AUSTRALIAN SPECIAL LIBRARIES

The purpose of the ALIA Special Libraries Study was to gain a better understanding of special libraries in Australia and was a major project for the ALIA Special Libraries Advisory Committee.

In total 380 responses were received with some respondents choosing not to answer all questions.

PROFILE OF AUSTRALIAN SPECIAL LIBRARIANS

| 60% of survey respondents have worked in the special library sector for more than 10 years | 46% of respondents have moved to special libraries from another library sector | 92% of respondents have formal library qualifications |
| 88% of respondents are female | 73% of respondents are managers of the library service | 64% of respondents work full time |
| 54% of respondents are age 50 years or above | 32% of respondents earn $61,000 - $80,000 | 23% of respondents earn $81,000 - $100,000 |

[Data source ALIA Special Libraries Survey Report December 2010]