

Message from the President –

Term 2, 2008

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I hope the return to school finds us all refreshed and ready for another busy term. We were very sad to farewell George Diek who returned from long service leave in Canada and made the decision to move his remaining family to Ontario where he is now a member of their professional association. We wish George well and he will be sorely missed on both the ASLA and WASLA committees. We congratulate Marie Clarke who has been elected ASLA Vice President – Association Relations. Marie will have a very busy time in the lead up to the ASLA XXI Conference to be held in Perth, 2009.

Term 1 seems to have sped by along with some really great professional development opportunities. The Reading Olympics held at Wesley was a huge success and thanks to Jane Graham for a wonderful presentation and for making her presentation available on USB to participants. You will all have received the programme and registration for the SLC Conference on 13 and 14 June, 2008 and I hope you have all taken advantage of the early bird registration by 11 April. Please check out the website at www.slcwa.com.au to find out the latest.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find two other exciting PD opportunities. Anette Ainsworth, immediate past President of ASLA, is leading a delegation of Australian school library professionals to meet in China in December, 2008. AISWA has Dr. Ross Todd in Perth on Monday 1 September and this is a great chance for those who have not had the chance to hear Ross Todd present before. Also within the newsletter are the Library Officer Day funding guidelines, for those wishing to apply for funding assistance to attend Library Officer's Day at SIDE on 10th October, 2008. This is a great chance to get funding to attend this Seminar.

Please remember the WASLA Relief Register for Teacher Librarians, Library Officers and Technicians. I know first hand how difficult it is to get staff for school libraries, so if you know of someone who is available, please get them to email ceo@wasla.asn.au and request a relief register form. Thanks also to the users of the register who keep me informed on the status of some of the staff listed. It really helps when people let me know if their availability changes as in the current climate, staff on the list are snapped up as soon as they become available.

I wish you all a productive and stress-free term 2 and look forward to catching up with you at the SLC Conference at Wesley College on 13 and 14 June, 2008.

Jenny Dickman

LIBRARY OFFICER'S DAY 2008 FUNDING

Do you want to attend Library Officer's Day 2008?
Read on for your opportunity to receive financial assistance towards attending!

Guidelines for Applications

The Western Australian School Library Association is offering assistance with funding for members to attend the Library Officers/Technicians Seminar to be held at Schools for Isolated and Distance Education, Leederville on Friday 10th October, 2008.

Guidelines for applications are as follows:

Persons will be considered for funding if they meet the guidelines outlined.

A maximum of 4 recipients will receive a proportion of a total of \$1,000 to go towards the cost of registration and up to \$200 expenses.

Applicants will submit their application submission stating:

- An outline of work history, including current position.
- Potential benefits for your school from attendance at the Seminar.
- Financial membership of WASLA
(You may use either your School's membership or your personal membership).
- Involvement in professional development activities.

Successful applicants will be expected to:

- Use funds only to attend the Library Officers/Technicians Seminar.
- Submit a one page report for the WASLA newsletter outlining a seminar experience which will change your current practice.
- Submit the report to the WASLA Committee for newsletter publication.

A sub-committee of three will be appointed by WASLA for consideration of applications. This committee will:

- Consider all applications and select up to 4 recipients.
- Notify the President of WASLA of its decisions.
- Notify successful applicants by Monday 11 August, 2008.

Applications are to be sent to:

Library Officers/Technicians Seminar Funding Committee,
PO Box 1272,
WEST PERTH 6872

Applications to reach the Library Officers/Technicians Seminar Funding Committee
by last mail Friday 1 August, 2008

WASLA FAREWELLS GEORGE DIEK.

ASLA Vice President - Association Relations and WASLA committee member, George Diek has left Western Australia to take up a position in Ontario, Canada. George has two sons living in Canada and took his long service leave at the end of 2007 to travel to Canada for the marriage of his son. While he was there he accepted a position in a school in Ontario, came back in late January, 2008 to organise his immigration to Canada and sell his home and returned to his new life in Canada in February.

George has been on the WASLA committee since 1999, been ASLA Councillor - Publications for six years and at 2007 ASLA Council meeting was elected ASLA Vice President - Association Relations. George is well known to school libraries in Western Australia as he gave unstintingly of his time, expertise and passion for his profession. As well as being a very valuable member of the publications team, he also hosted our committee meetings at his school and organised professional development throughout the year. George was a very conscientious, reliable and dedicated worker for the Association and will be sorely missed.

