

Tasmanian TAFE Triumphs!

Clarence Campus Library wins LEP Excellence Award

Libraries doing what they do so well — connecting their clients to information — was showcased in the entries for the inaugural Library Extension Program (LEP) Excellence Award. This annual award recognises and rewards libraries for excellence in raising the awareness, understanding and informed use of ABS information in their communities. 'The ABS appreciates the guiding role librarians play in helping their communities to find and use reliable information,' said the Australian Statistician, Dennis Trewin.

A library that is outstanding in helping its clients to use ABS information for their research was the Award winner, TAFE Tasmania's Clarence Campus Library. The prize — a trophy and \$1500 worth of ABS products and services of the library's choice — was presented by Dennis Trewin in Hobart.

Leanne Vincent, the campus librarian, said '[Our students] are the social workers of the future, and discovering the ABS for them will be a lifelong discovery. They can see the value of the products, not just for their studies, but when they go out into the workforce. The LEP unit and local LEP co-ordinator play an important role here. The LEP Newsletters keep me informed of new products, and of ways that other libraries are promoting ABS products.'

Award judges were impressed with the wide range of activities aimed at increasing the knowledge and awareness of ABS information. Different audiences were targeted, including new students, course students, staff and subject-specific classes. Judges commended the library's 'commitment to lifelong learning practices' and its strong initiative for long-term ABS awareness.

Who's where...

Recent movements in the library and information sector

New parliamentary librarian

Roxanne Missingham, currently assistant director-general (Resource Sharing Division) at the National Library of Australia, has been appointed commonwealth parliamentary librarian.

University librarian at Deakin

Anne Horn, from the University of Queensland, has been appointed university librarian at Deakin University.

The winning entry is featured on the LEP pages of the ABS website.

Think about entering for the 2006 Award and showcase your library's efforts and expertise to the library community! Entries close on 30 June 2006. For more information about the Award, visit the ABS website at <http://www.abs.gov.au>. Select 'Services We Provide', then 'Library Extension Program'. Or e-mail us at library@abs.gov.au.

The ABS and libraries working together ...

Part of the Australian Bureau of Statistics' mission is to assist and encourage informed decision making, research and discussion within governments and the community. Many in the community — business, individuals and myriad groups — increasingly depend on reliable information to make sound decisions. Whilst everyone now has free access to ABS publications, many will need help to find the right information. Enter the Library Extension Program, a highly successful partnership between the ABS and a nationwide network of over 500 libraries.

With the free training, support and promotional material provided by the ABS, LEP libraries are committing themselves to connecting their users to ABS information in useful and innovative ways. Everyone benefits — the community, our libraries and the ABS!

Pat Stracey, National manager (acting), Library Extension Program, Australian Bureau of Statistics



Leanne Vincent, campus librarian, receiving the Award from Dennis Trewin, Australian Statistician

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