

Message from the President – Jenny Dickman

Term 3, 2008

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Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you are all well rested and had a wonderful holiday. We had great pleasure in announcing the Western Australian Teacher Librarian of the Year for 2008 – Maria Darby from Cyril Jackson Senior Campus. Maria’s school administration and her colleagues describe her as an “innovative and inspiring teacher librarian” who is a “real diamond in the education system”. Please keep Monday 20th October, 2008 in your diary to join us to celebrate Maria’s award at the International School Library Day dinner. This is an excellent opportunity for networking and acknowledging our achievements throughout 2008.

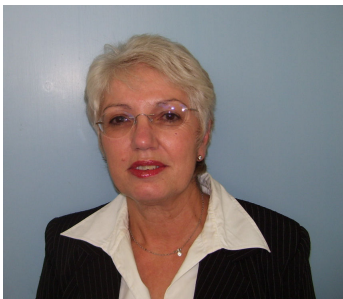
The International School Library Day Dinner will also see us present the award for Library Officer/Technician of the Year. WASLA has introduced this award to acknowledge the wonderful support staff in school libraries. Information on nominations for this award and for the Dinner on 20th October, 2009 can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Both the W.A. Teacher Librarian of the Year and the Library Officer/Technician of the Year will receive a registration to the ASLA XXI conference to be held in Perth from 29th September to 2nd October, 2009.

Our congratulations on a job well done to Gillian Skeggs, Conference Organiser, Jane Graham, Conference Convenor and the committee of the School Library Conference. The feedback from all those who attended has been excellent, especially relating to our keynote speakers Kevin Hennah and Dr. Jim Mullaney. Kevin’s presentation saw delegates returning to their schools on the Monday to remove all their laminated signage and organise their “what’s hot” areas. The recipient of funding from WASLA to attend the conference was Jean Stretch from St.Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School, Carnarvon and we look forward to reading Jean’s report on her experiences at the conference.

Maria Darby-
2008 Teacher-librarian
of the Year

Our Term 3 PD will be the Copyright Presentation by Caroline Brasnett at St. Stephen’s School, Duncraig on Wednesday 3rd September. Please remember to RSVP for this very popular session. The Library Officer’s Day planning is well underway for Friday 10th October, 2008 at SIDE – refer to the information elsewhere in this newsletter. Funding for this day is still available and applications need to be in by Friday 1st August, 2008.

I hope you have a fantastic Book Week. “Fuel your Mind” provides such a lot of ideas and themes to celebrate the week. It is also a great opportunity for visits to the local public library and access to children’s authors and illustrators. I hope you will share your Book Week experiences and your wonderful displays with our members by contributing to the Term 4 issue of the newsletter.



Leading 21st Century Schools: Engage with Asia Asia Education Foundation, May 2008

I attended the National Forum held in Adelaide on May 19-20, 2008. The Asia Education Foundation (AEF) received Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations funding of \$1.5 million for a three year project. The project aims to build a national cohort of Principal 'champions' to increase the uptake of the *National Statement for Engaging Young Australians with Asia in Australian Schools*.

The National forum saw 118 participating Principals, together with members of Project's State and Territory Co-ordinating groups, representatives from Principals' associations, Departments of Education including Studies of Asia and Australia Advisers, curriculum and assessment authorities and invited school leaders attend.

The purpose of the 2008 Forum is to support the *Leading 21st Century Schools: Engage with Asia An Initiative for Principals* and

- Develop the professional skills of delegates to lead the implementation of the studies of Asia in their schools and organizations
- Support development, implantation and sustainability of new studies of Asia curriculum and policies
- Harness the support and input of key stakeholder groups, including peak leadership professional associations and all education systems/authorities, to further implementation of the *National Statement on Engaging Young Australians with Asia in Australian Schools.*

The Forum focused on supporting education systems/agencies, teachers, school leadership and other education stakeholders from all states and territories to implement the National Statement in line with local needs and priorities.

The context for the forum was "A five-year old starting school in Australia today will exit school in 2020." "Young people can only make sense of their world and be active and informed citizens when they develop a sound understanding of the wider global context in which they are operating". *The Adelaide Declaration on National Goals for Schooling in the Twenty-First century*.

Attendees at the Forum were supplied with a "Toolkit – Leading 21st century schools : Engage with Asia" which provides resources available to schools, Asia Scope and Sequence for the Arts, English, SOSE and LOTE together with the National Statement. A booklet entitled "Now more than ever we live in one world. How schools can and do, respond" will also be forwarded to all schools.

