

Bridges for new careers – how to make opportunities with ever changing infrastructure

Libraries have passed under, over and through many changes in the past decade. Trends have been as regular as passions for yo yos, hula hoops, Pokémon Go and fidgets. In libraries, the crazes have cycled through knowledge management, the virtual library, the obsolete library, zero based costing, “doing more with less” and only slightly exhausted library staff! In this presentation, Roxanne will take participants on a time travelling bus that explores how library technicians and other staff have led and survived transformations and ensured that the library services that are of enduring value are preserved (something with a bit of wordplay and a good brush of pr). She will review the changing pattern of skills and capabilities required, including a bit of piratical behaviour and cunning. She will end with some strategies that can be used to meet the challenges of this ever changing world.