

Library technician in profile



I ENTERED the world of Library Technicians quite recently. Like many of my fellow Technicians my first introduction was through my children's school library where I worked as a helper. In charge of our small library was a Library Technician and with her endless encouragement I finally applied to enter the Library Technician course at Box Hill TAFE College.

Being a mature age student I found returning to study a very traumatic experience, but with the support of the teaching staff and being among others suffering the same terrors I managed to survive that first year.

Over the past few years of study I have shared many of the frustrations and periods of doubt of a part-time student. Working full time, running a home and studying on a weekly basis tested both my family and my stamina.

This year due to work commitments I was only able to study by Block Release. This was an experience I would not have missed. By studying this way I came into contact with a great many country technicians.

I am employed in the Technical Information Section of BHP-Utah Minerals Exploration Department. Our service exists to provide information needed by the department's geoscientists and other technical staff. The libraries operating in the Technical Information Section are structured as a single 'network' resource.

Working for such a large company enabled me to attend the Library Technician conference in Melbourne last year. Through the conference I was able to see the many different roles technicians have in libraries throughout Australia.

After this conference my involvement with the ALIA increased when I was elected to the position of Secretary of the Victorian Group of the Library Technicians Section.

In my role as Secretary I attended the recent LAA/IFLA conference.

The most important thing I have found in being a technician is the strong sense of comradeship within the group.

The evolution of the technician's role in libraries has just begun. I feel we can all look forward to future challenges with great expectation.

Sharon Pimm

EXCHANGE POSITIONS SOUGHT

Amos Lakos, a Reference and Collections Development Librarian (Political Science and Government Publications) in the Dana Porter Library of the University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada N2L 3G1 [telephone: (519) 885 1211 extension 2279; telex: 069 55259; fax: (519) 888 4521], is seeking an exchange position in Australia.

Amos can provide accommodation in a fully furnished apartment as a component of the exchange agreement.

Please write to the above address for more information.

Other positions

The following other positions are available for exchange with an Australian librarian.

Name of library: Dawson College Library, Westmount, Quebec, Canada.

Position available: Reference Librarian.

Position required: Reference Librarian in Academic or School Library

Duration: One Year

Name of library: Library, Department of Biology, Faculty of Science, Padova, Italy.

Position available: Assistant Librarian.

Position required: Similar in Academic Library.

Duration: 3-6 months.

Further information from LIBEX, College of Librarianship Wales, Llandbadam Fawr, Aberystwth, Dyfed SY23 3AS, Wales.

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LIBRARIAN-IN-CHARGE

Re-advertised position

Pos No 30/2324

Previous applicants will need to reapply
Part-time position 17½ hpw

\$11.85 - \$15.73 ph, depending on qualifications and experience.

Responsible to College Principal/Regional Librarian for college library services.

Essential: Eligible, professional membership, ALIA. Ability in management/communication. Experience in library work. Capacity to implement change. Awareness of current library developments. Understanding of EEO principles.

General: Consideration will be given to payment of fares for interstate applicants and a contribution towards removal expenses for a successful interstate applicant.

Inquiries: Mr Tom Elliot (067) 68 2249 or Ms Jane Butterworth (02) 289 7833.

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DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION
Gosford College of TAFE

LIBRARY TECHNICIAN

Pos No 30/23190

\$22,138 - \$24,195 pa

Responsible to Librarian-in-Charge for para-professional reader services duties, use of A/V software and equipment.

Essential: Associate Diploma of Arts (Library Practice) (TAFE) or equivalent. Recent reader services experience. Capacity to implement change. Demonstrated communication and supervision skills. Sound knowledge of and capacity to implement EEO policies. Shiftwork involved.

Inquiries: Dr John Barclay (02) 289 7839.

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