Teacher librarians will be at the forefront in resourcing the Asia in Education curriculum and developing curriculum for their schools. The initiative in Western Australia is lead by Lindy Stirling, Studies of Asia and Australia Adviser at the Department of Education and Training.

Contact details for Lindy are:

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<http://www.det.wa.edu.au/education/accessasia/>

All the documentation and resources available can be found and downloaded from the website. There is also a great range of professional development and assistance that can be provided to schools.

I would urge all school library staff to visit the website and view the resources and support material available to schools.

Jenny Dickman



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Wednesday 3rd September 2008

4.00pm (for a 4.15pm start) - St. Stephens's School, Duncraig
Venue: Theatre in the Administration Building

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Presented by **Caroline Brasnett**,
Principal Consultant I.P. and Copyright

Caroline is a well-known presenter who will discuss copyright and schools. This is an ideal opportunity to get updates on some of the changes to do with new educational technologies.

Cost: \$10.00 members, \$15.00 non-members

TO BOOK

RSVP Rosemary Burton@det.wa.edu.au

Then please fill in details, detach slip & send with cheque (payable to WASLA) to: WASLA, PO Box 1272
West Perth WA 6872

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Name: School:

Member No: WA..... Payment \$ 10.00 enclosed

Or: Non-member payment of \$ 15.00 enclosed

No GST Applicable

When completed, this event registration may be used as an invoice for purposes of payment - but is not a TAX invoice.

LIBRARY OFFICER'S DAY 2008 FUNDING (Readvertised)

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

**INVITATION TO ALL SCHOOL LIBRARY STAFF TO ATTEND THE 2008 INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
LIBRARY MONTH DINNER
(* Previously International School Library Day)**

- WHEN** 6.45pm for a 7 pm start, Monday 20 October 2008
- WHY** To celebrate our special month
To announce the WA Library Officer/Technician of the Year
To announce the WA Teacher Librarian of the Year
To catch up with friends and colleagues
- WHERE** 'Vultures Restaurant,' 45 Francis St. Northbridge
(Corner of Francis and William St.) We are in their private
room which is just past the cashier's station.
- COST** \$40 pp. WASLA members
\$45 pp. non members
Drinks may be purchased as required
- PARKING** Street parking around the area is free after 5.30 pm or park under Alexander Library.
- RSVP** By Friday 17th October (end of week 1 term 4). Please use the booking form below.
Payments in advance must be mailed to:
WASLA Executive Officer
PO Box 1272
West Perth 6872
- MENU** APPETIZER
Turkish Bread with pesto and Mediterranean dips
- MAIN COURSES
Choice of chicken, scotch fillet, fish or a vegetarian dish
- DESSERT
Chocolate mud cake or pavlova with whipped cream
- Tea and coffee are included.

Nomination form for the Library Officer/Technician of the Year Award

This form is to reach The Executive Officer - WASLA, PO Box 1272, WEST PERTH, 6872 by 30 September.

NOMINEE

Name of Nominee

Current Position

Principal/Employer's Name

Address

Email address

Contact phone numbers

QUALIFICATIONS and RATIONALE for NOMINATION

Formal qualifications of nominee
(if applicable)
Work History

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Areas of outstanding service to
school libraries in WA

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Reasons for nomination

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Other supportive information

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Actions initiated/undertaken for the benefit of the school library

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Testimonials enclosed

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ENCLOSURES

- Curriculum vitae of nominee (compulsory)
- Support documentation (optional)
- Photograph(s) (optional)

NOMINATOR

This nomination has been forwarded by:

Full name of nominator	
Address of nominator	
Phone number of nominator	
Nominator's email address	

The candidate described above has my official support.
I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information supplied on and with this form is correct in every detail.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

School Library Conference 2008 Wesley College, Friday 13th June

Not surprisingly. I thought the breakfast book launch of Jack's Island by Norman Jorgensen was a superb start to the day but I'll leave that for someone else to write about and begin with a report on the bus tours.

Although I work in a Senior School I chose the primary tour this year for a change of scene and hoping to get a new perspective on library life. Our first stop was St Hilda's where we were warmly welcomed by the Principal of the Junior School and Robin McKean, the Librarian who invited us to thoroughly explore the new facility. A delicious morning tea was also provided.

Back on the bus en route to the State Library and the noise levels had still not abated which just proves that these occasions are as much about networking as anything. I overheard several complaints about working conditions and lots of sharing of solutions and ideas. The introduction by Emily Patterson, Education Officer at the State Library was amusing and thought-provoking as she lined up with four of the staff (young, not so young, male, female, tattooed, pierced and various combinations thereof) and challenged our perceptions of what a librarian looks like.

