

# AN UPDATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE SECTOR

With the library and information industry constantly evolving, it is important to occasionally stop and take stock of how things currently stand to make sure that decisions are made with as much information as possible. So, with this issue of *INCITE*, we look to a few of the issues that are affecting the library and information industry to see if the evidence available can help us keep up with the changes and develop better practices moving forward. One thing is certain, in this era of fake news, and digital uncertainty, libraries are as vital a community service as ever.

In this issue we bring you highlights from the comprehensive *ALIA LIS Education, Skills and Employment Trend Report 2018*, with the full report being available online ([bit.ly/2KALRGq](http://bit.ly/2KALRGq)). The report covers extensive statistics around library and information job and student

numbers with good news for much of the industry on jobs growth moving forward to 2023. The report is the fifth annual trend report and continues ALIA's work to ensure that the industry can easily access trend data to make informed decisions about the sector.

There is also an article on the ways that some of the recent changes to copyright in Australia will affect libraries, and another that covers the current realities faced by libraries across the wide variety of sectors and users that library and information professionals service. Examining these ideas and statistics should give ALIA Members a greater insight into where the industry is going and how they can best place themselves within it to make a difference to communities across Australia. 



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