We thank George for his wonderful support ,friendship and assistance over the years and wish him every success in his new venture. Our loss is Ontario's gain as George has already joined their teacher librarian association. I hope they realise how lucky they are!

Reading Olympics PD

On Friday 22nd February at 1pm approximately 25 Teacher Librarians were lined up at the starting line at Wesley College for the training session offered by WASLA, the Reading Olympics PD. We all volunteered to represent our school at this event.

Ready, Set, Go – and we were off!

This was an interactive training session with Jane Graham from Wesley College as our coach. Jane explained the concept of Reading Olympics. She operates it during term 3 and 4 every four years to coincide with the Olympics. At Wesley the boys in years 5-9 participate in the Reading Olympics.

We all came away with a prize. Jane had provided templates for introductory information for parents, letters, certificates and activities to allow us to set up and run the Reading Olympics at our own school. Jane spent a great deal of time 'coaching' us towards the finishing line, so we could head back and implement the Reading Olympics later this year.

On behalf of all the participants I would like to thank Jane for organising the PD and providing us with some wonderful resources to take away.

Brenda Clover
Head of Library
Perth College

**People to People Australian School Library Professionals Delegation to China
Led by Anette Ainsworth, Immediate Past President, Australian School Library Association
December 14-22, 2008**

People to People Citizen Ambassador Programs is honored to have Ms. Anette Ainsworth leading a delegation of Australian school library professionals to meet in China in December of 2008.

Ms. Ainsworth is Immediate Past President of the Australian School Library Association and Co-ordinator of Library at John XXIII College in Perth, Australia. She is also a past president of the Western Australian School Library Association. As the delegation leader, Ms. Ainsworth's involvement will greatly enhance the focus of the exchange. She believes you would contribute valued expertise to the mission, while gaining immeasurably from the experience.

Ms. Ainsworth has suggested the following initial topics of discussion, which will be further refined as the team is formed to incorporate delegates' specialized interests.

- To understand the role of libraries in schools in China.
- To gain an understanding of the range of resources that are available to students and what access the students have to the resources.
- To gain an understanding of the staffing of the libraries and what qualifications the staff have gained.
- Discuss courses that are available to those wishing to study to become qualified teacher librarians.
- Discover links that can be made between Chinese associations and similar associations in Australia

Students in Australia often attend schools which have a resourced school library, at times with a qualified teacher librarian and support staff. Information communication technologies are generally available. The delegation would be able gain an understanding of what is available to students and the general public through their library environments both in urban and rural areas of China.

Since China has developed at a phenomenal rate in the information communication area, the delegation would be able to ascertain what is available and how it is utilized by students. The availability of these resources in both major and smaller locations and the impact it has on student learning would be of interest to those undertaking the journey.

The delegates would also contribute to the library and educational environments that are visited by sharing any pertinent knowledge about student learning, library management and use of resources.

The delegation will convene in Beijing, China on Sunday, December 12, 2008 with delegates making their own way to that city at their own expense. The initial briefing will take place the following morning with the professional meetings commencing that day as well. Following our professional and cultural program in Beijing, we will continue onto Guiyang for further professional and cultural exchange. Delegates return to their home destinations from Guiyang, China on Monday, December 22, following a farewell dinner on Sunday evening.

As a member of the delegation, you will represent your profession while advancing the ideals of People to People International, a nonpolitical, private-sector organization dedicated to promoting international understanding. Since its founding by President Eisenhower in 1956, People to People has developed high level professional exchanges to encourage dialogue with counterparts in other nations.

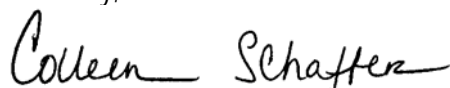
I invite you to bring an accompanying spouse or guest as well. A cultural and educational program will be arranged for your guest while you attend the professional sessions. Activities for guests will include visits to historical and cultural sites for an opportunity to explore many aspects of Chinese life, culture and customs. An optional excursion, after the main program, will take participating delegates and guests to Xi'an and Kunming, to enjoy a variety of cultural activities.

