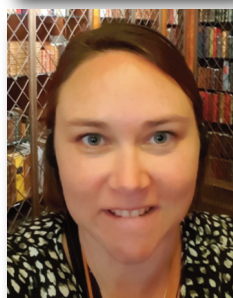


Health Libraries Australia Report for JEAHIL PD Day 2018



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This year the HLA PD Day was held at the Kolling Institute, Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney on the 19th July.

Theme

Our theme was *Contemporary and future issues - what's new, exciting and/or controversial?*

We began the day with a presentation by Aileen Weir from the National Library of Australia, who presented on the future of collaborative digital services and what this means for health libraries. She explained the changes in the Australian sharing landscape as more born-digital material is generated and shared, rather than metadata, and showed that the current funding model is unsustainable. In the remainder of the presentation she detailed a new, fairer model¹.

Cheryl Hamill from Perth, WA reported on the recent Share It Conference held at the National Library, on the future of resource sharing. The conference highlighted that a clear vision is needed on the future direction of Australia's resource sharing framework given that "resource sharing in Australia is complex and fragmented, and is evolving without planning or structure". A number of points for future developments were discussed².

The keynote address this year was given by Lisa Kruesi from the University of Melbourne. Lisa spoke about the prospects for an Australasia PubMed Central (PMC) and whether this could happen in Australia

as it has in Europe. She advised, from her research, that less than fifty percent of NHRMC funded research outputs are accessible from Australian institutional repositories, in contrast to PMC and Europe PMC achieving close to ninety percent. Lisa noted that an Australian PMC will require significant investment in infrastructure and human resources, as well as collaboration from sectors and commitment from a national body and suggests that we “watch this space”³.

Lightning presentations

This year, due to the high number of excellent abstract submissions, we had 10- minute lightning presentations which allowed for more health librarians to share their recent innovations, than in previous years, and was well received by attendees.

Themes addressed the measurement of impact and the consequent reshaping of services. Presenters examined other factors that have reshaped services such as external imperatives and how health librarian roles have had to adapt and change.

There was a focus on new ways to engage and inform clients, new ways to conduct searches and we were updated on our colleagues’ innovative work on search filter development.

HLA projects

One exciting achievement discussed in the HLA reporting session is the completion of the HeLiNS (Health Libraries for the National Standards) Project. The purpose of this research is to explore and record the contribution that health libraries make to the achievement of hospital accreditation, with a view to demonstrating their value⁴.

Another development is the continuation of the Health Librarianship Essentials course at the University of Melbourne. It has been re-branded as the Digital Health Information Services Course⁵.

Awards

Two awards were presented this year and both were won by Justin Clark from Bond University for his innovate project *PolyGlot Search Translator*: a tool for translating search strategies⁶! The first is the HLA/MedicalDirector Digital Health Innovation Award, the second is the Anne Harrison award which is presented for projects that will increase and contribute to the understanding and development of health librarianship in Australia.

The PolyGlot search translator generated a real buzz, as it promises to make a significant difference to the time it takes to conduct searches. It automatically translates searches across multiple databases by modifying the database specific syntax, removing the need to do this manually. Using PolyGlot saves an average time of 10 minutes per database, increasing to over 100 minutes per database on the most complex search. Further analysis in the number of searches found and errors in searches is ongoing and we look forward to hearing more from Justin very soon.

We left with lots to think about and an opportunity to socialise informally with our colleagues from around the country. The Executive Committee is already working on next year’s PD Day. Stay tuned.

¹ <https://www.alia.org.au/sites/default/files/documents/AWeir%20-%20Health%20Libraries%20PD%20Day%20-%2019%20July.pdf>

² <https://www.alia.org.au/sites/default/files/documents/ShareIt%20HLA%20PD%20Day%202018%20Cheryl%20Hamill.pdf>

³ https://www.alia.org.au/sites/default/files/documents/HLA_Kruesi_Keynote_16.9_3.pdf

⁴ https://www.dropbox.com/referrer_cleansing_redirect?hmac=XsXJMgGhwi1i9wvsBTKvw0Z8K7v8TOVrrlWttvbgUbQ%3D&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.alia.org.au%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fdocuments%2FSession%25207%2520%25232B%2520National%2520Health%2520Standards%2520Live%2520PubMed%2520Searches.pdf

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⁶ <https://www.alia.org.au/sites/default/files/documents/SRA%20Polyglot%20presentation%20ALIA%20Health%20PD%20Day%20Justin%20Clark.pdf>