

The Polytechnic Librarian: A Minority Voice in Academic Librarianship Jennifer Shrubsole
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Within academic librarianship there is a wide diversity of voices. Work roles create a variety in the profession. Different disciplines and specializations lead to a multiplicity of viewpoints and concerns. Personal differences add another layer to diversity. Some voices are often heard more frequently than others, and there is one group that not often heard: librarians at polytechnics. This paper will discuss the key similarities and differences between polytechnics, universities, and technical institutes. It will examine some of the unique challenges that librarians at polytechnics face, including how these can lead to the marginalization of polytechnic librarians within academic librarianship.