



Branch Report

SLAV Central Metropolitan Branch – AGM - 2018

Term 1

The Term 1 meeting was held on Wednesday 21st March at the Boroondara Library, Camberwell Branch, 340 Camberwell Road, Camberwell. It was an opportunity to network with one of our local public libraries and strengthen relationships between the school and public library sector. We had guest speaker, Annabel Astbury, Head of Digital Education at the ABC present to the branch. Annabel highlighted some of the fabulous digital resources from [ABC Education](#) available for both primary and secondary teachers and students. A representative from Boroondara Libraries also addressed the Branch and indicated a range of the services available to schools in the municipality that the public library could provide.

Term 2

The Term 2 meeting was held on Thursday, 17th May at St Kevin's College, Heyington Campus, Senior Library. SLAV Central Metropolitan Branch Members had an opportunity to listen to our special guest presenter Victorian CBCA Book of the Year Early Childhood judge, Amanda Cooper. Amanda presented her CBCA judges talk on the Older and Younger Readers categories as well as the Picture Book category. Amanda's session was inspirational and along with a discussion of book week promotional activities was excellent preparation for our Children's Book Week activities in our schools.

Term 4

SLAV Central Metropolitan Branch concluded the year with a meeting at Carey Baptist Grammar School, Barkers Rd, Kew on Thursday, 8th November. Anna Davidson and Anne Whisken hosted tours of the beautiful Carey Grammar Library spaces at both the Junior School and Senior School Libraries. This was then followed by afternoon tea and then a presentation by Dr Susan La Marca, SLAV's Executive Officer of the future directions for our Association and forthcoming professional learning opportunities.

Final comments

SLAV Central Metropolitan Branch members would like to express their gratitude to Glenda Morris, Head of Library at Siena College and Roxanne Ciddor, Head of Library at Bialik College who were the SLAV co-convenors of SLAV Central Metropolitan Branch for over 5 years. At the conclusion of 2018, Roxanne and Glenda called for new convenors so Anna Davidson, Siobhan Roulston, both of Carey Baptist Grammar and Di Ruffles, Melbourne Grammar have taken on the co-convening of the Branch. On behalf of SLAV Central Branch members, we would like to thank Glenda and Roxanne for their enthusiasm and diligence convening the branch over this lengthy period and we wish them well with their young families and new directions in their lives.

Anna Davidson, Siobhan Roulston and Di Ruffles

SLAV Central Metropolitan Branch convenors - 2019