

A very special librarian

Kerry Smith, Special Librarian of the Year

The Special Libraries Section (WA group) makes an annual award to a special librarian who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession of librarianship in Western Australia.

The 1995 recipient was Kerry Smith of the Curtin University of Technology School of Information and Library Studies.

Although it may be unusual to give the Special Librarian award to an academic, in this instance the committee thought it appropriate as Kerry has continued to focus on special library issues and has also continued to support special libraries actively since joining Curtin University.

Kerry has proven a willingness to share her professional expertise and to participate in formal and informal sharing activities through her willingness to accept students into her geo-

logical library between the years of 1981 to 1991. She then went to Curtin University of Technology, where she continued to teach students about the realities of special libraries.

Kerry has been on many ALIA committees including the WA Special Libraries Section, where she worked tirelessly for seven years. She has worked for the best interests of special libraries in her activities as ALIA General Councillor (WA Branch).

Kerry's good managerial practices have been shown by her establishment of the Australian Mineral Ventures Library, later renamed Cultus Resources Library, which was built from virtually nothing into a technical and business library and information service.

Along with the development of a library, Kerry found time to write



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about what she did. The reports she wrote included specifications and evaluative works which have been useful to many other librarians.

It was with great pleasure that we asked ALIA executive director, Virginia Walsh, to present the ALIA Special Libraries Section (WA) perpetual trophy to Kerry Smith on 2 November 1995.

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