

# AUSTRALIAN SPECIAL LIBRARIES

The purpose of the ALIA Special Libraries Study was to gain a better understanding of special libraries in Australia and was a major project for the ALIA Special Libraries Advisory Committee.

In total 380 responses were received with some respondents choosing not to answer all questions.

## PROFILE OF AUSTRALIAN SPECIAL LIBRARIANS

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| 60% of survey respondents have worked in the special library sector for more than 10 years | 46% of respondents have moved to special libraries from another library sector | 92% of respondents have formal library qualifications |
| 88% of respondents are female  | 73% of respondents are managers of the library service                         | 64% of respondents work full time                     |
| 54% of respondents are age 50 years or above   | 32% of respondents earn \$61,000 - \$80,000                                    | 23% of respondents earn \$81,000 - \$100,000          |

[Data source ALIA Special Libraries Survey Report December 2010]