As People to People Citizen Ambassador Programs is a private-citizen effort, delegates are responsible for their own program costs. The estimated cost per delegate or guest is \$3250 USD. This includes, flights between Beijing and Guiyang, group transportation, meetings and cultural activities, accommodations, most meals, and essentially all other costs associated with participation.

To guarantee your place on the delegation, go to www.citizenambassadors.org, click on "Apply" and complete the online application with a \$500 deposit. Due to the extensive planning and communication involved in coordinating a program of this nature, *I ask that you respond with your intentions regarding this invitation as soon as possible.* We hope to hear from you whether you are able to join our delegation or not.

Ms. Ainsworth and I hope that you can serve on this delegation. If you have any questions, please contact an associate of People to People Citizen Ambassador Programs by phone at 0011-1 877-787-2000 or 0011-1-509-568-7905, by fax at 0011-1877-676-5844 or 0011-1-509-568-7130, or by e-mail at professionals@citizenambassadors.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Colleen Schaffer
Director, International Professional Programs

"Leading Learning: a guided inquiry approach" A one day seminar with Dr Ross Todd, Monday 1 September.

One of our well-known members, Gary Green, was recently presenting at the Sydney ALSA Conference and managed to speak with Ross Todd and also hear his keynote address. Regarding Ross's September seminar, Gary has this to say:

"This PD opportunity promises to be one of those hugely significant ones for teacher librarians that doesn't come along all that often. In essence it is all about the HOW - how we can move our current practice and pedagogy from the transactional to transformational. Its capacity to influence and drive change within our school communities is considerable."

It may almost seem we are being spoiled for PD this year, with the upcoming School Library Conference and other sessions offered by both WASLA and AISWA Libraries, but AISWA Libraries thought the opportunity for you to meet and hear Dr Ross Todd was too good to pass up. AISWA is offering a special deal for their members on Monday 1st September.

The cost is \$250 for the one-day seminar at Perth Convention Centre. AISWA Libraries will be subsidising each of their members who attends and it will cost them \$150. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are included.

The seminar is based on cutting edge international research. Ross Todd is well known for his involvement in the ground-breaking Ohio schools research. More recently he has been involved in research with Pennsylvania Department of Education's Office of Commonwealth Libraries: "School Administrator's Support for School Libraries: The Impact on Student Achievement" along with Carol Gordon and Ya-Ling Lu.

For more information about Ross Todd and his impressive work, please visit the website:

<http://www.scils.rutgers.edu/~rtodd/>

For more information about this valuable seminar and to register, please see

<http://www.sybasigns.com.au/sybasigns/main/index.php?SID=&select=seminar&pid=21&rg=&nav=specials>

CMIS Evaluation Blogs

We are delighted to announce that CMIS Evaluation is now running a series of blogs to which you can subscribe. They replace CMIS Resource Bank News and are designed to provide schools with timely information about new resources and events that might be of interest.

You can subscribe to the blog that is most appropriate for you - or all of them to see which will suit you best. You can opt to get email messages as we add new blog items, or subscribe by RSS feed.

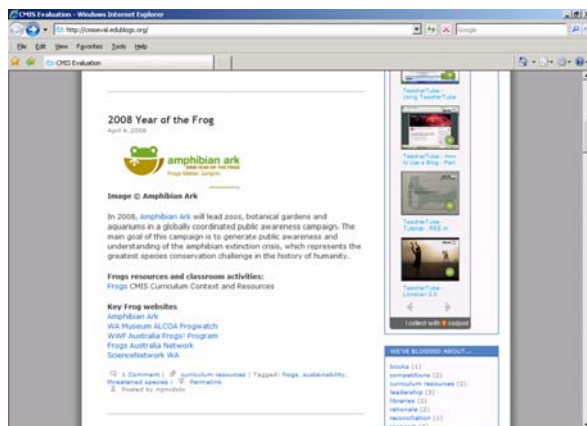
The blogs are:

1. CMIS Evaluation <<http://cmiseval.edublogs.org/>>

A general blog for all teachers, which will include links to major posts on the other blogs. Posted items include:

