

Biography of Sarah-Jane Saravani

Sarah-Jane Saravani is the manager of the Learning Hub at the Waikato Institute of Technology, Hamilton, New Zealand. She has responsibility for the provision and development of access to a range of information and learning resources, and for services to staff and students to support their development as lifelong learners in the 21st century. She is past convenor of the ITPNZ Libraries Forum and the Forum's representative on the Strategic Advisory Committee to the National Library of New Zealand. She is a New Zealand representative on two international standards committees in relation to IT in education.

She is in the completion stages of doctoral studies through Curtin University, Perth, investigating the impacts, issues, barriers and benefits of increased use of mobile devices and applications on librarians and the library experiences of users. She continues to develop a comprehensive basis of knowledge around applications of mobile technologies within the library and information environment. Wintec Library is active in the promotion of library service delivery to mobile devices, including integrating appropriate elements of social media interactivity. Sarah-Jane is presently engaged in curriculum development for a post-graduate qualification in transdisciplinary research and innovation and will co-supervise students seeking industry-specific solutions. Sarah-Jane has presented at a number of national and international conferences on the use of technology in library services and has contributed chapters and articles to a range of publications on the impact of mobile technologies on the library and information profession within the Australasian tertiary environment.