**WASLA Mailout Term 2 2011**

**WASLA WEEKLY UPDATE (2)**

Hi everyone

Hope Term 2 has settled down for everyone and there's not too many disruptions in your neck of the woods. At my school, in the first two weeks, we've had photo days, parent teacher interviews, NAPLAN, final rehearsals for the school musical and so much more! We do pack things in and every day there's a new challenge. Which got us thinking - what kind of challenges do librarians face? And on the other note - what successes? We'd love for you to share the daily/weekly/monthly/annual challenges and also the great successes. Email your best and worst to editormum75@gmail.com to share with our members (names will be removed to protect the wicked!).

**Some of our challenges:**
Implementing a new laptop policy - while laptops are wonderful educational technologies, they can pose challenges as well.

Forever interruptions - ever feel like you just can't finish a job because of "Miss, could you please…" or "I'm looking for a book on…" or "Quick, I need some help with this class!" and so on? Sometimes it feels like the daily schedule is more interruptions than work, but then, isn't that half the fun?

**Some of our successes:**
Students and teachers sharing their love of books, making 'literary hearts' for our I Love Reading display.
The paper dolls that link arms all around the library and are decorated and coloured to represent interesting book characters - kids love these!
Creating a comfortable 'reading room' - bean bags and a puzzle table are rather inviting.

The student dashing up to tell you how much they loved the book you recommended and where can they get another like it!

**ic3: information, communication, collaboration, celebration - the WASLA/AISWA Libraries professional journal**

We are hard at work on issue 2 of *ic3*, with the aim to get it out to members by the end of term. Issue 1 was mailed out before Easter so if you or your school are a WASLA or AISWA Libraries member and you haven't received a copy, please let me know! We are seeking submissions of articles to the journal - guidelines will be up on the WASLA website soon, but as usual, all interesting and helpful articles and photos will be welcomed, as well as academic papers for peer review on any topic useful to school library staff. Email editormum75@gmail.com for more information or to submit.

In addition, we would love to hear from any persons interested in being part of the *ic3* publications team - we need people to write columns, review books, take photos at and/or compile reports from professional development, proofreaders and more! If you have an interest in being part of the team, please email Tehani with details of experience and areas of interest. I look forward to hearing from you!

All the best for the week ahead.

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<http://worldsnextdoor.wordpress.com>

**WASLA WEEKLY UPDATE (3)**

Dear WASLA members,

Unfortunately the meeting to ratify the constitutional changes required to bring WASLA's constitution into line with the new ASLA constitution did not make a quorum (at least 15 members are required to attend), so the meeting will be held again.

Date: Thiursday 2 June, 2011.

Location: Mill Point Rd Book Café.

Time: 4 - 5pm.

Agenda: WASLA Constitution

RSVP: Treasurer Val Baird at vbaird@iinet.net.au

We will have A/T (provided by WASLA, you buy your own coffee) and a very quick update about ASLA National and the new WASLA constitution. The old and new constitution are attached for you to read, so we can have one vote to ratify the new version.

I look forward to seeing as many members as possible. The Committee needs your support for these important changes so we can continue to move forward and provide a strong local association that supports TLs in the West. My thanks.

Barbara Combes, President WA Operations

Mary Hookey, President National Stretegy and Policy

Jo Critch, Vice President

Val Baird, treasurer

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**WASLA WEEKLY UPDATE (5)**

**Topic this week: WASLA website**

Greetings everyone,

New additions to the Members Only Resources homepage have now been provided courtesy of Sally Morris and Jane Graham. These include 'ICT Curriculum Scope and Sequence at Wesley', 'Information Skills Year 8 to 10 Scope and Sequence' and 'The Australian Curriculum'.

'Year of the Forest' ideas are now being collated under the 'Links' page, <http://www.wasla.asn.au/links/year-of-the-forest/> . There are images, posters, display ideas and useful websites for you to use in your libraries.

As a result of last week's special meeting, the newly amended constitution will soon be available on the Operational Procedures page.

Finally, WASLA will have a booth at the School Library Conference this weekend so feel free to drop buy and chat to the committee members.

**Kate Flowers**

**WASLA Website Manager**

**WASLA WEEKLY UPDATE (6)**

WASLA Update:

1.  WASLC was, without doubt, a great event for all who attended.  WASLA Committee would like to congratulate everyone who organised, presented and attended the conference for making the weekend such a worthwhile and professional event.

