

Spotlight On... Series



Our greatness comes when we appreciate each other's strengths, when we learn from each other, when we lean on each other.

Michelle Obama

If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it.

Margaret Fuller

In this series we will place an experienced practitioner from our profession 'In the Spotlight'.

Across an hour they will address a series of prepared questions, show us around their library space and answer questions from attendees.

QUESTIONS

- How did you come to be a teacher librarian and in your current role?
- Describe a program or initiative that you feel has been particularly successful?
- What is the easiest thing you think a library staff can do to have impact?
- What strategies do you use to build your library team?
- There are always competing demands on schools and their libraries. Where do you think school libraries should be focussing their attention? How did you come to this view?
- Teacher librarianship is a broad field – what is your passion?
- What do you find challenging about your role?
- What advice do you have for someone out there struggling?
- What do you still want to do in your current role? What is on your to do list?
- What do you see in the future for school libraries?

October 13 - Spotlight on Michelle Nye

October 21 - Spotlight of Dianne Ruffles

October 27 - Spotlight on Hope Do

October 13 - 4pm – 5pm Spotlight on Michelle Nye

Michelle Nye is the Teacher Librarian and Discovery Centre Director at Hillcrest Christian College and loves all things books and reading. Michelle has been the co-convenor of the SLAV Pakenham branch for many years and is a member of SLAV's state council representing the Pakenham area. She was awarded the 2017 SLAV Innovators Grant.

Michelle has been a member of the YABBA Council for 7 and president for 2 years. Michelle is a believer in the power of student voice and YABBA gives our young readers exactly that! As a passionate educator, she has spent twenty-four years helping her students to develop an awareness of Australian authors and illustrators. Voting for YABBA and attending the annual Awards Ceremony gives authentic power to the students! The fact is that children's choice book awards are so very valuable is evidenced in the growing numbers of nominations and votes!

October 21 - 4pm – 5pm Spotlight of Dianne Ruffles

Dianne Ruffles has been a teacher-librarian and teacher for over 30 years, teaching in a range of secondary schools. Most recently, Di was Director of Information Services at Melbourne High School for 12 years before taking up a new appointment in 2013, at Melbourne Grammar, as a teacher-librarian and History teacher. Di is the current Director of Library Services at Melbourne Grammar and leads a team of 10 qualified library professionals across the three Melbourne Grammar Campuses. Di is a passionate ICT educator and has presented at many state and national conferences and is currently undertaking further postgraduate study in deeper learning approaches using digital technologies and guided inquiry learning.

Di has a long history of planning and implementing digital technologies in schools. Her most recent focus has been on curriculum design and the role of the teacher librarian in planning learning interventions to enhance student achievement. In particular, Di has led programs to enhance teacher professional learning such as *Learning with the Internet*, *Cell* (Creating eLearning Leaders), *CASC* (Computing across the secondary curriculum) and the *Intel Teach to the Future* program in schools.

Di has taught VCE Extended Investigation, VCE Information Systems and VCE Software Development and assessed VCE exams in these studies for many years.

Di has served as a member of the *VITTA* (Victorian information Technology Teachers Association) and *DLTV* (Digital Learning and Teaching Victoria) Committee of Management and is also the current President of the *School Library Association of Victoria (SLAV)*.

October 27 - 4pm – 5pm Spotlight on Hope Do

Hope Do is currently the Head of Library at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College, a school with a diverse population of more than 83 nationalities. Hope has championed the development of a skills-based curriculum to ensure students develop strong reading and information literacy skills. In 2021 Hope has introduced a digital platform, Beanstack, to support students' personalised reading goals and the explicit teaching of reading skills. Prior to Caroline Chisholm Catholic College, Hope has been the Head of Learning Resources at Loyola College, a Catholic Secondary co-educational College in Watsonia from 2015 – 2019. Hope has also spent a number of years as a teacher – librarian at St. Monica's College.

Hope is also the Branch Convenor for the Metro West branch and a member of SLAV State Council representing the western metropolitan area. She is also a member of the editorial committee of *FYI*.

Registration

One Session - \$30.00 Members
 \$40.00 Non-Members

Michelle Nye - <https://slav.wildapricot.org/event-4480725>

Dianne Ruffles – <https://slav.wildapricot.org/event-4480730>

Hope Do - <https://slav.wildapricot.org/event-4480732>

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