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How did you get started working in libraries?

It all started at primary school. My best friend's mum was THE librarian (there was only one Librarian at Tottenham Primary School in Victoria.) My best friend and I would volunteer to help in the Library (to get out of class) and would play next-door neighbours by standing on book ladders and talking over the shelves!!!

Why do you volunteer for ALIA?

Being a professional, I feel a sense of responsibility to undertake duties to advance my profession. This is not always possible during working hours so I am willing to volunteer. By volunteering over my twenty year career, I've developed lifelong friendships and had so much fun that the experience has always paid me back.

What are 3 things you'd like us to know about you?

That I'm always on the look out for: interesting recipes, scenic cycle pathways and good cafes.

How do you ensure balance between your work, volunteering and home commitments?

As much as I hate to admit it, routines help keep a balance, such as waking up early every day and cooking healthy meals. Having a place for everything saves time. Rewarding yourself for hard work is important (even if it is just time off to have a coffee).

What are you currently reading?

Night Train to Lisbon by Pascal Mercier. It is fiction, about a man who wakes up one day and dramatically changes his life routine by travelling to Portugal. This book is apparently one of Europe's biggest literary blockbusters in the last five years.

What do you enjoy about working in a medical library?

Most of all that our work can help improve conditions for sick people and enhance health for all through education.

What would you like people to know about the 10th International Congress on Medical Librarianship?

Our library profession has a great opportunity to showcase Australian libraries and librarianship at the International Congress on Medical Librarianship (ICML 2009) – this is not restricted to Health Libraries. ICML 2009



Lisa promoting ICML

will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition from 31 August to 4 September 2009 and we will promote tours of the magnificent Brisbane City Council Library, the Queensland State Library and UQ Libraries. The Continuing Education and Congress Program will span the latest in Health and Biomedical Library and Information developments.

It is our chance to give something back to international health library colleagues by organising an experience of a lifetime for many who have not been to Australia. We have a great deal to promote such as library expertise, impressive library architecture, a beautiful location and sophisticated venue for the Congress. Join us to make this event a success. More details available <http://www.icml2009.com>

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