

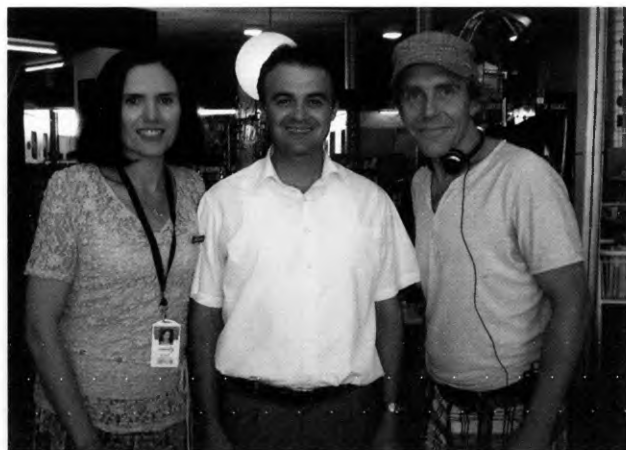
## The Librarians II

Mark Dettman is one of three winners of the ALIA Librarians II 'win a spot as an extra' competition, run in late 2008. Catch up with the news of The Librarians II at <http://www.alia.org.au/thelibrariansblog/>.

I recently spent the day on the set of the ABC Series *The Librarians II*. Upon my arrival, and throughout the day, I was made to feel very welcome. I was introduced as a VIP and was treated that way all day. I got to meet the cast and we chatted openly. I found them to be very nice people and very down to earth. They spoke about how they had come to be involved with the series and what they had done beforehand. They also spoke about what the future holds for them. I often found myself having a laugh or chuckle.

The directors / producers, Wayne Hope and Robyn Butler, both worked tirelessly throughout the day. I began on the set at 7.30am and finished at 6.00pm, and both Wayne and Robyn were there before me and left afterwards. Filming for 1 entire day produces approximately 6 minutes of screen time. Wayne didn't act on the day; however, I found myself having a chuckle at him on quite a few occasions just by his mannerisms and some of the jokes that he was making about different things that were happening. He is a very funny man. I was having a chat with Robyn when I mentioned the voices of the characters. All of a sudden Robyn broke out into character talking about why the character talks the way she does. She too is a very funny woman, in character.

I am sure that every cast member and some crew spoke about how they enjoyed working on the series and one of the main reasons was that they were all very nice people. I got that

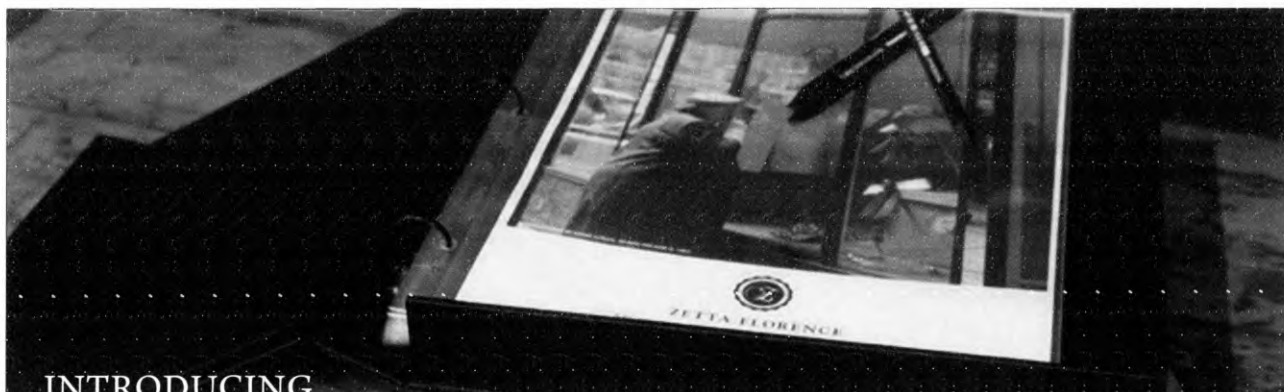


Mark Dettman (middle) with Robyn Butler and Wayne Hope from *The Librarians II*

feeling as well. Members of the crew showed me how they operated their equipment and the reasons why they did things the way they do. They all work very well as a team and I would say that they need to.

I got to play in three scenes as an extra. In one scene, the cameras were projecting my slogan – *a mobile library is purely and simply just that. A mobile library. If only everything was so simple* – onto the wall and then the camera rolled to me looking at some books on a shelf. I thoroughly enjoyed my day and it was an experience that I will never forget. Unfortunately I had to leave and return as a Library Technician with Hume City Council in Victoria. I would like to thank ALIA for the opportunity to go on set of *The Librarians II* for the day.

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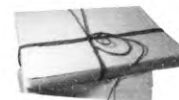
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