



INTERVIEW WITH AN IAMS LIC LIBRARIAN: Miraneta Williams-Hazelman from Samoa

SHARING EXPERIENCES & TRANSFERRING KNOWLEDGE



YOUR STUDIES : I studied at the University of South Australia, Adelaide. I have a degree in Library and Information Management. I am taking courses towards my Masters in Information Studies.

YOUR AREA OF EXPERTISE: Library and information management, Digital library management, Digitalization, Social media, Open access, Archives

Why/When did you choose the Librarianship career? I love books and I have always wanted to work in a library where I can own and access a lot of books.

Tell us an experience related to your profession: I work in a regional environment organization here in the Pacific. Part of our work in the library is to assist our member countries manage their environmental information within their national environment agencies. I was amazed and alarmed at the same time with the amount of information, documents, and resources available in these agencies but were not organized in any way. Depending on the funding that we had at the time, we only managed to set up small libraries in a few countries, helped them organized their information and empowered them on the importance of having the right information available at the right time.

What do you enjoy doing most in your work place? Being able to find the book or an item(s) a client is looking/ asking for.

What do you dislike? Copyright rules that prevents us from sharing and using of invaluable resources needed by our clients.

What does it mean for you to belong to an association such as IAMS LIC ? I attended my first IAMS LIC conference last year (2014) in Noumea, New Caledonia. It was also my first time in a French territory. Although it was hard communication wise, I had a great time networking with fellow professionals. As a result of my attendance, I have made good contacts with librarians from other regions which made sharing of information easier. It feels great to belong to a professional association and I have learnt a lot from them professionally.

How would you describe a "good professional librarian" ? Someone that knows his/her collection very well. A good librarian is somebody who always looks for new ideas/ways to better their service to their clients.

Your favourite book or author is: John Grisham

What is your great passion ? Watching a good movie with a large popcorn!
Where can we learn more about you and your professional and/or social activities (for example: FB, OceanPortal, ResearchGate, etc) ? You can find me on FB@ MiraWH, LinkedIn @MiranetaWilliams-Hazelman
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