

ATPS Staff Interviews



1. What is your name?

Tracey Ilich

2. What is your job title?

Library Officer

3. What is your role at the school (your main responsibilities)?

I look after our Library – I make sure teacher resources are relevant and up-to-date; pick and purchase new books for K-6 to borrow; keep the Library looking exciting and vibrant!

4. What is your favourite part of the job?

Reading all the new books we purchase and then reading those stories to the students! I get excited when I can find just the right book for a child and then they come and tell me that they enjoyed it. Oh, I do love doing the displays for the Library too.

5. How long have you been in Education?

In 2008 I worked as an Education Assistant in our Literacy Army Reading Program. Then in 2009 I was successful in becoming the school's Library Officer; so 12 years.

6. How long have you been at Anzac Terrace PS?

This is my 12th year!

7. Why did you become a Library Officer?

I wanted to be with my own children after school and during the holidays, as my husband was away a lot. I think it was meant to be, as my Mum was a Library Officer when I was at school.

8. What do you love most about our school?

I love the view from the Library, seeing it change over the seasons; the students, and am proud to know all their names; and the friends that I have made over the years. Whenever I am feeling down, I know that being here can brighten my mood because of these things.

9. What is your favourite inspirational quote?

I have too many favourites but I think this one definitely applies to the year of 2020!
"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are".

10. Tell us something about yourself that no one at Anzac Terrace knows?

My husband and I owned a bicycle shop in Morley for 10 years – and I very much dislike riding a bike!

11. If you weren't a Library Officer, what would have liked to have been?

I love books and reading so I suppose I am in my dream job but I did want to be a Vet when I was at school or a singer in a band!

12. Where do you see yourself in five years?

Retired? No, probably not...! Hopefully travelling again to all the places on my list.

13. If you could change one thing in the world, what would that be and why?

To have politicians who are there to help people, help the environment and to be honest.

14. What makes you laugh the most?

Lots of things make me laugh but I do enjoy it when the 'Library Fan Club' come in at lunchtime for their chats and to say hello.

15. What was the favourite book you have read and why?

mmm... too hard to choose! I read every day, either adult fiction and biographies. I like to read what the kids are reading, both fiction and non-fiction and picture books. I love books that make me laugh but then I also enjoy a good crime book full of suspense.

16. If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be and why?

I would like to have two superpowers: to be able to go back in time, so I could talk to my Mum again AND have super speed... that way I could get all my chores done so I could read and relax all day!

17. What would you sing at a Karaoke Night?

'Believe' by Cher or if it was duet, 'Don't go breaking my heart' by Elton John and Kiki Dee.

Thank you for taking part in this interview 😊