

ALIA Children's and Youth Services Group

Draft Terms of Reference

Optional group statement

ALIA Children's and Youth Services promotes library services to children and youth, highlighting children's/YA literature and fostering professional development of members.

Purpose

The ALIA Children's and Youth Services Group (ALIA CYS) is a forum for children's and youth librarians and others concerned with the promotion of high quality children's literature and professional development in the field of children's and youth librarianship.

Background (optional)

The ALIA Children's and Youth Services Group has a long history within the organisation including editing the quarterly refereed journal, *Orana*, from 1977 - 2005. Marjorie Cotton was the first president of the Library Association of Australia Children's Libraries Section in 1953, the precursor to the ALIA CYS group of today.

ALIA CYS commemorates Bess Thomas and Marjorie Cotton through biennial awards and Nancy Booker through a public lecture. The group has been involved with National Simultaneous Storytime since its inception in Australia and provided professional development for library staff and fostered Children's Book Week celebrations in libraries around the country.

The group were early adopters of email lists and social media to extend the reach of professional development for colleagues in regional and remote areas and to raise the profile of young people's librarianship nationally and internationally.

Focus

Bi-monthly Scoop Newsletter

Contribute to the NSS panel

Administrators for the Nancy Booker Honour Lecture, Marjorie Cotton and The Bess Thomas awards.

Commitment to sustainability and leadership development

ALIA CYS is committed to leadership development and sustainability of the group. This is carried out by promoting and attending CPD opportunities and following best practice for an ALIA group.

Membership

The Group is open to all with an interest in promoting the value and impact of library services for children and young adults.. ALIA Members may join a Group at any time, without charge. Non-ALIA-Members can join the group however they cannot hold an office bearing role (such as convenor, treasurer or secretary).

The Core Committee has the following office holders:

*Convenor/Co-convenors Nicola McGeown

* Secretary Gabby Cundy

^ Treasurer Mylee Joseph

Research Claire Stuckey

Determining Office Holders

Review the office holders annually with members.

Relationships

The Group will work collaboratively with ALIA National Office and other ALIA Committees and Groups as required. The following Groups or Committees are of particular relevance:

*ALIA Schools

*Collaboration with CBCA and IBBY to expand knowledge of relevant professional events and information.

Responsibilities

The Core Committee is responsible for following the guidance in the Groups Handbook.

Frequency of Meetings

The Group will meet quarterly via zoom. Extra meetings will be scheduled to welcome new members and when required (events, awards, ect).

Changes to the terms of reference

The terms of reference may be revised by the Core Committee in consultation with Group members and submitted to the ALIA CEO for approval.

Version history

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