



STATEMENT ON PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

Librarians and library technicians significantly influence or control the selection, organisation, preservation, and dissemination of information. In a political system dependent upon an informed democratic society, they are members of a profession explicitly committed to intellectual freedom and the freedom of access to information. Librarians and library technicians have a special obligation to ensure the free flow of information and ideas to present and future generations.

Both librarians and library technicians are dependent upon one another for the bibliographical resources used to provide effective information services, and this dependence imposes obligations for the maintenance of the highest level of personal integrity and competence in the performance of their duties.

Librarians and library technicians

1. must provide the highest level of service through appropriate and usefully organised collections, equitable service policies and skilful, accurate and unbiased responses to all legitimate requests for assistance.
2. should not exercise censorship in the selection or use of material by rejecting on moral, political, racial or religious grounds alone material which is otherwise relevant to the purpose of the library and meets the standards which are appropriate to the library concerned. Material must not be rejected on the grounds that its content is controversial or likely to offend some sections of the library's community.
3. must protect each user's right to privacy with respect to information sought or received, and materials consulted or borrowed.
4. must distinguish clearly in their actions and statements between their personal philosophies and attitudes and those of an employing institution or professional body.
5. must avoid situations in which personal interests might be served or financial benefits gained at the expense of library users, colleagues, or the employing institution.

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3rd National Law Librarians' Conference

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Applications of expressions of interest are invited from persons desirous of presenting papers at the 2nd Asian-Pacific Special and Law Librarians' Conference to be held in Brisbane between 28 September and 2 October, 1987.

Persons involved in all areas of library and information work apart from the strictly 'special libraries' area are encouraged to participate in presenting a paper. Papers may be of the normal length of 30-35 minutes or of a shorter 10-15 minutes duration suitable for a discussion type programme.

Abstracts of proposed papers or expressions of interest should be forwarded to the Conference Secretariat no later than 30 September 1986.

Enquiries from persons interested but unsure of the theme, topic or standard of papers that would be considered by the organising committee should write or telephone the Conference Convenor Henry Thorburn, Faculty of Economics, Monash University, Clayton 3168 (03) 541-2317 as soon as possible.

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