

Jean Broomhall



Jean Broomhall and furry friends

What do you currently do for a crust?

I am the Library Technician at SwanTAFE – Carlisle Campus Resource Centre Library.

Why do you enjoy volunteering for the Library Profession?

I joined ALIA during my second year at University and have been active right from the start. It has been the best thing throughout my career. I have worked a few jobs on my own so being a member has extended my professional development, assisted in networking with like minded people and given me confidence. Volunteering will always be part of my life.

What are you currently reading?

Remember me by Liz Bryski.

What gives you a sense of purpose and accomplishment?

Good service and happy clients. Achieving a good result on projects.

I have been asked many times to organise professional development days, accommodation, dinners and Christmas functions for work and the WALT group. It is great when it all falls into place.

What are three things you would like us to know about you?

I keep fit by walking my two wonderful miniature schnauzer dogs. My husband and I go to plays and concerts which he books for us. My friends are very important.

Why is the Library Tech group so fantastic in WA!

I agree the WA Library Tech group is fantastic and that is because of the dedicated people that are in it. We come from all areas of the library world but are of a single mind.

What is the biggest challenge you see facing Library Technicians today?

To be recognised across the library profession as Library Technicians.

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ALIA Research Awards

Nominations are now being called for the following research awards of the Australian Library and Information Association

Study Grant Award

There are funds available to ALIA members wishing to undertake a study project. Study Grants are offered to provide an opportunity for librarians and library technicians to undertake projects that they would otherwise be unable to do because of the time and cost involved. Study Grants are open to practising librarian or library technician members who have been personal members for at least two years and have a minimum of three years experience.

The number of awards in any year will depend upon the funds available and the estimated costs of proposals received.

YBP/Lindsay & Croft Research Award For Collection Services

The ALIA YBP/Lindsay & Croft Research Award for Collection Services is a biennial award that aims to increase the recipient's professional knowledge and experience; to provide the recipient with the opportunity to investigate and research a particular aspect of the development of collection services; and to encourage practice-related research or projects that will inform and advance practice in collection services and management.

Applicants are required to be financial members of ALIA.

Twila Ann Janssen Herr Research Award For Disability Services

The Twila Ann Janssen Herr research award is a biennial award which provides an early career practitioner with the opportunity to undertake a research project in the area of library and information services for people with a disability.

Applicants are required to be personal financial members of ALIA early in their career and practising in the sector.

Nomination forms

Nomination forms and further information:

<http://www.alia.org.au/awards/>

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Nominations close 2 June 2008