

2013 PASSION AWARD

Janice Chia Ka-Yin

Janice Chia is widely recognized as a highly committed, positive, energetic and passionate library professional. Her colleagues at the Nanyang Technological University Libraries (NTU) and in the Library Association of Singapore (LAS) acknowledge her dedication to her work, her users, her peers and her belief in the importance of libraries and librarianship. In her 14-year career, she had worked in a public library, an academic library and also the vendor community.

At NTU, Janice has been Head of the Instructional Services Division, a senior member of the Scholarly Communication Group and a valued member of the Library Management Team since 2010. She always gives her very best and is a good role model. She is admired for her positive attitude, a willingness to learn and grow, a commitment to share her knowledge, to respectfully and to flexibly educate users through an easy interpersonal style, and to invigorate and garner enthusiasm from all of those whom she encounters.

Janice, as the Training and Development Chair of the LAS Council 2011-2013 was an extremely driven and inspired member who took on several projects in addition to the already extensive training portfolio. She quickly organized, in a very short period, the successful “Librarians for Tomorrow Conference” and also planned the LAS/PPM joint conference after a break of seven years. Finally, she represented LAS in conducting a workshop for the Brunei Library Association very soon after she joined the Council. For each of these events, Janice received rave reviews and her capacity for handling complex projects and managing very sensitive relationships was impressive.

Janice has proven to be a great asset to her library and her profession. She brings joy and commitment to her work while inspiring all of those around her. We are pleased to present her with the 2013 LAS Passion Award.