



## WELCOME

I'm writing this issue of PD Postings from Brisbane where it's festival season and summer has suddenly arrived. Most of the following PD opportunities can be done at the beach, on the bus, in the cool of the early morning or in the air conditioned comfort of your office. No need to miss out on fun or your PD! Claudia.

## Catch up! IFLA World Library and Information Congress

Couldn't make it to Helsinki? The full text of selected papers are now available via the daily programme.

<http://conference.ifla.org/ifla78/programme-and-proceedings-day/2012-08-09>

**PD category:** Professional reading

**PD points:** 1 point per hour, 10 points maximum per year

## Rethink! Building and sustaining a culture of assessment with Meredith Farkas

In an environment in which libraries need to demonstrate their value to faculty and administrators, showing how the library contributes to student learning through its innovation program is critical. However, creating a culture of meaningful assessment can be an uphill battle. This presentation will help you build a culture of classroom and program assessment through case studies and ideas around assessment cultural shifts, assessment anxiety and resistance in the library, education, management and psychology literature.

**Information:** email [k3.davis@qut.edu.au](mailto:k3.davis@qut.edu.au)

**Date:** 6 November 2012

1:00pm - 2:30pm AEST (Qld) - see website for times in other states

**Venue:** Online seminar

**Cost:** \$115 for ALIA members - a \$20 saving on the standard registration. Student and group registration rates also available

**Register:** <http://tinyurl.com/cultureofassessment>

**PD category:** Informal learning activities

**PD points:** 1 point per hour, 30 points maximum per year

## Tweet! How to live tweet an event

Tweeting at conferences and seminars can enrich your professional development experience, develop personal

learning networks and provide a knowledge resource for your colleagues - if it's done well. This step by step guide which complements a TED talk by Twitter co-founder Evan Williams will help the beginner get started and the experienced tweeters sharpen their skills.

<http://www.socialbrite.org/2011/09/30/12-step-guide-on-how-to-live-tweet-an-event/>

**Evan's TED talk:** [http://www.ted.com/talks/evan\\_williams\\_on\\_listening\\_to\\_twitter\\_users.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/evan_williams_on_listening_to_twitter_users.html)

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## Read! Papers from the International Council on Archives Congress

The theme for this international congress, held in Brisbane in August this year, was 'climate of change'. The full papers exploring sustainability, trust and identity are now available.

<http://www.ica2012.com/program/full-papers.php>

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## Master Melvil! A complete "how to" course in Web Dewey 23

No prior skill in using Dewey Decimal Classification is required to master the number building skills of web DDC. This interactive course will provide an overview of the principles of DDC, and a sequence of practical exercises, with guidance and support from experienced cataloguers. Feedback and advice will be provided so that you will emerge with the confidence to fearlessly tackle classification. Online, in partnership with TAFENSW.

[www.alia.org.au/training](http://www.alia.org.au/training)

**Dates:** 5 November – 16 December 2012

**Registrations Close:** 22 October 2012

**PD category:** Tertiary Courses

**PD points:** 30

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## Study! Free introduction to databases

This online, self-paced course consists of video lectures and exercises. It covers database design, the relational model and SQL. It also covers languages including XML, XPath, XQuery, and XSLT. No prior knowledge is assumed, however a reasonable amount of programming experience will make the material more accessible.

<http://www.db-class.org/course/auth/welcome>

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## Read! Free scholarly articles

My choice this month from the ProQuest LIS Journals online package, available free to all ALIA members at <http://www.alia.org.au/LISjournals/>

Gray, David J. and Andrea J. Copeland. 2012. "E-Book Versus Print: A Per-Title Cost and use Comparison of a Public Library's Popular Titles." *Reference & User Services Quarterly* 51 (4): 334-339.

Gourshettiwar, P. M. and P. P. Yeotikar. 2012. "Controlled Wi-Fi Sharing in Cities: A Decentralized Approach Relying on Indirect Reciprocity." *Information Science and Technology* 2 (1): 16-19.

