



PDPOSTINGS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEWS AND ADVICE FOR LIS PROFESSIONALS



WELCOME

The year is racing ahead and your PD plan should be doing likewise. If you haven't set personal learning goals for 2011 yet, think about how you wish your skills and knowledge to have developed by the end of the year. Leave space for unexpected opportunities. I've adjusted my own learning plan after listening to a couple of web streamed sessions at Information Online in February - Margie.

Revisit! Information Online Conference 2011

Papers are now online. Although I watched the keynotes via web streaming, I'm pleased to see the papers and presentations are available so I can follow up on recommendations from colleagues who saw the presentations in person.

http://www.information-online.com.au/sb_clients/iog/bin/iog_2011_programme.cfm?page=all

PD category: Professional reading

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

Study! Pick up an additional subject off campus

Discuss what's involved in picking up an off campus subject or two this year with your choice of LIS learning institution. Many still have vacancies for single subjects or are planning their midyear enrolments. Talk to the institutions to see which best suits your needs.

<http://www.alia.org.au/education/qualifications>

PD category: Tertiary courses

PD points: 30 points per subject per semester, 60 points maximum per year

Ponder! Perceptions of libraries 2010

This latest report from OCLC offers much awaited insight into information consumers and their online habits, preferences, and perceptions. Particular attention was paid to how economic downturn affected the information-seeking behaviors and how those changes are reflected in the use and perception of libraries. Although the research is USA based, it's a must read for planners of information services.

<http://www.oclc.org/reports/2010perceptions.htm>

PD category: Informal learning activities

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

Win! Research scholarships

Applications are now open for the National Library of Australia's Harold White Fellowship, the Minerals Council of Australia Fellowship and the Japan Fellowship. Fellows are awarded unparalleled opportunities to delve into the Library's rich collections for 3-6 months. This could be the start of a great conference presentation or even a PhD.

<http://www.nla.gov.au/services/awards.html>

Closing date for applications: 30 April 2011

PD category: Personal study projects

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

Tinker! Try out a cool tool

I'm hearing great reports about this collaborative text editing tool which allows multiple users to edit the same document at once. Terrific for working on projects with colleagues either at the next desk or on the other side of the country.

<http://meetingwords.com>

PD category: Informal learning activities

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

Write! Submit to these ALIA publications

InCite, 1 April deadline for May edition. Theme: Why I love my library/LIS job. Non-refereed.

<http://alia.org.au/publishing/incite/guidelines.html>

ALJ, 15 April deadline for May edition. Refereed.

<http://alia.org.au/publishing/alj/notes.html>

AARL, 15 April deadline for June edition. Refereed.

<http://alia.org.au/publishing/aarl/authors.html>

PD category: Publications

PD points: 1 point per hour, 10 points maximum per year non-refereed, 20 points maximum per year refereed

Read! Free eBook

The EBL eBook Library online package is available free to all ALIA members. My pick for this month is:

Blossom, John. *Content Nation: Surviving and Thriving as Social Media Changes Our Work, Our Lives, and Our Future*. Indianapolis, IN: Wiley Technology Pub., 2009.

Social media is one of the most important and influential trends to emerge for libraries this decade. How well are you utilising social media in your library and your life? This book takes an in depth look at social media. It includes case studies and practical tips on making the most of social media now and for the future.

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

PD category: Professional reading

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

Breakout! Present at a non-library conference

It's important to share information with professionals in allied areas. The Adult Learning and CAE National Conference will be held in Melbourne in September 2011. The call for papers is



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now open. Get tips on creating the perfect pitch for your paper from the ALIA abstract writing guide.

<https://ala.asn.au>

<http://www.alia.org.au/events/Writing.a.conference.abstract.pdf>

PD category: Presentations and papers

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

Listen! Podcasts on the latest in library design

The State Library of Victoria's Public Library *Design: from the inside out and the outside in* seminar last year addressed aspects of library design in the digital age: place-making concepts in public libraries; raised consumer expectations for quality interior space; spaces for joint use by school and public libraries; spaces which attract and hold young adults; environmental sustainability; and, how librarians and architects work together.

<http://www.libraries.vic.gov.au/cgi-bin/infonet/org.cgi?detail=1&id=83>

PD category: Informal learning activities

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

Change lives! National Year of Reading 2012

According to the 2006 *Adult Literacy and Life Skills Survey*, 46% of Australians have insufficient literacy skills to cope with the complex demands of everyday life and work. LIS professionals are uniquely positioned to make a difference. The National Year of Reading 2012 will be a great platform upon which to build change. Initiate research now - starting with the NYR2012 wiki - into how a NYR2012 project could assist your library users.

<http://love2read2012.wikispaces.com>

<http://www.love2read.org.au>

PD category: Work-based research projects

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

Play! China Heart

One of the changes to my own learning plan, as mentioned above, was to explore some of the digital projects coming out of Sydney's Powerhouse Museum. Playing with this cutting edge stuff sets my mind jumping about all kinds of projects which could be possible for our industry at large.

<http://www.chinaheart.org.au>

PD category: Informal learning activities

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

Master! EndNote

ALIA Training is planning a number of one day EndNote Training workshops in various locations this year, they're also happy to organise them at your request. Register your interest by emailing training@alia.org.au if your state isn't mentioned. Melbourne 25 February (sold out!) & 6 May, Canberra 18 March, Sydney 1 April.

For more info and to register:

<http://www.alia.org.au/education/pd/pd.services/brochures/EndNote.ALIA.Training.with.Jenny.Cameron.2011.pdf>

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Master more! Web 2.0 too

ALIA Training is pleased to offer another online course from TAFE Sydney Institute. *Web 2.0 Why? What? How? for your Library: Monitor and Enhance Information Access*. Embrace new



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technology and make it work for you. Registrations open now - closing 2 May.

<http://www.alia.org.au/education/pd/pd.services/brochures/TAFE.Monitor.and.Enhance.Inf.ALIA.Training.2011.pdf>

Date: Monday 16 May-30 June 2011,

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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, Workshops and PD Competitions at <http://www.alia.org.au/education/pd/pd.services>

Record! Your professional development activities

You might have missed being audited this year, but now is a good time to start building good record keeping habits for the next 12 months. Please ensure your PD Scheme records are up to date in case you are randomly selected for audit in 2011. For more information visit <http://www.alia.org.au/education/pd/scheme>

Check out the new ALIA PD points recording interface, My PD, at <http://www.alia.org.au/education/pd>

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