

Mount Barker Community Library, SA



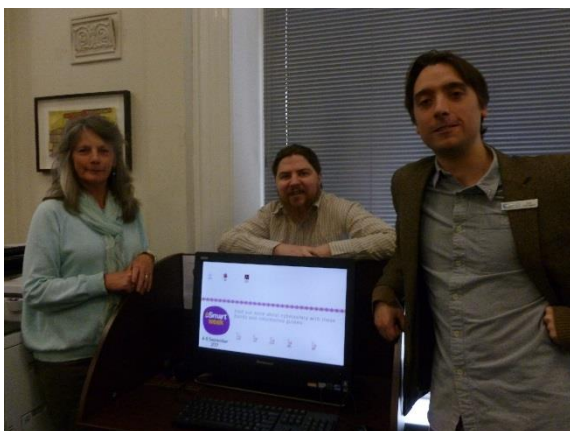
Mount Barker eSmart champions, from left to right: Beth, Julie, Monique and Liz

The eSmart accreditation process was very positively undertaken by library staff at the Mount Barker Community Library. It reinforced existing knowledge and all staff gained further knowledge to assist the community with the skills they need to use technology safely and responsibly.

Our community has had the opportunity to engage with library staff during eSmart Week and there is now a permanent display of cyber safety information near our PCs. We have created and discussed procedures for managing incidents of cyber bullying and next month the library will be hosting a well-known organisation to talk about cyber safety to parents and caregivers.

By Rebecca Jeffree, Acting Manager, Library Services

Melbourne Athenaeum Library, VIC



Melbourne Athenaeum Library working group. Left to right Lea Beranek, James Baker, and Tom Coleman. Moyra McAllister (absent)

Becoming eSmart has not only helped our members become more aware of the risks and rewards of internet use, it has also had a noticeable impact on the confidence of our staff and volunteers to provide assistance when it is needed.

One particularly successful initiative has been the series of PowerPoint guides on different aspects of cyber safety, which can be accessed by library members and the public alike from our website at:

<http://melbourneathenaeum.org.au/index.php/library-info/esmart>

They have been topics of discussion for members and library management alike over the entire 6 months during which we released them.

By James Baker, eSmart Coordinator