McKenzie, Pamela J. and Rosamund K. Stooke. 2012. "Making a Difference: The Importance of Purposes to Early Learning Programs." *Children & Libraries* 10 (2): 47-52.

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## Read! Free ebook

The EBL eBook Library online package is available free to all ALIA members. My pick for the month is: Fortriede, Steven Carl. *Moving your library: getting the collection from here to there*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2010.

I wish I'd had this book the last time I moved the collection. The author has moved libraries more than 20 times. He's produced a really practical, detailed book full of photographs, tips, checklists, specifications and plans for simple and complex moves - even a sample request for quotes. Don't move libraries without it!

<http://www.alia.org.au/onlineLISresources>

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## Watch! Libraries in a Google World

Kathryn Greenhill, Kate Davis, Jemima McDonald, Caroline Gauld and Francis Kneebone discuss how libraries can remain viable as providers of balanced and significant information following the digital revolution.

<http://plconnect.slq.qld.gov.au/resources/audiovideo>

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**Duration:** 2 hours, 40 minutes

## Plan ahead! ALIA Information Online 2013

Genevieve Bell has been announced as a keynote speaker for Information Online, along with the fabulous Sarah Drummond. Registrations will open soon so start planning to get to Brisbane early next year.

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

**Dates:** 12-15 February 2013

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## Watch! Information Futures Forum

In this video, *Recasting Resource Investments in the New Normal: the Rise of Special Collections*, two guest speakers from the US explore those factors impacting on academic institutions which are leading to the rise of a new collecting paradigm.

[http://informationfutures.unimelb.edu.au/forums/list/rick\\_luce](http://informationfutures.unimelb.edu.au/forums/list/rick_luce)

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## Think! Explore the digital future

Looking around for CPD material by Information Online keynote Genevieve Bell, I could have chosen a wonderful TED talk or writings about the future of information and technology but I couldn't put this 2010 report from her time as thinker in residence in South Australia down. So relevant to today and to all of Australia.

<http://www.thinkers.sa.gov.au/thinkers/bell/default.aspx>

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## Listen! Radio National podcasts

ABC radio has a wealth of professional development podcasts. Here's just a sample!

Many internets, many lives: <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/futuretense/many-internets2c-many-lives/4241874>

**Filter bubbles:** <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/futuretense/filter-bubbles-the-global-internet-and-wikipedias/2919666>

**The deep web:** <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/futuretense/the-deep-web/3117812>

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## Make it count! Free professional development teleconference

Join us for a one hour teleconference on professional development within the library and information sector, with a particular focus on the ALIA Professional Development Scheme. Numbers are limited and teleconferences are available to members only.

[www.alia.org.au/training](http://www.alia.org.au/training)

Dates: 23 or 24 October 2012

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## Enrol! MOOCs

If I haven't convinced you already to try a massively open online course, the Information Tyrannosaur may have better luck. I like the Tyrannosaur's suggestion of an introduction to finance. If you're moving in to management, this course might be for you.

<http://andyburkhardt.com/2012/08/13/4-reasons-librarians-should-join-a-mooc/>

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## I'm lecturing! Creating unforgettable PowerPoints

Are you guilty (like me) of trotting out the same old PowerPoint slides year after year? The *David Jakes presentation resources* site doesn't just look at tools and rules - it delves into biology, learning theory, and visual literacy design principles.

<http://jakes.editme.com/onehourppt>

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## Go to!

For a range of PD and networking opportunities, see our events calendar at <http://www.alia.org.au/events/>

You'll also find a range of ALIA courses and workshops at <http://www.alia.org.au/training/>

## Join! Become a certified practitioner

Not a member of ALIA's PD Scheme? All professional (Associate and Library Technician members) can join ALIA's PD Scheme for free.

For more information visit <http://www.alia.org.au/education/pd/scheme>

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