2.  WA TL of the Year.

Congratulations to Brenda Clover for being nominated by WASLA for the Australian TL of the Year.  Brenda is a great support and inspiration to all TLs and her energy and achievements are remarkable.  Brenda was nominated by her colleagues at Perth College.

3. Federal Government Inquiry into School Libraries 2011

Mary Hookey presented an update on the Inquiry at WASLC last weekend.  Mary had an excellent list of suggestions which we could take up to make a difference to this campaign.  One of  the ideas that is very easy to implement is to 'like' the facebook page "What a difference a school library makes"

[www.facebook.com/pages/What-a-difference-a-school-library-makes/120543444695337?ref=ts&sk=wall](http://www.facebook.com/pages/What-a-difference-a-school-library-makes/120543444695337?ref=ts&sk=wall)

Mary's list of suggestions will soon be available on the WASLA home page.

4.  ASLA Citation Award Nomination. This biennial award is presented for outstanding contribution to the national leadership of teacher librarianship in two or more of the following areas:

* Policy formulation
* Program implementation
* Publications
* Administration of the Association
* Research
* Innovation
* Education (interpreted in broad terms).

Nominations may be submitted by a Member Association or a direct ASLA Member (in states without a state/territory Member Association membership)

This nomination needs to be made by June 30th and the nomination form is available for downloading on the ASLA website.

[http://www.asla.org.au/advocacy/citation](https://webmail2.ststephens.wa.edu.au/owa/redir.aspx?C=ae2c20eb3b04402e89f3210c44aa40fb&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.asla.org.au%2fadvocacy%2fcitation)/

Please submit your nomination to:

Jo.Critch@aquinas.wa.edu.au

5.  WA Library Technician/Officer of the Year Award

This award goes to a library officer or library technician who has given outstanding service to school libraries in Western Australia.

The nomination form is attached or is on the WASLA website and should be submitted to:

 Jo.Critch@aquinas.wa.edu.au by 31st August 2011.

The award will be presented at the International School Library Month dinner in October.

Jo Critch

**WASLA WEEKLY UPDATE (7)**

Hi everyone

It’s not long until the end of the term.

Here is a list of resources that may assist you to expand your Library collection to cater for the Australian Curriculum: English.

🕮 **Australian Literature**

***The Macquarie PEN Anthology of Australian Literature*** General Editor: Nicholas Jose

 “Some of the best, most significant writing produced in Australia over more than two centuries is gathered in this landmark anthology. Covering all genres—from fiction, poetry and drama to diaries, letters, essays and speeches—the anthology maps the development of one of the great literatures in English in all its energy and variety.”

This book is supported by the website that contains some teaching resources (linked on the left-hand side of the page). <http://www.macquariepenanthology.com.au/aboutaustliteratureanthology.html>

🕮 **Aboriginal Literature**

***Macquarie PEN Anthology of Aboriginal Literature*** Edited by Anita Heiss and Peter Minter

“An authoritative collection of Australian Aboriginal writing over two centuries, across a wide range of fiction and non-fiction genres. Including some of the most distinctive writing produced in Australia, it offers rich insights into Aboriginal culture and experience.”

This book is supported by the website that has some teaching resources (linked on the left-hand side of the page). <http://www.macquariepenanthology.com.au/abor-home.html>

Some more indigenous resources:
<http://ianthorpes-fountainforyouth.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/Teachers-Resource-List.pdf>

A reminder of some of the publishers of Indigenous resources:
Magabala, Broome <http://www.magabala.com/>
IAD Press, Alice Springs <http://www.iad.edu.au/press/iadpresshome.htm>
Aboriginal Studies Press (ASP), Canberra <http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/asp/>

🕮 **Asia-related literary texts**

Here is a list of Asia-related literary texts to support the Australian Curriculum for English. <http://www.asiaeducation.edu.au/verve/_resources/F10eltCOMaf23112010.pdf>

If you are looking for resources for specific year groups you can access them here: <http://www.asiaeducation.edu.au/for_teachers/main_english_text_page.html>

