

Call for Proposals

The 8th New Librarians Symposium (NLS8) organising committee officially invites program proposals related to the theme of **DIY Library Career**.

It's time to take control and build your future in libraries - by learning, trying new things and hearing from library and information professionals. We want students, new graduates and seasoned professionals who can tell NLS8 attendees about the skills, challenges and big bold steps it takes to DIY your library career.

A year ago we asked library students and new graduates about what they wanted to see at the next NLS conference and the response was very clear: **practical** knowledge, **fresh** ideas, and **passion** for the profession. With this in mind we've decided to focus on hands-on workshops and targeted speaker sessions . . . and we need your help to do it.

We know the library and information profession is filled with passionate, talented, and skilled individuals at all stages of their careers so our 5 sub-themes are designed to get you thinking about what you can share with your colleagues:

THE CUTTING EDGE: Trends and Technology

The shiny new frontier of librarianship

Keywords: digital literacy - new frontiers and barriers - new creations - information rights and security - hands-on workshops - trends – technology

THE REFLECTIVE PROFESSIONAL: Patience and Perseverance

What does it mean to be a professional LIS practitioner?

Keywords: leadership | managing upwards | critical librarianship | research-practitioners | professional ethics and standards | inclusion and diversity in librarianship

BUILD YOUR BRAND: Networking and Connections

Meaningful connections to make things happen

Keywords: social media identity | personal brand | networking | professional events | volunteering | the role of professional organisations | mentoring | researcher connections

SHAPE YOUR SKILL SET: Professional Development

Taking pride in the skills you have and identifying the skills you need

Keywords: ALIA PD Scheme | transferrable skills | changing careers | career moves | teamwork | customer service | conflict resolution | marketing | being the new grad in the room

CRAFT YOUR STORY: Advocacy and Storytelling

Getting loud about information, galleries, libraries, archives and museums

Keywords: advocacy | activism | storytelling | communities | negotiating partnerships | sponsorship | influencing decisions within institutions and political, economic, and social systems.

For students or new graduates . . .

Are you a student or new graduate? We want you! We know it can be daunting and you may be thinking to yourself.... just what do I have to offer? Well, you have a lot! You have fresh eyes and you're new to the industry. Think outside the box, maybe you could put together a group presentation, interpretive dance, slam poetry session or interactive workshop? How did you land your first library job? What direction do you want the library profession to head in? What can you do that you think other library folk should be able to do too? The choice is yours! As a first-time presenter you will be paired with an experienced mentor to support and guide you through your journey.

For those in industry . . .

Your professional experience is valued not only for the skills, knowledge, and ideas you have developed but because simply, you've been there, you know what it feels to be starting a career in librarianship. What did you want to know when you were starting out? Have you developed a workshop for your workplace, which might be useful? Maybe you could get a few members of your PLN to set up a panel to discuss a topic you're all passionate about. Are you a librarian working in a non-library role? We want to hear from you!

Submitting

Please review the [submission guidelines](#) before submitting your abstract. All abstracts should be submitted prior to the **22 August 2016**.

Your abstract may be submitted [here](#).

Enquiries regarding abstract submissions can be directed to the NLS8 Program Team at program@nls8.com or ALIA Events Team at events@alia.org.au

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