

Member Spotlight – Meena Gupta

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Meena Gupta has kindly agreed to feature in our long running "Member Spotlight" section, in our very first JoHILA issue. Welcome Meena and thank you for sharing your story with us.

<i>Name:</i>	Meena Gupta
<i>HLA Member Since:</i>	2019
<i>First Professional Position:</i>	Science, Engineering and Built Environment Librarian at Deakin University
<i>Current Position:</i>	Senior Librarian at Australian Catholic University
<i>Education:</i>	Bachelor of Business, Information & Knowledge Management, Masters of Business Information Technology (RMIT), Certificate III in Library Information Studies (Box Hill Institute)
<i>Favourite Website or Blog:</i>	https://thesiswhisperer.com/

Where do you currently work?

I'm a senior librarian at Australian Catholic University.

What do you find most interesting about your current position?

It's a dynamic position that involves liaising with academics, students and researchers; learning on the job and being always on a quest for new ways to find, use and share data, information and knowledge in ways that are manageable and comprehensible.

What has been your biggest professional challenge?

Conducting information literacy sessions online versus face-to-face. It's difficult not knowing whether what I'm delivering is making sense to the online attendees. I guess its fear of the 'unknown'.

How did you join Health Librarianship?

It came about due to an organisational restructure.

What was your previous employment background?

I worked in various roles within marketing, market research, note-taking for students with special needs and corporate law libraries.

What would you do if you weren't a health librarian?

I would still be working as a discipline specific librarian. I did want to explore being an Archaeologist once, I blame Indiana Jones! "Professor of Archaeology, expert on the occult, and how does one say it... obtainer of rare antiquities."

What do you consider the main issues affecting health librarianship today?

In health and any area of librarianship, I feel there are issues of self-advocacy and information overload. Whether it is about finding, using or choosing where to look, I feel it is always 'how' you look for information to reach efficacy and efficiency that matters!

What is your favourite non-work activity?

My hobby is photography, of landscapes, historic places, or anything that I find unique.

What advice would you give to a new member of Health Libraries Australia or a new graduate information professional?

Network, attend Professional Development events, volunteer on any organisational internal or external professional committee! Welcome to a life dedicated to life-long

learning opportunities for personal and professional development while working within an inclusive environment.

