

## LAS LIFETIME CONTRIBUTION AWARD 2022 – MS GULCIN CRIBB

Gulcin Cribb is the recipient of Library Association of Singapore (LAS) Lifetime Contribution Award 2022.

With a career spanning over 44 years and across countries such as the United Kingdom, Australia, Turkey, and Singapore, Gulcin has been involved in all aspects of leading and managing libraries. Her long service reads like different chapters in a book.

Beginning her career at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) Library in London, she then moved to Australia where she spent a number of years at the University of Queensland Libraries before being appointed as University Librarian at Bond University. With her vast knowledge and experience, she was invited to set up a new university library in Istanbul, Turkey, the Ozyegin University. While at Ozyegin, she was appointed as the Chief Information Officer and Director of Libraries. During her time there, she was instrumental in the new start-up which was both a challenging and exciting phase of her career.

In 2012, she was appointed University Librarian at the Singapore Management University (SMU). While at SMU Libraries, Gulcin led the leadership and strategic management of the Library. As very succinctly encapsulated by SMU's Provost, Timothy Clark: "... under her leadership, the SMU Libraries was transformed in line with some of the world's leading research libraries and its profile raised at several fronts. Her leadership saw enhanced levels of engagement with the campus community, the development of the library masterplan as a catalyst in service and space redesign resulting in a reimagined, refreshed, and reengineered Li Ka Shing Library. The Kwa Geok Choo Law Library was another significant milestone in Gulcin's career at SMU. She was instrumental in developing and enhancing the library's efficiency and effectiveness by putting in place cutting edge service innovations such as the library management system, course reading system, and a number of initiatives to support faculty's teaching and research productivity and student learning and experience. Gulcin contributed a great deal to the Library Association of Singapore (LAS), the Council of Chief Librarians (CCL), Singapore Alliance of University Librarians (SAUL), and other professional networks. Gulcin's networking and advocacy over the years have contributed to enhance SMU Libraries' reputation internationally." Gulcin has numerous publications and presentations under her belt too. SMU Libraries flourished under Gulcin's leadership and she set it on its course to becoming a modern research academic library.

Gulcin is tireless and even though she has retired, she is still very actively involved in the library profession and ecosystem. She is currently the Chair of the award-winning Academic and Research Libraries (ARL) section in the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) which supports cooperation between libraries and their promotion as core institutions for research and education. Navigating time zones and creating an inclusive membership, her tenure as Chair educated, informed and advocated on hot topics such as all things 'Open' including e-research support, Copyright legislation, New shapes of library management, Information literacy, and Advanced skills and further training of library staff. Gulcin is tireless and unstoppable!

Her love for Singapore and her passion for the profession is continued through her membership and support for the Library Association of Singapore. More recently, she is committed to professional mentoring programmes both in Australia and internationally especially in working with and learning from the younger generation or new professionals. She is involved in coaching many young librarians and seeing them grow into new and better positions by advancing their careers, including a few of us. Gulcin has also made time to be a reviewer for the Singapore Journal of Library Information and Management (SJLIM).

LAS is privileged to present Gulcin Cribb with the Lifetime Contribution Award in appreciation of her dedication, service, friendship, and vast contributions to the library industry both locally and globally.