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Library Service:

Albany Public Library, WA


eSmart
Libraries


Branches: 2


eSmart Coordinator Profile

With libraries becoming much more technology focused it is more important now than ever to become an eSmart Library. It has encouraged us to revisit the way we do things and look for improvements that will be beneficial to the staff and community.

As the Library Systems and eResource Coordinator for Albany, taking on the role of eSmart Coordinator has given me further insight into the importance of e-safety which has been a helpful guideline when developing and promoting our electronic resources.

My favourite website: 
www.cybersmart.gov.au

Best tip: 
Focus on one thing at a time, don't let all the information overwhelm you.

If I wasn't a librarian I would be: 
I.T. technician

Favorite childhood book: 
Harry Potter

The Working Group is made up of:



eSmart Coordinator, three eSmart Champions and representatives from City of Albany's Information, Human Resources and Media divisions.

My take on the balance between freedom of access to information and filtering:



Our library blocks Adult/Sexually Explicit content, P2P traffic and known spam and spyware on our public PC network. Although almost all content is made available we strive to minimise the possibility of illegal/inappropriate material being accessed, especially as we are in such a public environment with many underage patrons.