

Conservation briefs

Library volunteers do the job

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Books on shelves, journals in boxes and maps in cabinets!

These are just a few of the things you see when you walk into a library.

Many of these items are visible because of the work carried out by volunteers.

Whether they are library students still studying or library technicians looking for employment or working full time, they have in common a love of libraries and a desire for experience in different aspects of library duties.

These duties include basic cataloguing; search, retrieval and loaning; indexing journals and conferences; and shelving and filing.

Some of them even carry out work from a distance, indexing materials at home which is emailed back for inclusion in the library catalogue.

I would like to pass on the thanks of all Departmental library users to the past, present and future volunteers.