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PANNING FOR GOLD: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2010 TO 2015
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Professional Development in the library and information profession in Australia is our profession's gold that remains a hidden treasure.

Librarianship is a worthwhile and valuable profession. Like many other professions we have a well-respected body of knowledge and practise. We have a tradition of sharing our experience and knowledge with each other by way of conferences, social networking technologies and through professional development opportunities with workshops, courses and online programs.

By examining the current procedures in Australia for recognising professional development in the teaching, nursing and IT professions, I indicate that we under-value our own professional development in librarianship, and raise the question "is this impacting on our ability to maintain our remuneration levels and work-value status and, indeed on the very existence of our profession?"

Examination of the library profession PDs in the UK and NZ reveals practices that might, through discussion, lead us to improve the way our continuous learning is recorded and recognised in the library profession in Australia.