



## Anne Harrison Award: research hot topics (2026)

Miss Anne Harrison (1923-1992) was librarian-in-charge of the Brownless Medical Library at the University of Melbourne (1949-1983), and founder of the Central Medical Library Organisation (1953-1994). She helped pioneer the introduction of Medline into Australia and was a founder of the Australian Medical Librarians Group in the early 1970s, and later of the LAA Medical Librarians Section (now ALIA Health Libraries Australia).

The Anne Harrison Award was established to commemorate her work, and to encourage others to make their own contribution to the development of health librarianship.

Topic suggestions (including but not limited to):

1. AI, data-driven health and evolving scholarly communications
  - a. Future roles, integration of literature, research data and clinical data - transformative opportunities for health librarians
  - b. Open science, budget models, new publishing ecosystems - how will health librarians address these fundamental changes to scholarly publishing and library budgets
  - c. How AI and ML is improving discovery, triage and evidence synthesis – health librarians providing affordable, high-quality services
2. Measuring impact, value and learning outcomes
  - a. Measurable impact on clinical outcomes, research productivity and clinician trainee competence – how can health libraries demonstrate the value persuasively
  - b. Data stewardship, governance and privacy – health libraries as experts in data catalogues, metadata standards and access governance
  - c. Library taught competencies, long-term learning outcomes, and strategic library management – empirical research to support workforce education and professional development
3. Health literacy, digital health and health equity
  - a. Health literacy, e-health literacy and digital health literacy programs – the expanding role of health librarians as emerging specialists
  - b. Advancing health equity, supporting equity-focused research, and inclusivity of vulnerable populations access to high-quality health information – health librarians as central partners
  - c. Digital healthcare access (plain language and culturally tailored) and telehealth support – public and health libraries engagement and involvement