

It's all in the name

One of the great changes in the library and information sector over the years has been our own nomenclature. We used to mostly be librarians, be it reference, adult, or youth services, interlibrary loans or whichever niche applied. Or cataloguers, or, eventually – if we were lucky – managers.

We've become much more creative over the last 20 years. ALIA inserted the word "information" in our own title in the 1980s and INCITE's own style guide now calls for members of the profession to be known as "library and information professionals". And in the 1990s the world discovered – re-discovered – the word 'knowledge'.

So INCITE took a look around to see how those buzzwords have changed the way we describe ourselves. All the titles on this list are all real – and by no means do all of them include the word 'library' or 'librarian' any more.

For more ideas for your next job reclassification, visit the source of this list at *Real Job Titles for Library and Information Science Professionals* (see what we mean?) at www.michellemach.com/jobtitles/realjobs. Or you could follow blogger Bibliobaker's lead (libetiquette.blogspot.com.au), who posted that she would much prefer to be known as "The Empress of Time and Space". Thesaurus, anyone?



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