WELCOME

Welcome to the 35th edition of PD postings. Get inspiration for professional development this month from your library technicians and new graduate colleagues who are heading back from the ALIA conferences in Perth – or perhaps gain a little extra motivation as the PD Scheme audit begin for 2011! - Claudia

Be quick! Transform you library through weeding

Register before 4 October for this *Library Journal* webcast (US), and then watch the archived presentation at your leisure. Guest panelists will discuss review of your physical and virtual shelves to create a more relevant collection.
http://tinyurl.com/4x3tawp
PD category: Informal learning activities
PD points: 1 point per hour, 30 points maximum per year

Survey! Design great survey instruments

Survey instruments are essential tools for evidence based practice and the ability to design unbiased questionnaires is a skill worth developing. UNESCO have produced a great free online methodology - written for the educational sector but applicable to all survey design.
http://www.iiep.unesco.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Cap_Dev_Training/Training_Materials/Quality/Qu_Mod8.pdf
Once you've mastered the basics, jump into Survey Monkey, a free online survey design site, and start gathering data to inform your library practice.
http://help.surveymonkey.com/app/tutorials/categorylist/noIntercept/1
PD category: Work-based research projects
PD points: 2 point per hour, 20 points maximum per year

Create! A personal landing page

Experiment with free software and pull together a personal web page to aggregate all your social media profiles, biographical info, photos, and more in one place.
http://oedb.org/blogs/ilibrarian/2011/5-ways-to-set-up-a-free-personal-landing-page-in-5-minutes/
PD category: Informal learning activities
PD points: 1 point per hour, 30 points maximum per year

Metatag! OpenCalais

We're all aware of the importance of rich metadata for web output – and the problems associated with creating it.
OpenCalais is a fascinating free web service which creates semantic metadata using natural language processing, machine learning and other methods. Plug in your content and learn as you play.
http://www.opencalais.com/about
PD category: Informal learning activities
PD points: 1 point per hour, 30 points maximum per year

Go Global! Creative Commons Global Summit

The *Powering an Open Future Summit* in Poland brought together the CC community to discuss the future of shared commons and help build the CC vital community. Slideshow presentations can be found on Slideshare – of course!
http://www.slideshare.net/group/cc-community/slideshows
PD category: Professional reading
PD points: 1 point per hour, 10 points maximum per year

Read! Free scholarly articles

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

Foasberg, N.. 2011. Adoption of E-Book Readers among College Students: A Survey. *Information Technology and Libraries* 30, no. 3, (September 1): 108-128.

Hahn, J., and L. Zitron. 2011. How First-Year Students Navigate the Stacks: Implications for Improving Wayfinding. *Reference & User Services Quarterly* 51, no. 1, (October 1): 28-35.

Mathson, S.. 2011. Engaging Readers, Engaging Texts: An Exploration of How Librarians Can Use Reader Response Theory to Better Serve Our Patrons. *Library Philosophy and Practice* (August 1): 1-12.

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:

Bush, Gail, and Jami Biles Jones. *Tales out of the school library: developing professional dispositions.* Englewood, Colorado: Libraries Unlimited, 2010.

This book uses three fictionalised teacher librarians to model familiar topics and situations. Chapters covering instructional strategies, information literacy, assessment, diversity, advocacy, leadership and professional ethics etc give guidance on how to act in caring and creative ways to make a difference in students' lives.
http://www.alia.org.au/onlineLISresources
PD category: Professional reading
PD points: 1 point per hour, 10 points maximum per year

Read! Communication Librarian blog

This blog from a North American Communication Librarian covers topics such as technology, databases, online learning, statistics and academic communication. Well worth a read.
http://commlibrarian.wordpress.com/2011/09/07/faqs-measuring-journal-impact/
PD category: Professional reading
PD points: 1 point per hour, 10 points maximum per year

Plan ahead! ALIA Biennial Sydney 2012

The ALIA Library Technicians' conference and New Graduates' Symposium are over and that means one thing – the build up to the ALIA Biennial begins! Start planning your abstract around the theme of 'discovery' now.
http://conferences.alia.org.au/alia2012/
PD category: Presentations and papers
PD points: 2 point per hour, 20 points maximum per year

Watch! 99% videos

Thomas Edison said "Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration", and these videos are all about the perspiration. Great speakers give great advice on the soft skills we all need to work on – creativity, motivation, dealing with people, rigor etc. There's something for everyone.
http://the99percent.com/
PD category: Informal learning activities
PD points: 1 point per hour, 30 points maximum per year
Duration: 10-30 minutes per video

Subscribe! NextSpace

NextSpace is a free online newsletter about the next big idea, trends affecting libraries and developments that will help libraries create value and shape their future. The current issue contains articles on innovation gaps and perceptions of libraries.
http://www.oclc.org/nextspace/
PD category: Professional reading
PD points: 1 point per hour, 10 points maximum per year

Contribute! Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication

With the inaugural edition due in early 2012, you only have until 14 November to submit an article to the *Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication*. Articles will be about where librarianship and publishing intersect, and the roles for libraries in content creation, curation, dissemination, review, credentialing, reputation and impact.
http://jlsc-pub.org/jlsc/
PD category: Publications (refereed)
PD points: 1 point per hour, 20 points maximum per year

Plan! Space planning in libraries

This free online resource contains lots of tips, advice and documents on planning library spaces and even a simple space planning excel worksheet. Look in the documents section for an annotated list of relevant links.
http://ct.webjunction.org/space-planning/-/resources/overview
PD category: Professional reading
PD points: 1 point per hour, 10 points maximum per year

I'm speaking up! ALIA regional National Advisory Congresses

Join your colleagues and industry leaders at regional NACs being held in capital cities around Australia in October. Members will discuss the future of the profession and if you're looking for an opportunity to demonstrate leadership, why not nominate to represent your state meeting at the National Advisory Congress (via teleconference).
http://www.alia.org.au/governance/nac/
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/**

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**

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

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