NEXT CHAPTERS: PUBLIC LIBRARIES FOR OLDER ADULTS IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

When Friday 1 May – Saturday 2 May 2009
Where State Library of New South Wales, Sydney

Most developed countries have ageing populations and people who are living longer. What are the implications and opportunities for public libraries? This fourth annual Auslib conference will help public libraries in Australia and New Zealand to plan inclusive strategies to identify and meet the needs of older adults.

Next Chapters will have international, New Zealand and Australian speakers, panel sessions, targeted recommendations to governments, and full published proceedings. Its aims are to

- Identify who are today's older adults, where they are, what they want, how you can give them what they want, and how you can tell them that you have what they want.
- Increase the awareness of public librarians and others about public library initiatives for older adults now occurring internationally and in Australia and New Zealand.
- Increase political awareness of the unique scope and return on investment in public libraries.

Possible themes, focused on the diversity of older adults from baby boomers on, include

Libraries without walls - developing and future proofing home library services		Books on prescription/bibliotherapy Legal/health and nutrition/financial/travel	
Baby boomers, older adults and technology Connecting baby boomers and Gen Y Access, buildings, space planning and layouts Programs and services for indigenous elders Listening to older adults Partnerships with other agencies Supporting older CALD adults Vision impairment and other disabilities Reader development/advisory)	information for older adults Supporting grandparents and older carers Supporting the Grey Nomads Supporting the University of the Third Age and other learning organisations for older adults Library website design and older adults Strategic planning and staffing for older adults Guidelines and standards for services to older adults	
Discussion groups Special library benefits for older adults Intergenerational programming Marketing services to baby boomers Programming Supporting Friends of Libraries Older adults as library advocates Trends in talking books and large print Assistive/adaptive technology options I suggest the following additional themes		Print and electronic resources about services to older adults Supporting regional and rural older adults E-government and older adults Library staff development about older adults Using older volunteers Oral histories and life story programs Policy and funding positions of federal, state and local government	
I suggest		as a speaker on the topic	of
Accepted speakers will receive a 50% discon participate in a panel session at the end of the	ount on the day they a	posals from New Zealand are particularly welcome conference registration fee, will be expected are speaking, and will need to provide promptly a line your proposed paper here in about 40 words	d to full
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