



MEET A CITI NEW RECRUIT

Name: Ashlynn Prasad

Traineeship: Cert III in Library and Information Services

Completed Citi New Recruits Phase V

Ashlynn Prasad, 22, is getting into the thick of organising a school holiday program on a 'spy' theme as part of her library traineeship at Georges River Council, south of Sydney.

"I'm involved with the library's children's and youth services helping with the art and craft story time for kids, too. I really enjoy this job as I get to do a lot of cool behind-the-scenes stuff that goes into running a library plus I'm a big reader, too," she says.

Ashlynn began her traineeship in January, having heard from the Citi New Recruits program about the opportunity for an 18-month traineeship. She had a way in because she'd completed the Citi Recruits program in September 2017 and a week's work placement at another library.

"Before that, I thought library work was just about being at the desk and helping customers, but they have so many different departments. I'm soon starting a Certificate III in library services."

While she'd gained her HSC, she'd been unemployed in total for a year having "applied for any job really" and found it hard to get interviews. She had worked casually as a family day educator and in a call centre before starting the Citi New Recruits program.

"There's a lot I didn't know including what a traineeship really was even though I had Googled a lot. The program taught me about how my resume should look, what things I need to prepare going into an interview and more. It really opened my eyes," she says.

"Our teacher told us about how many jobs he'd done and how he came to teaching. It was really interesting."

Ashlynn recommends the Citi New Recruits to other young people keen to find a career path.

"Some employers aren't looking for people without experience, so the program is a good start and when you get a traineeship or apprenticeship, you're getting trained and getting paid."

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