



Get a job, sha na na na, sha na na na na

It all started one Saturday morning as I sat at my kitchen table scrounging through the *Courier Mail's* CareerOne lift-out looking for the latest jobs in the LIS community. This is not to say that I was seeking employment at the time, I was more or less interested in what positions were being advertised and what skills and experience employers were looking for.

While fulfilling my own information-seeking need, I decided to post the jobs that I did find to the ALIA NewGrads and Students e-lists and perform a similar role to employLT (Employ Librarians and Technicians) that the Library Technician e-list offers — which, by the way, has posted 490 jobs this year alone. Little did I know I had created a job-seeking monster!

It occurred to me that I was capturing only the Queensland job vacancies. Therefore, I did what any LIS worker does best and trawled the internet seeking other vacancy lists. So far the list reads something like this:

- CareerOne <http://www.careerone.com.au> — click on advanced search, use keywords like 'library' or 'records', and limit by date. This will result in a list of the latest jobs by date.
- Seek <http://www.seek.com.au/index.ascx> — select 'Library Services' from the drop-down menu under sub-classification. This will result in a list of the latest jobs by date.
- The Australian Local Government Job Directory <http://www.job-directory.com.au> — this site is updated every Monday with the latest jobs in local government and councils. Good source for public library positions.
- OneUmbrella/ Library Locums http://www.oneumbrella.com.au/about/about_ll.html — click on your closest capital city to see a list of jobs advertised through Library Locums. Or better yet, register with them and be contacted when a job that suits you arises.
- Resource Options <http://www.resource-options.com.au> — click on job opportunities under 'Employment Services' for a list of the latest jobs. Or register and be contacted when a job that suits you arises.
- Queensland Government Jobs Online <http://jobs.qld.gov.au> — the home of Queensland government jobs. Click on 'Occupation' and choose 'Library & Information Management' or 'Administration & Secretarial' to pick up jobs in records management/administration.
- Careers with the Victorian Government <http://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/>

jobtools/jncustomsearch.jobsearch?in_organid=14123 — leave all fields on the default 'all' and use keywords like 'library' and 'records'.

- Jobs NSW <https://jobs.nsw.gov.au/Start.asp> — leave all fields as the default and use keywords like 'library' and 'records'.
- Careers with the Tasmanian Government <http://www.jobs.tas.gov.au> — under 'Quick Job Search', choose 'Library/Records' category.
- New Zealand Government Jobs Online <http://www.jobs.govt.nz/jobs/search.aspx> — click on the drop-down menu under category and select 'Library/Information Centre'.

Of course this list is nowhere near comprehensive. I also have a list of local government/council and university sites that I check regularly — mainly because I wouldn't mind working in those areas — and I get a number of jobs from employLT. employLT is available to any person who subscribes to the ALIA Library Technicians e-list: <http://lists.alia.org.au/mailman/listinfo/alialibtec/>.

ALIA recruitLIS is another e-list to join to receive regular job updates: <http://lists.alia.org.au/mailman/listinfo/recruitlis/>. And of course, don't forget the ALIA NewGrad list: <http://lists.alia.org.au/mailman/listinfo/alianewgrad/>. Also try ALIA Students if you are a library technician or librarianship student: <http://lists.alia.org.au/mailman/listinfo/aliastudents/>.

Try to think outside the box when seeking employment. Don't restrict yourself to just library jobs — look at records and information management jobs and remember how the skills you have learnt through your studies can be applied to many other positions.

Happy job hunting!

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