

LAS Passion Award

Khoo Ai Ling

Khoo Ai Ling began her library career in 2003 as a Librarian with Singapore Polytechnic Library after completing her Master of Science (Information Studies) at Nanyang Technological University. After serving as a reference librarian, Ai Ling was promoted to the librarian in-charge of the BizIT Branch Library. In 2004, she was the first Staff Advisor of the newly formed SP Library Club, inspiring greater student engagement with the library.

As Manager of Information Services, she trained many new librarians, developed the information literacy programme, packaged resources for courses, promoted library services and implemented project advisory and research assistance for many institution-wide projects.

She heads a team of subject librarians who support the teaching and learning needs of the academic schools, enhance service delivery through new IT tools and techniques, and provide relevant content in a more focused, organized and attractive style. She also led the content curation initiative to support SP projects for coursework, research, business development, and planning. Finally, she also contributed to reorganizing collections and transforming spaces such as setting up thematic floors.

Ai Ling has been deeply involved in LAS as Chair of the LAS Membership Committee and Assistant Honorable Secretary. She has played critical leadership roles in organizing numerous LAS events in the last three years, including the 2012 Librarians for Tomorrow and 2014 Libraries for Tomorrow Conferences. Additionally, she has been heavily involved in developing and serving as a trainer and assessor for WSQ courses.

In just over a decade, Ai Ling introduced significant improvements and innovations in her library at Singapore Polytechnic (SP) and has been increasingly active in the Library Association of Singapore. Her sustained leadership and high level of commitment to her library and to LAS make her an ideal recipient of the 2014 LAS Passion Award.