

Welcome to THE UNI LIBRARY!

In 2012, the library at the Bathurst campus of Charles Sturt University was invited to participate in a new schools outreach program called Future Moves. Information services staff were tasked to develop library related activities to support this fresh new program targeting primary and high school students. The activities were designed to not only support the links between school curriculum, university options and future careers, but also demonstrate the library as an integral source of university life and study.

The aim of Future Moves (www.csu.edu.au/futuremoves) is to form strong partnerships with school children aged 5–18 years of age from low socioeconomic communities within regional areas of New South Wales. The ideas of lifelong learning, the benefits of further study, and consideration of higher education as a realistic post school option are promoted to the children in a day long program of activities across a range of CSU's faculties. Activities include creative workshops in nursing, paramedics and media, shadowing 'real' university students and even a mini graduation ceremony.

Since 2012, hundreds of schoolchildren from towns such as Kandos, Portland, Parkes, Kelso and Yeoval have visited the Bathurst campus library and enjoyed the activities. In 2014, the Future Moves program rolled out across five CSU campuses, and the activities developed at Bathurst were shared successfully with the other campus libraries with only a little modification.

By being involved in this university wide program, the library contributes actively to building these partnerships with local, rural and remote schools. We also enjoy a unique opportunity to meet young people from our own regional communities who, without this program, may never have an opportunity to visit a university while still at school.

The activities have resulted in excellent feedback from the children, Future Moves staff, and teachers. Not only does this program lead to lifting the aspirations of these precious young people, but it also gives them a positive experience of a university library and its role in continuing education.

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FUTURE MOVES LIBRARY ACTIVITIES 2014

Check it out! (Year 5)

Library explorer's tour: a traditional library scavenger hunt where children explore the extensive collections and physical space on the various floors of the library with a hand-drawn map for guidance.

Future directions (Year 9)

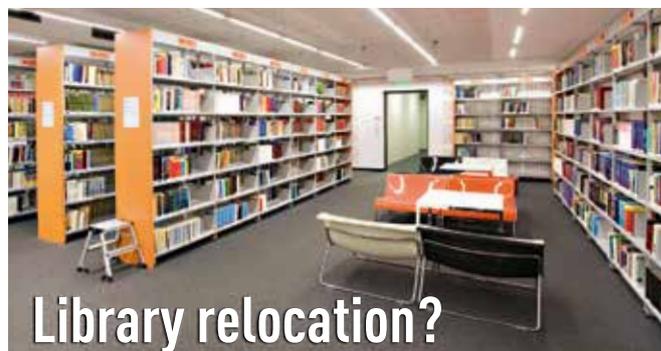
Digital citizenship: a tutorial style presentation with supporting audiovisual resources and case studies, designed to encourage discussion and debate on digital literacy and plagiarism.

Student real time (Year 11)

Library orientation: a real university student, 'shadowed' by a Year 11 student, consults with information services librarian for an introduction to library resources and services for study.

Skills fix (Year 11)

Effective internet research skills: tutorial style presentation with supporting audiovisual resources, including breakout groups evaluating a selected website and presenting their results to the class.



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