

## APLA meeting, 7 June 2023

### Key messages

#### Meeting summary

The all-day meeting was held in Perth at the State Library of WA. Representatives from all States and Territories were in attendance with an apology from Tasmania.

#### Guests

- Vicki Edmunds, Past President of ALIA joined the meeting and APLA members thanked her for her valued contribution to APLA and for her leadership of ALIA.
- Jane Cowell, ALIA's new President was warmly welcomed to the meeting. Jane will be attending each Advisory Committee and Sector Committee at least once. The ALIA Board Liaison for APLA will be Amy Walduck.
- Emily Wilson, Regional Engagement Manager joined the meeting as an observer.
- Alison Dellit, Assistant Director-General Collaboration from the National Library gave a presentation on Trove Collaborative Services.
- State Library of WA - Catherine Clark, CEO and State Librarian; Steve McQuade, Manager Public Libraries and Literacy; and Janet Deegan, Public Library Liaison Librarian presented to the meeting on WA State Library's Public Library Strategy and Implementation Plan.



L-R Lisa Bateman Expert Member, Tania Paul SA, Leanne Williams Vic, Alison Oliver WA, Cathie Warburton ALIA CEO, Nicole Hunt QLD, Penny Davies ACT, Suzie Gately NT, Viv Barton APLA Chair, Jane Cowell ALIA President, Adele Casey NSW. Apologies Dionne Collins SA, Robyn Murfet TAS.

#### New Terms of Reference for APLA

Work commenced on the development of new Terms of Reference for APLA as the current Memorandum of Collaboration expires in October 2023. As APLA is now a Sector Committee of ALIA it was a good opportunity to revisit APLA's purpose and way of operating. The new Terms of Reference will be finalised for approval by the ALIA Board in the coming months.

### Trove Collaborative Services

Alison Dellit gave a presentation on the history and evolution of Trove Collaborative services starting with the establishment of the Australian Bibliographic Network in 1981 and the launch of Trove in 2009. Trove Collaborative Partnerships involve three key services which are interlinked through shared infrastructure:

- Trove
- Cataloguing
- Resource sharing via Inter-library lending and document delivery services

Library sectors use these services differently and this is reflected in the subscription prices which are based on usage. For example, public libraries have a much greater reliance on inter-library lending than for example academic libraries where 98% of acquisitions are now digital thus reducing the need for cataloguing services and inter-library lending. From 1 July the Content Contribution package will be free. This allows the contribution of library collections to Trove. This ensures that the immeasurable benefits of Trove as a resource for the public will continue to be maintained and developed. Following the presentation there was good discussion around the challenges of inter-library lending in terms of cost and the barriers to alternatives such as acquisitions of physical copies or transition to e-resources.

### Book challenges and rainbow storytime protests

The ALIA webinar "Stand up for Your Rights" presented by criminal barrister Nicholas Stewart was watched live during the meeting. This was followed by a good discussion of the issues raised. Experiences of protests and book challenges were shared as well as available resources and those under development. ALIA is delivering a workshop to discuss these issues and promote resources for library managers in SE Queensland in collaboration with QPLA and the State Library of Queensland. It is hoped that similar workshops can be held in other states and territories.

### National Campaign

Short term - ALIA will be producing posters and other merchandise based on the American Library Association's "Libraries Transform" campaign. It is anticipated that these will be available for downloading or for purchasing in August.

Longer term – ALIA is in discussions with individual states around current campaigns or campaigns under development to identify opportunities to collaborate or leverage existing work. Given the resources available to APLA at this time it was agreed that this was the most practical path forward.

### Aged care reforms pilot with the Department of Health and Aged Care

APLA has endorsed and will promote the pilot program being rolled out by ALIA in partnership with the Department of Health and Aged Care. This will involve 30 libraries hosting a resource hub on the aged care reforms to raise awareness in the community. The pilot will run for three months from September to November and applications open on 16 June via ALIA's website.