

Online success story

At 33, Tynelle Spinner was looking for a career change when she enrolled in the Certificate III in Library Services, available through online study. She had spent 12 years in the childcare industry, but every time she took children from her childcare centre to the local library she had a gut feeling that that's where she wanted to be working.

"I saw the kids getting absorbed in books and stories and they always had big smiles on their faces when we went to the library," Tynelle said.

"This brought home the realisation that books encourage children to use their imagination far more than television or movies and are great for early literacy and numeracy development."

With her own children still very young – her little

boy was 11 months at the time and her daughter three and a half – Tynelle decided to get stuck into her library studies and reduce her paid work to two days a week. She planned her approach, getting up early to study before the children woke and studying during her children's nap time – and it paid off. She got the whole

Certificate III course done online in just ten months, much to the delight of her online

teachers and support staff at North Coast TAFE, who then encouraged and helped her when she decided to re-enrol and complete the ALIA-accredited Diploma in Library Services.

Finishing early also put Tynelle at the head of the queue when she began looking for work. A work placement in February and March of this year at Kogarah Municipal Council's Library, as part of the Diploma Course, quickly resulted in an offer of casual work. And in April Tynelle gained extra work at Sutherland Library where she now also works casually for 12 hours a week.

"I'll be finished my Diploma by July. Just one major assignment to go and all done in less than two years," she said. It really was a very efficient way to study that blended with my lifestyle," Tynelle said.

"In the future I'd like to be a library technician working in the children's section of a library where I can also use my experience in childcare. Hopefully, this is where I'll be in 18 months when my son starts school," Tynelle added.


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