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Why do you enjoy volunteering for the library profession?

Sometimes I wonder about that myself. I think I'm just one of those people who like to get things done rather than expecting others to do things for me. There is also a degree of satisfaction in the whole process from idea

to completion. I also like meeting others in the information industry and finding out about the range of library services that are on offer.

What are 3 things you'd like us to know about you?

I'm a gardening tragic, there's not much else I'd rather do. I'm a dog person. I really enjoy ferreting around second hand shops for items that I can use/re-use in different ways around my home or garden.

How do you ensure balance between your work, volunteering and home commitments?

At the moment it's a real challenge as I've fairly recently gone to full time. I'm also doing the Advanced Diploma so to be honest I don't know that there ever is a true balance, it's just that some days flow better than others.

What gives you a sense of purpose and accomplishment?

Seeing a task through to completion and knowing that you've done it well.

If you could have your ideal role in the world, what would it be?

Gardening guru!

Which kinds of libraries have you worked in?

Not many! I entered Libraryland in 2003 so I don't have a lot of experience. I temped at TAFE for a few months then gained a position in a Catholic College (years 7-10) and have recently gained a position in a senior secondary Catholic college (years 11-12).

What are you currently reading?

Those Faraday Girls by Monica McInerney, a light read after finishing *Joe Cinque's Consolation* by Helen Garner.

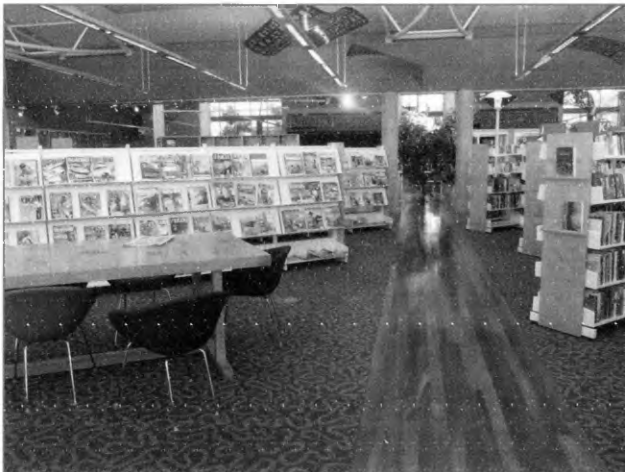
What do you feel are your greatest achievements and successes?

Having three wonderful, unique children and combining work, study, marriage and parenting.

What do you currently do for a crust?

Full time Library Technician at Guilford Young College, a senior secondary school in Hobart. It's very busy with lots to do and a great mix of students and a wonderful Teacher Librarian. I think I'm pretty lucky 'cos I get paid to do something I love!

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