

National Cultural Policy Submission

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Short submission (text box 500 words or less)

I feel Teacher Librarians in our public schools are undervalued and unappreciated. We are dual-qualified professionals, yet are paid as regular classroom teachers. I feel we need our own classification/payscale or at least on par with Lead Teacher or Assistant Principal salaries because of the complexity of our role and contributions we make school policy, instruction and wider community. Furthermore, though I'm lucky at my school, I know some schools do not even have a dedicated TL role or sufficient library space. I feel these should be mandatory in all schools (much like the current preschool building initiative in NSW). Libraries are a space for wellbeing, creativity, exploration and knowledge acquisition and should be treated as such, in the eyes of the Department. These recommendations should play a vital role in the proposed National Cultural Policy.