2008 Year of the Frog

<http://cmiseval.edublogs.org/2008/04/04/2008-year-of-the-frog/>



Calling all writers

<http://cmiseval.edublogs.org/2008/02/20/calling-all-writers/>



The Apology

<http://cmiseval.edublogs.org/2008/02/14/the-apology/>



2. Fiction Focus Blog <<http://cmisevalff.edublogs.org/>>

Specifically for secondary English teachers and teacher librarians to support our *Fiction Focus* journal. Sample entries include:

When too many widgets are never enough

<http://cmisevalff.edublogs.org/2008/04/16/when-too-many-widgets-are-never-enough/>

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying a blog post. The address bar shows the URL: <http://cmisevalff.edublogs.org/>. The page title is "CMIS Evaluation Fiction Focus". The main content area features the post title "When too many widgets are never enough" dated April 16, 2008. The text discusses Web 2.0 and collaboration. On the right side, there are several widgets: "ABOUT THIS BLOG" (describing the blog's purpose), "Visitor locations" (a world map), "ON THIS BLOG" (a list of categories like authors, awards, and booklists), and a "Fiction Focus" logo at the bottom.

Reading Between the Lines

<http://cmisevalff.edublogs.org/2008/04/10/reading-between-the-lines/>

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying a blog post. The address bar shows the URL: <http://cmisevalff.edublogs.org/>. The page title is "CMIS Evaluation Fiction Focus". The main content area features the post title "Reading Between the Lines" dated April 10, 2008. The text discusses the blog's target audience and encourages interaction. On the right side, there are several widgets: "ABOUT THIS BLOG", "Visitor locations", "ON THIS BLOG", and a "Fiction Focus" logo at the bottom.

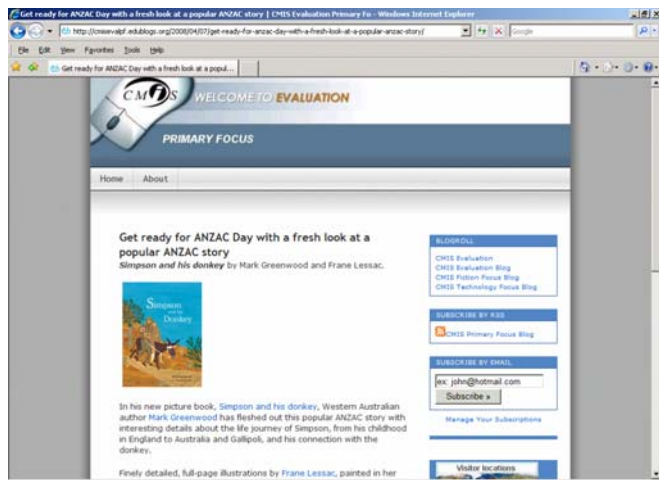
The Fiction Focus Blog is proving to be very popular with more than 580 visits since it was publicised a few weeks ago.

3. Primary Focus Blog <<http://cmisevalpf.edublogs.org/>>

Specifically for staff in Primary schools. It also includes information about our Primary Focus list of recommended books.

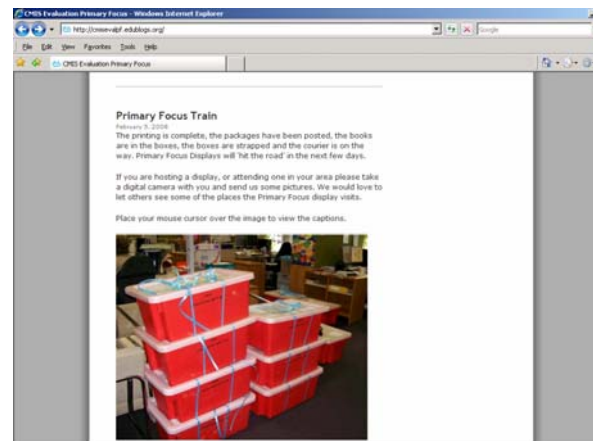
Get ready for ANZAC Day with a fresh look at a popular ANZAC story

<http://cmisevalpf.edublogs.org/2008/04/07/get-ready-for-anzac-day-with-a-fresh-look-at-a-popular-anzac-story/>



Primary Focus Train

<http://cmisevalpf.edublogs.org/2008/02/05/primary-focus-train/>



4. Technology Focus Blog <<http://cmisevaltf.edublogs.org/>>

For any teacher at any level interested in ICT in the classroom.

