

The **Margery C Ramsay Scholarship** is awarded biennially (alternating with the **Barrett Reid Scholarship**) by the Library Board of Victoria to a Victorian public library staff member to develop leadership potential in the public library sector. The scholarship is valued at up to \$15,000.

Margery C Ramsay was a leader in the public library sector and at State Library Victoria over several decades. She

was the first qualified librarian appointed to a public library service in country Victoria, at Ballarat in 1946, where she was instrumental in establishing the Central Highlands Regional Library Service. Ramsay moved to Tasmania in 1954, later working as Librarian-in-Charge of all municipal library services. In 1968 she returned to Victoria as Principal of the Library Training School at the State Library. From 1974 to 1981 she was Principal Librarian at the State Library of Victoria. During her career she was awarded fellowships by the Australian Library and Information Association and the Royal Australian Institute of Public Administration. She died in 1998.

Apply now for the **Margery C Ramsay Scholarship 2016** for Victorian public library staff

A career-defining opportunity

Are you employed in a Victorian public library? Do you have an area of interest, a study or investigation proposal relevant to Victorian public libraries? Do you want to develop leadership or management skills?

If so, the **Margery C Ramsay Scholarship** may hold the key to your professional development.

The scholarship can be used to shape your own professional development opportunity, which might include:

- visiting or studying library services in Australia or overseas
- a secondment or internship
- attending a conference or forum
- further education, such as short courses in librarianship, management or leadership
- investigating important issues relevant to Victorian public library services.

The scholarship can be used to fund expenses for courses, conference attendance, travel, backfilling your position, research support, report publication or other activities associated with sharing your learning. You can apply for any amount to a maximum of \$15,000.

Who should apply?

Applicants must be employed in the Victorian public library industry and have a proven record of motivation, interest in and commitment to the values of librarianship and public libraries.

You don't need to be a qualified librarian or library technician. Staff at all band levels can apply.

Joint applications can be submitted.

If you have previously applied and been unsuccessful, you are welcome to apply again or resubmit previous applications. If you previously received a Ramsay Scholarship you may reapply after five years.

How to apply

For more information scholarship guidelines, FAQ, research ideas and application forms, go to slv.vic.gov.au/margery-c-ramsay-scholarship. Applications are due by 4pm on Friday 22 July 2016.



This scholarship opportunity was fantastic! It is only limited by the imagination and is driven by curiosity and passion. **Leonee Derr**

This scholarship is a real opportunity to enhance my leadership skills and also make a real contribution to children's services within public libraries.

Monica Dullard

It provided an incredible opportunity for me to visit a developing country and observe the role that libraries play. It has inspired what I am sure will be a lifelong connection with East Timor's libraries. **Patti Manolis**



Inspiration from previous scholarship recipients ...

Monica Dullard, Port Phillip Library Service, toured libraries in the US to experience storytime sessions for a variety of age groups and communities.

Liz Pidgeon, Yarra Plenty Regional Library, attended two international conferences and visited local and family history facilities in the UK and US.

Leonee Derr, Melbourne Library Service, investigated library spaces for young adults and attended the IFLA conference in Helsinki.

Catherine Killmier, Whitehorse Manningham Libraries, toured Canadian and US libraries that have implemented community-led service delivery models.

Jennie Bolitho, Bayside Library Service, toured libraries in the UK, undertook the Get Into Reading training course, and gained accreditation as a bibliotherapy facilitator.

Joanne Smith, Hobsons Bay Libraries, researched the changing face of customer service in Australia and New Zealand.

Pam Howard, Goldfields Library Corporation, toured libraries that deliver innovative services to rural areas.