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International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) Inc.

Educational leadership in school library programs and training modules

Ms Judith Way, teacher librarian at Preston Girls' Secondary College in Australia has been awarded the IASL/Softlink International Excellence award for 2010. The award of US\$1000 is sponsored by Softlink International and is made to an individual or team nominated by their professional associations and peers in recognition of significant contributions to school librarianship. The award was presented at the 39th annual conference of the association at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre in Brisbane, Australia.

Judith Way has initiated and is responsible for the *Bright Ideas* Blog, which facilitates a showcase and sharing of best practice in designing innovative and bright ideas for teaching and learning with Web 2.0 technologies.

This award recognizes Judith's educational leadership in integration of information technology, professional development and collaborative instruction that has reached an audience and participants far beyond Australia.

The chair of the School Library Association of Victoria Professional Development Committee, Camilla Elliott acknowledges the *Bright Ideas* blog (<http://slav.globalteacher.org.au>) as "a model of good practice for school library services seeking to maintain relevance in this time of rapid change."

The International Association of School Librarianship comprises student, personal, association and institution membership and the awards program is available on the IASL website: <http://www.iasl-online.org>

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