



School Libraries:

Powering Primary

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Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

- Yeats

This conference celebrates the important role school libraries play in powering, supporting and enhancing learning opportunities of all kinds in primary schools. We will explore the big picture ideas, examples of best practice, and foster discussion and interaction.

Conference Program

8.30am	Registration
9.00am	Welcome Dr Susan La Marca, SLAV Executive Officer
9.05am	Keynote Address: Literacy Communities Empowering Each Other Heather Fehring, Emerita Professor in the School of Education, in the Design & Social Context College, RMIT University
9.40am	An update from the Literacy Unit, Department of Education and Training Tahlia Campbell, Senior Project Officer, Literacy Unit Learning Teaching and Pathways Division. Department of Education and Training
10.10am	Discussion Session One How do you promote the library to its community? What practical strategies can you share?
10.30am	Morning Tea, Trade Exhibition and Poster Gallery
11.00am	Highlights from the CBCA Younger Readers Category Judge Ruth Woolven, Librarian, Kew Primary School
11.45am	Discussion Session Two How do you encourage and support student voice/agency in your library?
12.05pm	Creator, Marc Martin
12.35pm	Lunch, Trade Exhibition and Poster Gallery
1.30pm	SLAV Primary School Leaders Award Presentation
2.00pm	Information Literacy in Primary Schools: What is it and should we bother? Kim Hauser, Library Curriculum Leader, Loreto Mandeville Hall
2.30pm	Discussion Session Three How are you involved in the Inquiry Process in your school?
2.45pm	Discussion Session Four Ideas for responding to the 2021 CBCA Book Week Theme - "Old worlds, new worlds, other worlds."
3.00pm	Emily Rodda "Live" on the big screen
3.25pm	Conference Close – Poster Gallery prizes

Keynote

Literacy Communities Empowering Each Other

Heather Fehring, Emerita Professor in the School of Education, in the Design & Social Context College, RMIT University.

An interactive session indicating how literacy communities working together can empower educators in the field of literacy. Heather will present information and material about the Primary English Teaching Association Australia (PETAA) and the Australian Literacy Educators' Association (ALEA). In addition, Heather will demonstrate how valuable such organisations are when working in cooperation with the School Library Association Victoria (SLAV). Working together to develop teaching and learning strategies to enhance literacy achievement through a strong connection between libraries and literacy associations can make a very positive and effective impact for students' learning within the schooling systems. Involving parents, teachers, principals, students, library and support staff is very important to demonstrate how an integrated approach to the creation of effective learning environments can be created in schools. Heather will illustrate how effective inquiry-based learning approaches can be built on strong library environments incorporating school resources and literacy associations' materials and professional development activities. Heather welcomes you to bring your questions along to this session to ensure the interactive nature of the presentation.

Emerita Professor Heather Fehring has held many academic and leadership positions over her career: Bachelor of Education Coordinator in the school of Education, Director of Higher Degree by Research, in the Design & Social Context College, RMIT University. Associate Professor – Assessment and Learning and the Deputy Head Research and Innovation. She has lectured in literacy courses across a range of programmes. Her teaching excellence has been acknowledged by ten teaching awards including a Carrick Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning and culminating in the RMIT VC Distinguished Teaching Award. Heather was the first female to receive this prestigious award at RMIT University.

Featured Sessions

An update from the Literacy Unit, Department of Education and Training

The Literacy Unit in the Victorian Department of Education and Training supports a range of projects and programs to support the development of literacy skills in early childhood services and schools. This presentation will highlight some of the recent work of the Unit including the Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge.

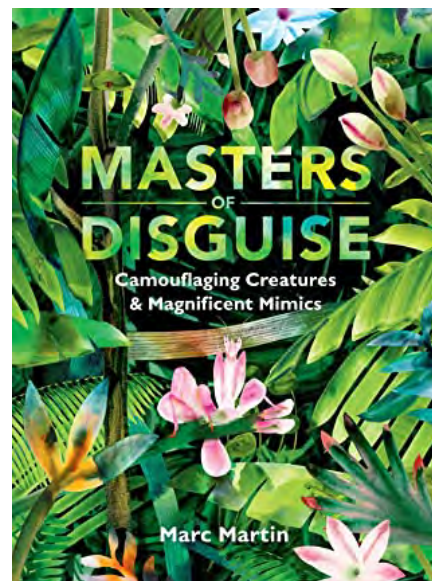
Tahlia Campbell is a Senior Project Officer with the Literacy Unit of the Learning and Teaching Division of the Department of Education and Training.



Creator - Marc Martin will discuss his gorgeous hide-and-seek extravaganza that showcases twelve of the most elusive animals on earth that use camouflage to disguise themselves. It is a timely and beautiful non-fiction book for nature lovers of every stripe.

Now you see them, now you don't! Cloaked in a riot of colour, pattern and texture are a dozen animals – from chameleons and polar bears to Gaboon vipers and mimic octopuses – that have mastered the art of fading into the background.

