



# PDPOSTINGS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEWS AND ADVICE FOR LIS PROFESSIONALS



## WELCOME

The recent audit time for the PD Scheme gave us all a nudge in the right direction to start planning and recording our PD for the next 12 month period. Here are a few suggestions for activities which might hit the PD spot for you. – Margie.

### Subscribe! NBN eList

The National Broadband Network will bring information changes for everyone, professionally and personally. Stay abreast of what's happening by subscribing to the new ALIA nbnlibraries eList.

<http://lists.alia.org.au/mailman/listinfo/nbnlibraries/>

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

### Listen! The future of libraries

ABC Radio National recently brought together a panel of experts to discuss the future of libraries in Australia. Listen to the podcast and see if you agree with their predictions.

<http://www.abc.com.au/rn/australiatalks/stories/2011/3337125.htm>

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### Share! Libraries for literacy

SLQ has produced an impressive series of resources which can be used as a foundation for any organisation planning their approach to fostering literacy initiatives.

[http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/publib/inclusive\\_communities/tr/](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/publib/inclusive_communities/tr/)

**PD category:** Work-based research projects

**PD points:** 2 points per hour, 20 points maximum per year

### Submit! An abstract for the ALIA Biennial 2012 Conference

By presenting at a national ALIA conference, you'll contribute to our profession's research base, and increase your national profile. Come July next year you could be up at the podium presenting to eager conference goers. Get your abstract in now.

<http://conferences.alia.org.au/alia2012/program.html>

**Applications close:** 30 November

**PD category:** Presentations and papers

**PD points:** 2 points per hour, 20 points maximum per year

### Educate! LIS skills for the future

*Library and information science education 2.0: guiding principles and models of best practice* identifies the current

and anticipated skills and knowledge required by successful LIS professionals in the age of web 2.0 and beyond. Watch the accompanying videos of LIS educators discussing creating curriculum to meet current and future needs.

<http://www.altc.edu.au/resource-library-principles-qut-2011>

[http://eprints.qut.edu.au/view/person/Partridge,\\_Helen.html](http://eprints.qut.edu.au/view/person/Partridge,_Helen.html)

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### Digitise! Information or artifact?

This great series of extensive blog posts takes you through the complex procedures and issues surrounding digitising historical material.

<http://blogs.loc.gov/digitalpreservation/2011/10/information-or-artifact-digitizing-a-book-part-1/>

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### Archive! Capture social media content

Much of social media content is of the moment but often content is created which needs to be captured and commented on for future use. That's when tools such as Storify or Chirpstory come into their own, allowing you to embed individual units of social media into a blog post.

<http://web.fumsi.com/go/article/use/64865>

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### Recap! Internet Librarian 2011 conference

You might not have been able to make it to California to attend in person but download the presentations and you will almost feel like you were there.

<http://www.infoday.com/il2011/Presentations.asp>

**PD category:** Professional reading

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

### Grow! State of Australian cities

The latest report from the Dept of Infrastructure and Transport, *State of Australian Cities 2011*, shows us population trends and requirements. Has the LIS industry got what it takes to meet the challenges of future demand?

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<http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure/mcu/index.aspx>

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## Track! Tools to tame time wasting

Keeping up with cool tools to help you be more productive is a good investment of your time. Analyse your workflows and see how you can improve workplace productivity. Try Toggl for time tracking.

<https://www.toggl.com/>

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Remember you can include learning that is outside the LIS subject area if it informs your professional practice.

## Discover! Booklist webinars

Booklist editors host leading practitioners, authors and publishers' representatives at least once a month in webinars on a variety of topics offering immediate tips, tools, resources and new ideas for collection development and readers' advisory work. Register for an upcoming webinar or access archived sessions.

<http://www.booklistonline.com/GeneralInfo.aspx?id=63>

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## Speak up! ALIA NAC teleconference

If you missed a face to face meeting there is still time to join our teleconference or Skype NAC sessions. Come prepared for lively discussion by reading the NAC planning material and listening to podcasts listed to make you think about the future of our profession.

<http://www.alia.org.au/governance/nac/2011/ALIA.Planning.consultation.2012.pdf>

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## Read! Free scholarly articles

The ProQuest LIS Journals online package is available free to all ALIA members at <http://www.alia.org.au/LISjournals/>

Carter, S., and T. Ambrosi. 2011. How to build a desk statistics tracker in less than an hour using forms in Google docs. *Computers in Libraries*, October 1, 12-16.

Schulte, S.. 2011. Eliminating traditional reference services in an academic health sciences library: a case study. *Journal of the Medical Library Association* 99, no.4, October 1, 273-279.

Schmidt, A.. 2011. Ready for a UX Librarian? *Library Journal*, November 1, 24.

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## Explore! Screen capture tools

I'm always looking for better ways to undertake techie tasks and simple explanations of how to do it all. The *Free technology for teachers* site rarely disappoints. Take a lesson on popular screen capture tools and techniques.

<http://www.freetechnologyforteachers.com/2011/09/7-good-screen-capture-tools-for.html>

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## Shine! Spotlight your library in NYR 2012

National Year of Reading is the perfect time to turn your attention to the great work undertaken by your library and put in place a new marketing strategy. Use the ALIA advocacy materials to plan your NYR project; along with NYR resources, such as the application for funding template, to seek out support.

<http://love2read2012.wikispaces.com/Resources>

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

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## Watch! Experts debate

Heavy hitters met at SLQ to discuss *Liberating digital content: the challenges and opportunities of open government*. The panel explore what Government 2.0 and the National Broadband Network will mean for the world of public sector information. Unlocking the latent information wealth of the nation - or a loss of control and privacy?

[http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/find/webcasts/society\\_and\\_social\\_issues](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/find/webcasts/society_and_social_issues)

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## I'm volunteering... ALIA Careers Advisory Committee!

As an ALIA member I've joined my colleagues to contribute to this new committee. With a new year looming many ALIA Groups will be looking for enthusiastic team members. Take the plunge and put up your hand for a role with an ALIA Group or committee.

<http://www.alia.org.au/governance/committees/careers/>

**PD category:** Contribution to ALIA

**PD points:** 1 point per hour, 5 points maximum per year

## 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/education/pd/pd.services/>

## 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/#PDScheme>

## Are you managing a library or information service?

Check out LIS Management in Focus – provided free to all ALIA members at <http://www.alia.org.au/publishing/enewsletters/focuson/>