that’s it all about?

The theme of the 30th IASL Conference is

Inspiring Connections: Learning, Libraries & Literacies.

This conference provides a unique opportunity for educators, librarians, technologists, policy makers and others to make connections across all aspects of information service provision in schools. It is also a showcase for excellence and the many exciting innovations and initiatives that are happening in classrooms and school libraries throughout New Zealand. It sets the scene for future collaboration and partnerships between professionals:

- Culturally
- Socially
- Globally
- Intellectually
- Professionally

The three threads of the conference theme, learning, libraries and literacies, will be woven together to create and inspire new ways of working and thinking to make learning exciting and effective for all children.

The programme will be of interest to a wide range of participants: principals, teachers, teacher-librarians, librarians and researchers, who support information literacy and lifelong learning in classrooms and information centres in schools. You are invited to make a presentation, report on research or share particular skills.

Invited plenary presenters include...

- Ken Haycock (The University of British Columbia)
- Carol Kuhlthau (Rutgers, State University of New Jersey)
- Mike Eisenberg (University of Washington)
- Ross Todd (University of Technology, Sydney)
- Penny Moore (Independent Consultant)
- Gwen Gawith (Independent Consultant)
- Russell Bishop (The University of Waikato)

The programme will have three dimensions illustrated by questions such as:

### Learning
- How is information turned into knowledge?
- How do we communicate and build understanding in different cultural contexts through language and information?
- How will new media and online environments affect future teaching and learning?

### Libraries
- How do we develop the school library to be an inspiring place of learning?
- How does the school library connect with the national and global library/information infrastructure?
- How do we professionalise the staff of the school library for the 21st century?

### Literacies
- How can the school library support multiple literacies effectively?
- What are the implications of digital literacy for teaching and learning?
- What is the role of inspiring literature and learning in supporting literacy?

This is the first time the International Association of School Librarianship has held its conference in New Zealand. We look forward to welcoming you!