

National what day?

This was one of the twenty questions devised by staff in library studies for a quiz held as part of the celebrations for National Library Technician's Day in Victoria.

To celebrate, promote and advertise our national day, library studies enlisted the help of the ALIA Victorian Library Technicians Group. Kerrie Kelly, convenor of the group, Dawn Keleher, a committee member, Trisha Murray, group secretary and Bradley O'Brien, the student representative on the committee, spoke about their use of technology on the job, how this has changed over the years, and how they use the new technologies every day in their respective jobs.

Kerrie, Trish, and Dawn gave insights and personal histories to describe their careers in the library and information agencies. They also provided insights into the current state of the library technician field for employment, and emphasised the need

for lifelong learning.

Kerrie, who works as a cataloguer at the State Library of Victoria, gave the audience a brief description of how the Victorian Library Technician group operate within the ALIA structure. Kerrie outlined the role ALIA plays in education, training, promotion, and lobbying governments.

The importance of having a strong technician presence for ALIA was emphasised. Students were encouraged to join the Association to take advantage of networking opportunities, career information, and ongoing professional development. Student membership is a cheap and effective means to get started with the Association.

After the talk by the library technician group, there was a presentation of the Victoria University Library Technician Graduate for the year. Kerrie Kelly presented Rose Mcleod with a



l-r: Ian Rogers, head of unit, Kerrie Kelly, Rose Mcleod, Trish Murray, Dawn Keleher

certificate from ALIA and a package of prizes including a free years membership of the Association.

Library studies teacher, Sue Reynolds, then ran a quiz with the students to test their knowledge of many things library. Kerrie and the rest of the ALIA group were then presented with Victoria University bookmarks.

The day was organised by Sue Reynolds and Mary Carroll, great work! ■

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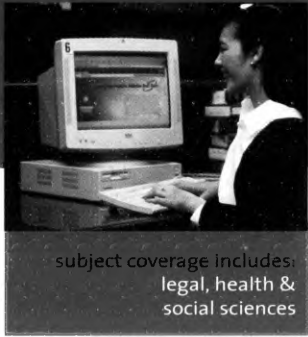
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