

# 60+ ideas for your Professional Development

- 1. Attend a conference
- 2. Read the *Australian Library Journal*
- 3. Read *INCITE*
- 4. Mentor a university student
- 5. Volunteer on an ALIA committee
- 6. Write an article for *INCITE*
- 7. Join an ALIA Advisory Committee
- 8. Attend an occupational health and safety lecture
- 9. Do a FOLIOz course
- 10. Read *AARL*
- 11. Participate in a webinar
- 12. Take a secondment to develop your skills
- 13. Attend a work-based seminar
- 14. Undertake a project management course
- 15. Read a book on library theory
- 16. Complete the ALIA career development kit
- 17. Read a library blog regularly
- 18. Read a book on management
- 19. Attend a code of conduct lecture
- 20. Research an LIS topic
- 21. Attend a lecture at your State Library
- 22. Shadow a professional for a day or half day
- 23. Write an article for *AARL*
- 24. Turn a work project into work-based research
- 25. Take a TAFE LIS subject
- 26. Develop a lunch time seminar for your colleagues
- 27. Watch some YouTube videos on library skills
- 28. Teach yourself a web 2.0 skill like blogging
- 29. Set up your own website
- 30. Speak at a conference
- 31. Attend an Aurora leadership program
- 32. Take an extra university subject
- 33. Join a conference organising committee
- 34. Mentor a new graduate
- 35. Attend commercial product training
- 36. Attend an Alumni seminar
- 37. Teach yourself an IT skill such as HTML
- 38. Download podcasts of Law Librarian Conversations
- 39. Mentor a colleague
- 40. Write an article for the *Australian Library Journal*
- 41. Follow Stephen's Lighthouse (blog)
- 42. Complete a university postgraduate certificate course
- 43. Join Toastmasters
- 44. Give a talk on your conference experience
- 45. Spend some time reading ProQuest articles and eBooks
- 46. Develop an ePortfolio
- 47. Learn Auslan or other language
- 48. Attend an online Adult Learning Australia course
- 49. Update or develop a library page on Wikipedia
- 50. Download podcasts from iTunes u
- 51. Read conference papers available on the web
- 52. Read relevant Government reports on the web
- 53. Do a book review for a library journal
- 54. Investigate new technologies such as ebook readers
- 55. Sign up to an IFLA elist
- 56. Watch some of Michael Stephens videos on the web
- 57. Complete Boardroom Bound program
- 58. Listen to podcasts from the National Library
- 59. Do '23 things'
- 60. Volunteer to organise a charity's library or catalogue
- 61. Subscribe to a free online LIS journal
- 62. Take a leadership skills course
- 63. Record and reflect using ALIA's My PD
- 64. Develop software skills such as DreamWeaver, DBTextWorks or Excel

NB: This is not an exhaustive list of PD activities.

For the PD Scheme Summary of Activities visit:  
<http://www.alia.org.au/education/pd/scheme/>

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For career tips, see **Career Connect** <http://www.alia.org.au/careerconnect/>  
**ALIA Training events and courses** <http://www.alia.org.au/training>  
**ALIA's PD Postings** <http://www.alia.org.au/publishing/enewsletters/pdposting/>  
**ALIA's event calendar** <http://www.alia.org.au/events/>