



To Whom It May Concern:

As Principal here at Our Lady of the Way school, Kingsbury I have ensured that we have a Teacher librarian and that all students (Prep to 6) have a Library lesson each week.

This has been the case for the past 13 years. I believe and we as a school staff believe, that this is essential and that our students require these lessons regularly. However in many other primary schools, teacher librarians are being replaced by library technicians, as a cost cutting measure.

Unless our state and federal governments are committed to funding schools to employ properly qualified teacher librarians and maintain acquisitions of new books and resources, libraries will eventually cease to exist in the primary school setting.

Thank you for holding this parliamentary inquiry and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts about school libraries.

Regards

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