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Consider a career @ your library®

On Friday May 9th 2008, Upper Hunter Regional Library staff participated in the inaugural Upper Hunter Shire Council's Careers Day for secondary school students. The event was held at Scone High School and all Year 9-12 students from secondary schools in the shire attended. The popular stands were those for the mining companies, Council and NSW National Parks and Wildlife.

With only a couple of week's notice, we had to put together an appropriate display and enticing handouts for these students to make library industry careers appealing. We contacted ALIA for help, and were kindly sent pamphlets, posters and other handouts. We also included an A4 sheet which utilised the Library and Information Week poster template from the ALIA website. It included the introductory spiel from the professional development web page, and our website www.uhrl.nsw.gov.au and contact details:

- Do you have an interest in helping people?
- Would you like to contribute to the free flow of information?
- Are you creative and curious?
- Would you like to be technologically-savvy?
- Do you like to work independently and in a team?
- Yes? Consider a career @ your library®.

An internet link was not available onsite, so we saved our website homepage to a CD, and took a laptop with this displayed throughout the day. We displayed the posters on a backboard, and inserted our handouts into bags, with copies on the table for perusal. Initially, few students came near us, unless we greeted those who knew us. Then we started to have students in groups coming up and asking for a bag. Rather than just give them out, and as students had to sign off the display stands they visited, we started asking them: "What do you think we do?" To this we received two standard answers—read books, or put the books in the right place on the shelf!

We then started asking them what they hoped to do, and those who mentioned IT were shown the website, and told about the other possibilities. Those who

mentioned working with children were told about specialising as children's librarians.

Over half the students came to us on the day for our cool red bags—and some may have left with a different picture of libraries and librarians. We also observed that many of our school student placements for work experience were placed with us as their second choice for IT experience, but went away having enjoyed their time.

We will definitely do this again—but we were left wondering "Who are we?" to ourselves, and to the school students, the librarians (?) of the future? How do we address these stereotypes which are still predominant, certainly in rural areas?

Thank you too to ALIA for their help and support with our preparation. It certainly made a difference.

Penelope Fenley
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Destination— library career

<http://destinationlibrary.pbwiki.com> is the web presence launched this year by the Working Party to Promote Careers in the LIS industry. This group, based in Victoria, with participants from around Australia, came together with the express purpose of developing projects and activities to increase the number of people choosing a career in LIS. The team believes bringing high calibre applicants into our profession is vital.

An enormously successful industry information evening was held by the group, demonstrating the public interest in our profession. Working closely with employers, educators and careers advisors, and supported by ALIA, the team is keen to see projects they have undertaken built on in other states.

Destination Library is a collaborative venture. Log on and contribute your expertise to the site. If you wish to join the working party, or receive updates of their activities, contact Chris Kelly chriske@brimbank.vic.gov.au or Margie Anderson margie.anderson@alia.org.au

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