

School librarian recruitment

Valuing reading for pleasure

A new study has been exploring job titles and descriptions for school librarian jobs advertised in the United States and Australia to assess the emphasis placed on a school librarian's role in promoting reading for pleasure. Researchers found 'Australian school librarians are far more likely to be expected to foster reading for pleasure.'

Characteristics and expectations of promoting reading for pleasure (RfP) in advertisements for school librarian jobs

AUSTRALIA

UNITED STATES

KEY:  = 10%

16.4%



No mention of RfP



44.4%

62.3%



Fosters RfP and love of literature



31.7%

34.4%



Create reading contexts & cultures



14.3%

42.6%



Knowledge of literature & collection with appeal



12.7%

36.1%



Events & promotional activities initiatives



11.9%

32.9%



Connecting students with reading material



10.3%