Marc Martin is an artist, illustrator, and picture-book maker based in Melbourne, Australia. His work is a world of dense colour, rich textures and the odd scribble. He is the author and illustrator of internationally award-winning books, including *A Forest*, *The Curious Explorers Illustrated Guide to Exotic Animals A-Z*, *Max*, *A River* and *Lots*. His most recent book is *Masters of Disguise*.



Emily Rodda "Live" on the Big Screen

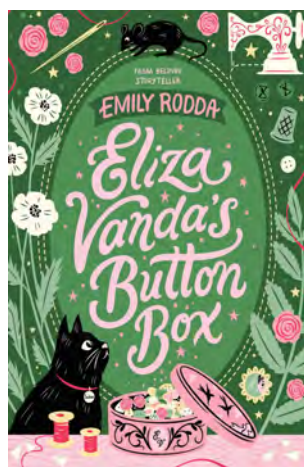
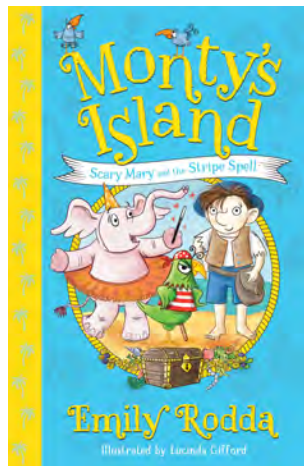
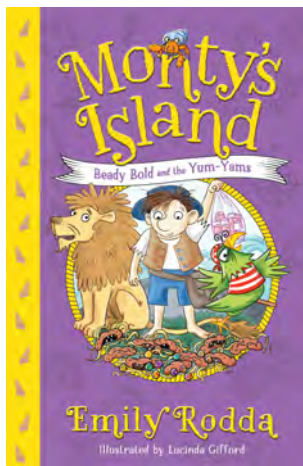
Emily Rodda is one of Australia's best-known children's authors. Her first book, *Something Special*, was published in 1984.

Since then, she has written or co-authored over 100 books for children, including the award-winning Rowan of Rin series and the outstandingly successful Deltora Quest series, which has been translated into 28 languages. She has also written mysteries for adults under her real name, Jennifer Rowe.

For many years she combined writing with raising four children and continuing a busy career first with Angus & Robertson Publishers and then as Editor of the Australian Women's Weekly. She finally committed herself to full-time writing in 1994.

Her books have received many Children's Choice awards, and she has won the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year (Younger Readers) Award a record six times.

In 2019 she was awarded the highest honour in the Australia Day Honours list, Companion of the Order of Australia (AC).



Information Literacy in Primary Schools: What is it and should we bother?

Our students are confronted every day with large amounts of information and need to develop ways of deciding what is and is not valuable. In this session, we will look at what being information literate means and how we can ensure that our students start to become confident and adept users of information, able to problem solve and think critically. This process can start in the earliest years of school and can be taught with the simplest of resources.

Kim Hauser has been a Teacher Librarian for many years and has taught in both State and Private Schools. She is currently Library Curriculum Leader at Loreto Mandeville Hall Toorak, where she runs the Prep-Year 6 Library program and encourages students to read broadly for pleasure and develop their critical thinking and information literacy skills.

Highlights from the CBCA Younger Readers Judge

This session will explore the classroom uses, connections and themes to be found amongst the books entered for consideration of the CBCA Younger Readers award for 2020/21. Whilst the notables and the short-listed titles may be mentioned this session aims to move beyond these titles and give an overview of the wonderful array of Australian reading experiences for young people to be found amongst the longer list.

Ruth Woolven is the Librarian at Kew Primary School in Melbourne and is the Primary School Representative on the School Library Association of Victoria (SLAV) Council. Ruth is also a member of the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Victorian Branch committee, co-ordinating the Authors in Schools program. Ruth is currently a Judge for the CBCA Book of the Year Awards in the Younger Reader category. Ruth was awarded a SLAV research fellowship in 2020 to evaluate best practice for resourcing school libraries for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander curriculum.

Ruth is passionate about connecting students to the right books, promoting reading for pleasure and advocating for library staff in school libraries.

Discussion Topics

The discussion topics in the program will be conducted in table groups. Each table will have a scribe and the ideas and thoughts recorded will be collated into one document that will then be shared with all conference participants after the conference.

If you have a tool or idea that relates to one of the discussions, please bring it along to share or be prepared to speak about it to the group.

This activity celebrates the extraordinary level and experience amongst our members.

The day will be supported by a TRADE EXHIBITION



Poster Gallery

Registrants are invited to submit a poster for display in our poster gallery.

Posters need to explore any aspect of the primary school library. They can be about a reading program, an assessment task or book reflection activity, a digital program, a display or competition. They might be about a book club, a literature festival or an author visit or report on a survey or data you have collected – or anything else you think relevant!

The poster can be delivered in advance to us and we will ensure it is displayed in the conference poster gallery. Or, if you are attending, you can bring the poster on the day.

From 1.00pm to 1.30pm (end of the lunch break) those in attendance are asked to be in the gallery area, with their poster, to answer questions.

Posters must be no bigger than A1.

Make it informative and fun! There will be prizes!

Please send us an email to book your poster space
slav@slav.org.au