

Rosa Petrucci

Librarian

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Dr. Alison Mackay

National Library of Scotland

Dear Dr. Mackay,

I am writing to apply for the Librarian position at the National Library of Scotland. I am a CILIP-chartered librarian with five years of experience across public and academic library settings in Edinburgh, and I bring a combination of cataloguing expertise, community programme development, and digital lending skills.

At Edinburgh Central Library, I manage the adult lending and reference collections. 48,000 items including physical books, e-books, and audiobooks. I launched a digital lending pilot via BorrowBox that achieved 2,300 new digital loans in the first six months, and I run four weekly community programmes including a reading group, coding club, and job search support sessions. I supervise three library assistants and eight volunteers, and manage a £12,000 annual acquisitions budget. Before that, at the University of Edinburgh Library, I catalogued 1,200 items in the special collections archive using MARC21 and Dublin Core metadata standards, and personally digitised 340 fragile manuscripts as part of the Laing Collection preservation project. Work that is now accessible to researchers worldwide.

The National Library's mission to collect, preserve, and make accessible Scotland's written heritage is one I connect with directly. My special collections experience, combined with my public-facing programme work, means I understand both the scholarly and community-engagement sides of librarianship. I sit on the Scottish Library Association events committee and hold an MSc in Information and Library Studies from Strathclyde.

Sincerely,

Rosa Petrucci