



Knowing your students

The Elizabeth TAFE Library is located in the northern suburbs of Adelaide. We've found that among our most high-demand users are staff and students from the Children's Services and from the Women's Education programs and often they need guidance in searching for and evaluating material.

So, staff have re-designed the Library's space, become teachers, and storytellers with our efforts being supported by the LEARN network of TAFE SA Libraries.

Library Technician Lisa Southon presents story time with the younger set from the campus Child Care Centre, using resources from our Children's Literature section. Lisa also catalogues every item in the Children's Literature section, with each item having at least 2 keywords in its Subject field matching students' course assignments.

Lisa and Librarian Susan Brunner teach in formal award courses for Women's Education. Their knowledge of office technology and tertiary-level research has attracted many teaching offers. Lisa specialises in presentation tools – like overhead transparencies, PowerPoint, Publisher – and in office machines such as photocopier, book binder and fax. Both Lisa and Susan teach digital storytelling, a popular medium for skill-building in communication, literacy, and research. Given her Library Tech background, Lisa tends to approach digital storytelling from the get-the-best-from-your-camera angle while Susan works with students on their scripts, copyright awareness (sight and sound), and on manipulating the software.

All staff contribute to the development of teaching materials for the Children's Services and the Women's Education programs and we all pay attention to student response to our teaching aids, hoping to improve our database, orientation handouts and sessions. All staff take it in turns leading tours for student groups and giving one-on-one Web search assistance, which is customised to teaching program areas.

Together, we've created a one-stop shop for Children's Services, comprising of 2 shelving bays which adjoin the Children's Literature section and the storytelling rocking chair. Journals, DVDs, books, kits, and CDs were brought together from across the Library's entire collection. Their catalogue Notes field states: Shelved in "Children's Services Collection". Small, colourful keyword labels dangle from the shelves, alerting students to areas such as Child Development, Multiculturalism in the Classroom, and Rhymes.

Not all of our students come to campus, making the online teaching resources including the online module for Women's Education – Study Skills, useful to external, internal, and mixed-mode students as well as to lecturers who work across campuses.

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