

## Editorial

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Welcome to the first issue of the second volume of JoHILA, the *Journal of Health Information and Libraries Australasia*. While recently cataloguing the fourteenth edition of the book *Berry and Kohn's operating room technique* I was flicking through the contents and happened upon the preface to the first edition of this book. Written in 1955, Edna Berry and Mary Kohn, surgical nurses from Cleveland in Ohio, first outlined the origins of the book and its purpose, then concluded with "expressions of grateful appreciation and thanks to those people who by their interest and cooperation supported them". Included on the list was "To Mrs Geraldine Mink, librarian, for her assistance". As well, while recently collating material for the April 2021 edition of HLA Alerts I came across an article published on 12 February 2021 in the *British Dental Journal*. The article was a lengthy interview with Helen Nield marking 25 years since she began working for the British Dental Association Library. The library itself celebrated its centenary in 2020.

Though published 66 years apart, it was so heartening to read of the work of health librarians being acknowledged and celebrated. One of the joys of editing *JoHILA* is learning about so much good work that is going on in health libraries throughout the region and beyond, and acknowledging and celebrating it by sharing it with a wider audience. This issue is no exception, and my particular thanks to all the authors who have submitted such excellent articles despite myriad burdens on their time and energies. All health libraries face pressures with constrained resources and constant demands and the complex fluctuations of healthcare, yet health libraries continue to demonstrate their resilience and responsiveness and robustness. No doubt all health librarians are happy to simply get on with their job and serve their clients to the best of their ability, but the work you do deserves to be acknowledged and celebrated – whether in a morning tea during the upcoming library and information week, or in the preface of a textbook, or a laudatory article in a dental journal, or indeed in the digital pages of the *Journal of Health Information and Libraries Australasia*. If you have work you think a wider audience may be interested in, please consider submitting to JoHILA via its website or [HLAnewsed@alia.org.au](mailto:HLAnewsed@alia.org.au)

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