Seek and you shall find ... a list of Search engines (other than Google!)

<http://cmisevaltf.edublogs.org/2008/02/07/seek-and-you-shall-finda-list-of-search-engines-other-than-google/>



We hope that you enjoy reading the blogs and support us by subscribing to our new service.

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The School Library Conference (SLC) is presented by the Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia (AISWA) Libraries and the Western Australian School Library Association (WASLA).

AISWA Libraries and WASLA bring leading authors, and the very best in literature and technology to our conference participants.

Our aim is to provide quality professional development and networking opportunities for professionals in the school libraries field.

The theme of the 2008 Conference is: *Avenues to the Future: Imagine. Inspire. Interact.*

VENUE: WESLEY COLLEGE – 40 Coode Street, South Perth WA

DATES: Friday 13th June 2008 – 4.30 pm – 8.30 pm
Saturday 14th June 2008 – 8.00 am – 5.00 pm



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The School Library Conference Program

BREAKFAST BOOK LAUNCH

Norman Jorgenson releases his newest work 'Jack's Island' at a Breakfast Book Launch on Friday 13th June 2008. Hear Norm speak about his work while enjoying a continental breakfast at the Boatshed Restaurant, overlooking the Swan River in South Perth.

BUS TOURS

Two bus tours will be run throughout the day on Friday, following the Book Launch. Departing from The Boatshed Restaurant on Friday morning, the tours will take you to metropolitan school libraries, the State Library of Western Australia, and a variety of bookshops. Free all day parking is available, and the buses will return in time for the start of the Friday afternoon/evening program.

FRIDAY EVENING - Kevin Hennah will present a keynote address on the topic of "Library Layout and Space Management". Kevin's dynamic presentation is designed to inspire you to challenge traditional library layout and explore opportunities to increase library usage via clever use of space. Explore how to apply retail merchandising principles to library layout, strategic placement of categories, techniques to cleverly manage traffic flow, maximise productivity of space and inspiration on library design and furniture.

Kevin's keynote will be followed by a Cocktail Reception with time to visit Sponsor Trade Displays and to network with colleagues.

SATURDAY KEYNOTE

KEVIN HENNAH



As a Retail Consultant, Kevin Hennah has been working closely with Public and School Libraries on strategies to maximise productivity of space and improve overall presentation and image. As a speaker, he brings credibility to his presentations by drawing on his experience training over 350 libraries throughout Australia and New Zealand. His ideas are further reinforced by examples of new libraries into which he has had design input. The author of *The Victorian Public Libraries' Image Handbook*, Kevin has recently worked on "Re-think", a new publication with The School Library Association of Victoria. His recent visits to leading UK Libraries also provide a broad perspective on international developments.

"I believe presentation standards are critically important to libraries. Customers are constantly looking for faster and more efficient ways to meet needs. As consumers, we choose things that look great and are simple to access." KEVIN HENNAH

Kevin Hennah will present a second keynote address, opening the Saturday program with the topic "Transforming your library on a shoe string budget". With an emphasis on low-cost, simple solutions, this presentation will demonstrate countless ways to improve library presentation at little or no expense.

Dr JIM MULLANEY



Dr Jim Mullaney is an Independent Learning Technologies Consultant. Through his business, FuturePD Education Services, he works with tertiary institutions, schools and businesses in the implementation of the Learning Technologies Policies. He is the Principal Consultant in the DET 100 Schools Project, a sessional lecturer at Edith Cowan University and is involved in the implementation of Learning Management Systems and Portal-based learning and collaboration tools.

FURTHER DETAILS - including Bus Tour itineraries, Conference Program and Registration Forms will be available soon at www.slcwa.com.au

**Western Australian School Library Association
Professional Development Calendar
2008**

DATE	EVENT
Term 2 –Saturday 14th June School Library Conference	Flyers going out in Week 3 of term 1.
Term 3 Holidays – Friday 10th October	Library Officer’s Day Venue: Schools of Isolated and Distance Education, Leederville
Term 3	Copyright Presentation with Caroline Brassnet. Venue: St. Stephen’s School, Duncraig theatre.
Term 4 – International School Library Day Dinner October	Venue to be advised
Term 4 - WASLA AGM Wednesday 26th November	Venue to be confirmed

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