The guided tour and behind-the-scenes peeks were really educational and Sam Hughes' excitement about plans for a new dedicated children's space was palpable. The wonderful Peter Williams collection of children's book illustrations will be permanently displayed there and the floor will be transformed into an inviting, interactive area to celebrate books and young people up to the age of 12. A short lunch break allowed time for browsing in city book stores, with a special discount for conference delegates, then it was time to board the bus for the journey to Joondalup.

The campus library at Edith Cowan University is impressive in many ways, not least of which is its sheer size and scale, and our guided tour demonstrated how the \$39 million budget to construct it was disbursed, and how well the library is utilised.

Our final stop was at Westbooks where Joscelyn Leatt-Hayter and her staff greeted us with a welcome cuppa and afternoon tea. As well as an opportunity for book browsing and buying we were introduced to Maryann Ballantyne and Karen Tayleur from Black Dog Books and Pauline Meaney from Louis Braille audio books.

By this stage many of us were exhausted and ready for cocktail hour but the action-packed conference schedule continued with an official opening at Wesley College followed by a keynote address by Kevin Hennah.

Having recently read the CBCA shortlisted book, Leaving Barrumbi by Leonie Norrington, the welcome to country by Mingli and the Moorditj Mob really resonated with me, especially her comment about the need to educate our children in both ways – the traditional aboriginal and the western method. The boys performed with grace and dignity holding their audience spellbound and moving their Principal to tears.

It is no easy task delivering the keynote address to a crowd of exhausted delegates at the end of a busy working day but Kevin Hennah rose to the occasion magnificently. After his address I'm sure many others like me looked at their library through different eyes on the following Monday morning and immediately implemented some of the changes he suggested.

With a background in retail and merchandising he brought a new approach to library layout and space management and challenged some of our long-held perceptions of why we do things the way we do. By

posing a simple question of what would we change if we had a dollar for every item checked out of our library he forced us to rethink where we position things and to rate our floor space according to its value. Most of us had never even heard of adjacencies or considered slap wall or vinyl lettering but I'll bet many of us have now decluttered, ditched the Blotack and started displaying what's new, what's hot and what's recently returned.

Enthused and inspired we then moved to Wesley's spacious new library annexe to enjoy a welcome drink, some truly delicious finger food and an opportunity to browse in the trade exhibition area.

Congratulations to the Conference Committee for such a stimulating programme and special thanks to Jane Graham, Conference Convenor.

Jan Nicholls
St Mary's Anglican Girls' School

A note from Albany

For the first time in a while the conference was attended by many library staff from a variety of schools across the town of Albany. This included both Teacher-librarians and library officers, from government and non government schools. As a result of this wonderfully inspiring weekend, particularly Kevin's ideas about refreshing library presentation we have re-established our network group. Our goal is to hold 2 meetings a term- one dedicated to networking the other to sharing professional learning situations. Each meeting will be held in a different school with the host school taking responsibility for notifying others, providing afternoon tea and running the day's meeting. It is fantastic that our Library Conference can have spin offs far beyond personal professional learning. All schools were keen to find out more about archiving and all of us came back and decluttered our libraries and got rid of all those tacky signs- and what was great is that the reaction from staff and students has been terrific!

If you have a great story about how you will be using the input from the conference drop me a line.
Peta Harrison

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

Term 3 - Wednesday 3rd September	Copyright & Intellectual Property. Presentation with Caroline Brassnet. Venue: St. Stephen's School theatre, Duncraig. Time: 4.00pm for a 4.15pm start. Cost: \$10.00 members, \$15.00 non-members. Registration to: Rosemary.Burton@det.wa.edu.au
Term 3 Holidays - Friday 10th October	Library Officer's Day Venue: Schools of Isolated and Distance Education, Leederville. Time: 8.30am for a 9.00am start. Programme to be advised.
Term 4 – 20th October	International School Library Day Dinner. Presentation of Teacher Librarian & Library Officer of the Year Awards. Venue: Vultures, Northbridge
Term 4 - Wednesday 26th November	WASLA AGM Millpoint Bookcaffe including talk by Celia Cole.

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Personal stories add depth and interest to our newsletter- it would be great to have some input from someone out there in library land. Just let us know what you are doing in your library, as professional learning, a great book, author, website. Editing can be provided if you are unsure of your writing skills.

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