining information services/lifelong learning programs.

Some of the evaluation comments were about changing roles of libraries:

learning is a responsibility of libraries and librarians are very engaged with the topic of 'learning'



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Abstract Submission Deadline 31st March 2010

THEMES

Content streams will be based on the following topic areas:

- Library Spaces Knowledge Services and Enterprise Content Management Digital Assets & Rights Management

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- Measuring our services
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in this technological age Information Management specialists, educators and IT specialists need to ask themselves questions about their roles

Participants were stimulated and challenged in different ways:

- sustainability is the new buzz word in library design; there are reasons why we should go in that direction and build 'eco friendly' libraries;
- library spaces are important for social inclusion across many levels; spaces can be designed to be culturally safe, and there are complexities of dealing with Indigenous cultural issues in learning and training.

A committee member commented about the web 2.0 approach to planning and presenting the conference, noting that delegates were encouraged to twitter during the conference and to provide questions via text messages, which contributed to the e-learning aspect promoted by the Symposium.

The Symposium was a huge success, with strong local participation, engagement, and support of the wider library community, and vendor sponsorship, including RMIT/Informit, Wavesound, Raeco, and Proquest. As one of the main events for the year, it is a large commitment for a small group of people, but well worth the effort with significant benefits in terms of the learning and the collegiality the event engenders. My personal thanks go to our 12-member 'willing and able' committee who performed magnificently and pulled off a very polished and enjoyable event.

Papers from the Symposium are available from: http://www.alia. org.au/groups/topend/

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