

ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Symposium 2019

Melbourne 13 - 15 November

Call for Proposals

ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Symposium 2019 will provide participants with opportunities to:

- *Discover* new ideas and innovative approaches to challenges,
- *Diversify* their understanding of the library and information sector, and
- *Dive* into discussions, workshops, activities and networking.

We invite proposals from members of the library and information community to contribute to the four symposium streams. Individuals, organisations, vendors, commercial and not-for-profit organisations are encouraged to participate, to make this a truly industry-wide symposium. Each stream has its key focus and preferred presentation formats, as indicated by the numbered points in italics below.

Source (History)

2019 marks the 50th year of library technician training in Australia. The Symposium will celebrate this milestone with a look at the role of library and information technicians in the sector. This stream is designed to be a light-hearted reflection on where we have been, where we are, and where we are going.

1. *Presentation on highlights of their experience as library and information technicians – 10 minutes*

Rapids (Technology)

The technological landscape is a rapidly changing phenomenon. Library and information technicians are embracing new innovations, providing users with fresh ways of engaging with information. This stream is designed to provide practical experiences at different levels. Hands-on workshops, training sessions and a 'play pit' of various gadgets will be offered.

2. *Practical workshops presenting/teaching/training a technology – 45, 90 or 135 minutes*
3. *Presentation* and discussion on opportunities presented by new technology in library and information centre – 45 minutes*
4. *Showcase a technology in the 'play pit'*

Currents (People)

Underpinning the role of the library and information technicians are the many and varied currents provided by daily interactions with the community. This stream provides the opportunity to focus on the people and community aspect of information work. (Examples of topics: authors, community partnerships, volunteer management, library programs, outreach, amusing anecdotes, customer interaction, ...).

5. *Presentation* and discussion on any issue relating to community – 45 minutes*
6. *Workshop or training on community engagement – 45 minutes*



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Divergence (discussion and debate)

This stream acknowledges the diverse nature of library and information technicians; it provides opportunities to discuss and debate issues of mutual interest. Sector-based and topic-based panel discussions will be offered.

7. *Sector specific panel member*
8. *Issue topic panel member – specify topic of interest*

* **Presentations** are to be brief, with the focus on discussion and interaction. Any papers or pre-reading should be made available one month before the Symposium, so it can 'taken as read' before the presentation. If writing a paper, please make an application for peer review, if essential.

Key dates:

Call for proposals close	21 January 2019
Presenter notification	30 March 2019
Peer review paper submission	30 May 2019
Final paper or pre-reading submission	15 October 2019

We are unable to offer financial assistance to attend and all presenters must register for and attend the conference. Speakers are eligible to receive a discounted conference registration fee.

Enquiries regarding proposal submissions can be directed to ALIA at events@alia.org.au.

Please complete the form below and send to: events@alia.org.au before 21 January 2019

Multiple proposals from one person/team will be accepted, but each must be submitted on separate forms.



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Proposal Submission Form

Name(s):

Brief biography (less than 50 words per person):

Contact details:

Select one of the following:

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- Showcase a technology in the 'play pit'*
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- Workshop or training on community engagement – 45 minutes*
- Sector specific panel member*
- Issue topic panel member – specify topic of interest*

Overview of proposal (between 200 – 500 words):

If offering a training or workshop, please specify:

Maximum number of participants:

Any logistical information the committee may need to assess your submission (e.g. access to wifi, computers, multiple power points, tables ...)