🕮 **A couple of great resources**

***English Essentials: the wouldn’t-be-without-it guide to writing well*** by Mem Fox and Lyn Wilkinson is simple and clearly written and is a great resource for your library. It contains two sections: the first section explores how to write well; the second section explains how to write correctly. <http://www.memfox.com/essential-english.html>

Mem Fox’s ***Ten Read Aloud Commandments*** is a really cute way to encourage reading that could be used for younger students and for promoting reading to parents. <http://www.memfox.net/ten-read-aloud-commandments.html>

If you have any great texts that support the Australian Curriculum, please email them to me [Brenda.Clover@pc.wa.edu.au](https://mail.pc.wa.edu.au/owa/UrlBlockedError.aspx) and I will compile a list for the members only section of the website.

Thanks

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**WASLA WEEKLY UPDATE (8)**

**WASLA Library Officer Day 2011**

WASLA are pleased to present our most comprehensive day of professional learning for Library Officers/Technicians yet!

Earlier this year we released an online survey to find out what you found helpful at the previous LO day as well as what you would like to see. Recently at the

School Library Conference some Library Officers had the opportunity to gather and talk some more on issues that they would like to be more informed about.

We hope to address as many of these subjects as possible to educate you, motivate you, and improve your work life.

**Some of the planned sessions are:**

* **Web 2.0**
* **Portable technologies (Ipod, Ipad, e-readers)**
* **How to write to selection criteria/level 1/level 2 -what is the difference?**
* **SCIS**
* **K-12 Curriculum Services**
* **Australian Curriculum (what is it?)**
* **Searching the web**
* **Budgeting**
* **Where to buy what? Where to get the resources you need - online, book sellers, publishers etc . You will come away with a list of suppliers and their contact details.**

Come along to gain valuable industry knowledge in varied sessions and network with other colleagues to create an exciting learning experience.

You will have the added benefit of enjoying the venue of one of Perth’s most prestigious schools, Perth College.

This is a fully catered event with keynotes and presentations by some of the most respected professionals in the field of Library and Information Service in WA.

**When: 14th October 2011**

**Where: Perth College, Mt Lawley**

**Time: 8:30am – 3:30pm**

**Cost: WASLA members $60**

 **Non-members $75**

Stay tuned for detailed program information to be released early in term 3.

In the meantime visit the WASLA website <http://www.wasla.asn.au/>

**WASLA WEEKLY UPDATE (9)**

Hi all

Hopefully you're not working too hard in the wind up til holidays - all the work will still be there when you get back, promise! (Unless the job fairies come and do it for you over the break - wouldn't that be nice?) :)

I've spent the past week or so doing a major weed of the non-fiction collection, to facilitate a bit of rearranging we've done, and of course that leads to a big shakeup of the shelves (not just non-fiction - why would I stop there!). This afternoon I finally finished spreading the books out on the shelves, and I'm pretty chuffed with how they look. We recently purchased shelf signage and now that things are tidy, we can hopefully get all our plastic strips up, making things easier for kids to find. It's amazing how different things look with a little space, and it's interesting how many books sit on the shelves for years, not only never being used, but also cluttering things up and making it more difficult to see the GOOD stuff. Some weeds are easy - ten books on the same topic, five of them nearly 20 years old - GONE! Books on the solar system from ten years back? GONE! First aid books from the early 1990s - GONE! Street directory from 2006 - GONE! But obviously others are tougher - how many versions of each of Shakespeare's plays do we need? And which one will be the best for the kids? Those books on making wooden toys are beautiful - can I coerce the T&E department into bringing their classes over to use them?

It's never an easy thing to do, but of course we must, or not only will there be no room for all the lovely NEW resources, but we also do our clientele a disservice by having outdated, misleading, superceded or just not very useful books on the shelves. And it also makes stocktake easier! What are your tips for weeding the collection that you can share? Do you get a second opinion on discards? And what do you do with the books you remove? Let us know for an article in issue 3 of *ic3* (due at the end of Term 3).

Speaking of *ic3*, issue 2 was posted today, so will hopefully arrive in school just in time for you to enjoy over the holidays. Thank you to all contributors, particularly the many enthusiastic folks who reported on the conference. Contributions for issue 3 are being sought, so please don't hesitate to contact Tehani on editormum75@gmail.com if you have any articles suggestions!

All the best for a safe and relaxing holiday break.

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