

More good news for the library sector

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February's *inCite* carried news of encouraging job growth forecasts for librarians over the next decade in the major federal government report *Australia's workforce 2005: jobs in the*

future. This confirmed trends highlighted in an earlier report on workforce characteristics to the year 2001. Librarianship is placed tenth in a job growth assessment of over one hundred and

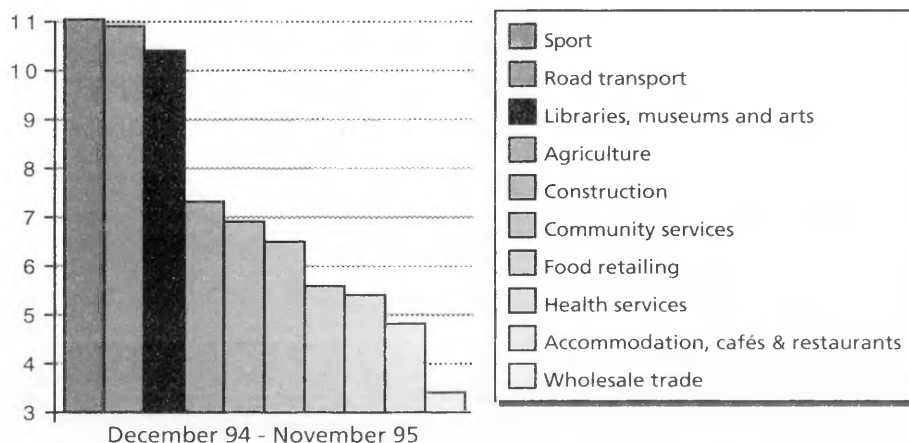
twenty work sector categories.

Some scepticism has accompanied release of these findings, primarily based on anecdotal evidence of librarians' inability to find jobs.

Clearly in some areas the labour market remains tight with supply exceeding demand. And in some States restructuring of whole industry sectors is obviously having a strong effect.

But librarians appear to be in rather better shape than many employees, and not just in terms of forecast opportunities. Positive trends can now also be seen in data on what has actually been happening in the labour market. Australian Bureau of Statistics figures for *employment growth in faster growing industries* now provide a top 10 for job growth in particular sectors over the year to November 1995. The rankings and scores are shown alongside.

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