PDPOSTINGS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEWS AND ADVICE FOR LIS PROFESSIONALS

WELCOME

May is a big month for the LIS industry with Information Awareness Month, Australian Library and Information week and Simultaneous Storytime. In-between the festivities remember to keep up with your professional development plan - Margie.

Lead! Aurora Institute for Emerging Leaders

Be one of the first to experience this new learning opportunity from the Aurora Foundation. Talk with your manager about recommending you for Aurora in Sydney, 26-29 June 2011. Register now.
http://www.aurorafoundation.org.au/index.php?_a=viewDoc&docId=5
PD category: Aurora Institute
PD points: 30 points, once only

Mash! Libraryhack

LIS professionals can join enthusiasts from across Australia and NZ to showcase their best library apps and mashups and win great prizes. Check out the events section of the libraryhack site for activities in your State. Watch Colleen Morgan's presentation at The Edge (SLQ) on data visualization and making it all happen.
http://libraryhack.org/
http://edgeqld.org.au/blog/2011/04/20/collens-data-vis-presentation-for-libraryhack/
PD category: Informal learning activities
PD points: 1 point per hour, 30 points maximum per year

Conquer! Tame your desk and email

I was using the public library wifi to listen to online radio and catch up on my RSS feed. An interview with Cyril Peupion about his book *Work smarter, live better* hit the mark, so I put in a reservation on the spot. Grab a copy or download the interview.
http://blogs.abc.net.au/victoria/2011/03/tame-your-desk-and-email-with-cyril-peupion.html?site=melbourne&program=melbourne_afternoons
PD category: Professional reading
PD points: 1 point per hour, 10 points maximum per year

Evaluate! Dollars, sense and public libraries

This just released landmark study of the socio-economic value of Victorian public libraries is a must read no matter what your industry sector. Use it to help scope your own research project or survey the value of your library service. Download all report documents from the PLVN site.
http://www.publiclibrariesvictoria.net.au/node/13
PD category: Work-based research projects
PD points: 2 points per hour, 20 points maximum per year

Present! VALA 2012

The call for papers for this conference closes 9 May 2011. Take the podium and share your knowledge. Get tips on creating the perfect pitch for your paper from the ALIA abstract writing guide.
http://www.vala.org.au/vala2012/vala2012cfp
http://www.alia.org.au/events/Writing.a.conference.abstract.pdf
PD category: Presentations and papers
PD points: 2 points per hour, 20 points maximum per year

Write! Submit to these ALIA publications

InCite, 1 June deadline for July edition. Theme: Future planning. Non-refereed.
http://www.alia.org.au/publishing/incite/guidelines.html

ALJ, 1 August deadline for November edition. Refereed.
http://www.alia.org.au/publishing/alj/notes.html

AARL, 15 July deadline for September edition. Refereed.
http://www.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

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Read! Free scholarly articles

The ProQuest LIS Journals online package is available free to all ALIA members. My pick for this month is:

> Duncan, V. and A. Gerrard. 2011. All Together Now! Integrating Virtual Reference in the Academic Library. *Reference & User Services Quarterly* 50, no. 3, (April 1): 280-292.

> Krishnan, Y. 2011. Libraries and the Mobile Revolution. *Computers in Libraries*, April 1, 6-9,40.

> Westrum, A. 2011. The Key to the Future of the Library Catalog Is Openness. *Computers in Libraries*, April 1, 11-14.

http://www.alia.org.au/onlineLISresources/
PD category: Professional reading
PD points: 1 point per hour, 10 points maximum per year

Read! Free ebook

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

> Polanka, Sue. *No shelf required: e-books in libraries.* Chicago: American Library Association, 2011.

Named one of the industry's Movers and Shakers in 2011, e-book guru Polanka brings together a team of experts from the library sectors and publishing arenas to explore the challenges e-books bring to libraries. The team offer innovative ideas on integrating e-books into collections and tackle the challenges of going digital in a previously print based environment. Read the whole book or standalone chapters from your sector.
http://www.alia.org.au/onlineLISresources/
PD category: Professional reading
PD points: 1 point per hour, 10 points maximum per year

Research! Promote literacy and reading

A new IFLA professional report, Using research to promote literacy and reading in libraries: Guidelines for librarians, focuses on the importance of wisely consuming, conducting and applying research by librarians and their partners in order to promote literacy and reading in libraries.
http://www.ifla.org/en/news/using-research-to-promote-literacy-and-reading-in-libraries-guidelines-for-librarians
PD category: Work-based research projects
PD points: 2 points per hour, 20 points maximum per year

Tinker! Take your website mobile

If it's time to present your library's website to a mobile audience, and the job has fallen to you, then 7 Tools To Create a Mobile Library Website (Without Technical Knowledge!) might be the lifesaver you need.
http://oedb.org/blogs/ilibrarian/2011/7-tools-to-create-a-mobile-library-website-without-technical-knowledge/
PD category: Informal learning activities
PD points: 1 point per hour, 30 points maximum per year

Train! Internet training made easy

Vicnet has recently added to their suite of internet training material to include topics such as Skype, Google Earth & Maps and multilingual websites. They are the perfect place to start when planning your own user internet training.
http://www.vicnet.net.au/publications/item/94-internet-training-workbooks.html
PD category: Informal learning activities
PD points: 1 point per hour, 30 points maximum per year

Investigate! Screen readers

Time to look at making your PCs more accessible. Take a look at screen reader NonVisual Desktop Access (NVDA). This Australian product provides feedback and voice synthesis to users with vision impairment, supporting over 20 languages. Develop a trial and evaluate usage in your organisation.
http://www.nvda-project.org/
PD category: Informal learning activities
PD points: 1 point per hour, 30 points maximum per year

Teleconference! Disaster preparedness free for members

Sue McKerracher presents this teleconference on disaster preparedness within the LIS sector. Work with ALIA's Guide to disaster planning, response and recovery for libraries to prepare your workplace and collections for next disaster event. Registrations close 12 May 2011.
http://www.alia.org.au/education/pd/pd.services/brochures/Teleconference.Disaster.Preparedness.ALIA.Training.2011.pdf
Date: 19 May 2011, 2pm EDST
PD category: Informal learning activities
PD points: 1 point per hour, 30 points maximum per year

Design! And deliver information skills training courses

Our latest FOLIOz course will help you master the art of designing and delivering effective face-to-face information

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skills training. This train-the-trainer course explores the theory of information literacy and provides lots of practical tips for successful planning and delivery of information skills training. Registrations close 23 May 2011.
http://www.alia.org.au/education/pd/pd.services/brochures/FOLIOz.Design. and.Deliver.Info.Skills.Training.ALIA.Training.2011.pdf
Date: Monday 6 June-22 July 2011.
PD category: Informal learning activities
PD points: 1 point per hour, 30 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/**

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 and learning outcomes 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/**

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**

Are you managing a library or information service? LIS Management in Focus is for you – provided free to all ALIA members at **http://www.alia.org.au/publishing/enewsletters/focuson/**

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