House Standing Committee on Education and Training

Committee activities (inquiries and reports)

Inquiry into school libraries and teacher librarians in Australian schools

My submission : Ruth

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Teacher Librarians like myself have a passion to promote life-long learning and continually update our skills through professional development days [For example: Where: ICT Learning Innovation Centre, Sippy Downs, Sunshine Coast]. The Digital Pedagogy Licence is yet another example of how Education Queensland is raising the bench mark and Teacher Librarians can summit their applications which undergo rigorous checklists to attain such a qualification to provide best teaching practices to promote student learning.

Below is a copy of a check-listed item of mine I have just received feedback . I commenced my application in September 2009. I am required to submit three items in total. My third item I am working on would not happen if I wasn't a teacher librarian. I am so excited to be working with a *Book Club* group on a Web 2 program as part of our Whole School Literacy program.

"Hi Ruth

I've had a quick look at item 2. Love the practical focus on values and the emphasis on cross-curricular learning. Wish our TL would cover even a fraction of the kinds of things you are doing with your Year 8s. Our TL focuses on Accelerated Reader and doesn't do any information literacy, research skills or cyber safety.

I've attached some editorial suggestions. You might want to check through for repeated information. Remember reviewers have a lot to read through and the more succinct the better.

Anyway keep up the great work! Your orientation program will give the students a great headstart."

Kind regards Keryn

Thank you : Please save Teacher Librarians! Ruth Sweeney