



# Trends and Issues in Education for Teacher Librarianship in Australia



# ISSUE ONE

## The shortage of qualified teacher librarians



## Factors Contributing to Issue One: The Shortage of Qualified Teacher Librarians

- The “greying” of the profession
- The failure to attract enough high quality classroom teachers to the profession
- The movement of high quality practitioners out of the profession



# ISSUE TWO

## The emphasis on evidence and research



## Factors Contributing to Issue Two: The Emphasis on Evidence and Research

- Principals, parents, teachers, students and other stakeholders
- Low research base in the profession
- In God we trust. All others must use data.

(Mary Walton)



# ISSUE THREE

## Education for Teacher Librarianship

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## Factors Contributing to Issue Three: Education for Teacher Librarianship

- Time to critically evaluate the teacher librarianship curriculum
- Time to engage seriously with the professions and educational authorities



# CONCLUSION

- Remember, life is like an echo: what you send out will come back to you





No-one ever injured his/her eyesight by looking on the bright side of things!