

From stamping books to singing on stage

The story of a librarian that swapped the stacks for the stage, giving up a stable career in the middle of the recession to follow her dream.

Doncaster resident Hollie Sheard had worked in libraries for three years before finding the courage to pursue the career she really wanted. She quit her nine to five job in a Leeds college library in September and hasn't looked back.

"I've done more for my songwriting career in the last few months than I have ever done in my life" says the singer. Since September, Hollie has recorded a new 12-track soul/jazz album, released a single from it, made song videos and posted them on YouTube, built an online Press Kit, received airplay on BBC Radio and several other stations, reached fans from as far away as Australia and Japan, and developed an online shop on her website where she sells her singles, albums, and merchandise.

"I'm starting to get sales and actually make some money from music, which is wonderful. It's all to raise money for my Album Fund at the moment, because although I've finished recording my new album, it still needs to be mastered and pressed onto CD - and that doesn't come cheap".

After revealing a few tracks from her new yet-to-be-released album "By Hook Or By Crook", she was honoured to receive the compliment "Great voice and band" from eminent musician [Christopher Holland](#) from the Jools Holland Rhythm & Blues Orchestra.

She is now hoping to reach a wider audience by performing some live shows around Yorkshire with her band "Hollie Sheard & Friends". The band would love to hear from any local promoters, venue representatives, or festival organisers, and asks them to visit the website www.holliesheard.co.uk, where they can listen to songs and get contact info.

You can buy Hollie's new single "All Here" at her online shop: www.holliesheard.co.uk/shop.html.

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1. If you would like a press pack, further information, or to arrange an interview, please contact hollsinger@yahoo.co.uk