



Dear Sir or Madam,

I have only just heard about this. As I am unsure what the intentions are behind this enquiry. I know what the Web site says, but I mean what the intentions are actually behind it, it is difficult for me to comment other than:-

- 1 When I was a young person I would have been totally lost without the school library. I lived in them as I was a loner. I had 13 different schools as my father was in the Army.
- 2 Now that I am older (49) I am involved in two writing groups and plan on being a children's author.
- 3 Inquiries make people nervous. They could go anywhere. It is my sincere hope that this government (which I voted for and intend to vote for again) will to the right and correct thing and that is to enhance the facilities of school libraries rather than detract if not even get rid of them completely.
- 4 Enhancing the activities that the libraries put before their clients, just as the public libraries do, is definitely the way to go.
- 5 Making it harder for someone to get into the vocation of being a Librarian is NOT the way to go. It is so difficult to get into any vocation when you are my age. Everything is geared up for the young people. There is not training, no money no nothing. People who are in well paying jobs do not understand one little bit what it is like to have very little.
- 6 Without the school library to have hidden in and learnt all the secret things I wanted to learn I don't know what I would have done or were I would be now.

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