



ALIA CYSS Group Bulletin

December 2015

Dear ALIA CYSS elist subscribers,

The SUPER librarian.
Look over in the shelves, is it an origami bird? Is it a paper plane?
Yes, it's the children's librarian crafting again.
Faster than a speeding toddler,
More powerful than an OPAC,
Able to sing any Christmas song, and recite nursery rhymes all year long.
And who; disguised as any one of numerous book characters or animals at play.
Fights a never ending battle for fun, funding and the literacy way!

Words adapted from "Superman" theme tune by **Claire Stuckey**.
Claire is an ALIA CYSS Committee member. She is Children's and Youth Adults'
Librarian at Gosford City Council.

Looking for Australian Christmas picture books? My Little Book Case website lists some favourites.
<http://www.mylittlebookcase.com.au/books/book-list-australian-christmas-stories/>

The ALIA CYSS Committee wish our elist subscribers a safe and happy holiday season as well as busy, noisy, lively school holidays events.

Barbara Swartz, Bri-Amber McErvale, Claire Stuckey, Jo Kaeding, Melinda Allan, Roxanne Clare.

Forthcoming CYSS events

Summer Reading Programme (SRP)

Official Australian Summer Reading Programme 2015/16 website:
<http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au/program-portal/>

Summer Reading Programme Pinterest board

The theme for 2015/16 SRP is "Lost worlds". Possible related themes are outer space, underwater worlds, mythical creatures, epic journeys. See our Summer Reading Programme board on Pinterest for craft and display ideas on these related themes.
<https://www.pinterest.com/cyssalia/summer-reading-program/>

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) 2016

11am, Wednesday 25 May 2016

NSS book for 2016: *I Got This Hat* / by Jol and Kate Temple, illustrated by Jon Foye

Register on the official NSS 2016 website. The website includes free downloads, inspirational ideas, videos, author info, teachers notes and more.

<https://www.alia.org.au/nss>



Youth Week 2016 (NSW) – Dates

Friday 8 April – Sunday 17 April

<http://youth.nsw.gov.au/youth-week-in-nsw/>

Harmony Day

Monday 21 March

[Harmony Day Facebook](#) page for updates on event registrations and promotional materials.

<http://www.harmony.gov.au/>

Library Events – Teens

Some inspirational ideas for library events for teens are listed below.

Hour of Code

Tutorials for learning computer coding skills.

Develop your own computer games! – Minecraft, Star Wars, Robotic Friends!

Suitable for the 8-12 year olds too.

<https://hourofcode.com/au>

“Serial” podcast discussion group

School Library Journal (US) of 4 November 15 tells the story of a successful programme for teens.

<http://www.slj.com/2015/11/teens-ya/a-school-wide-study-of-serial/>

Programmes and services for teenagers who have Autism

More terrific ideas from School Library Journal (US) November 4, 2015

<http://www.slj.com/2015/10/teens-ya/almost-adult-with-autism/>

Blanket making library project

Heather Booth discovers a new way to create an intergenerational maker program. Discussed in School Library Journal (US) November 4, 2015.

<http://www.slj.com/2015/10/public-libraries/team-blanket-making-intergenerational-programming-for-teens-and-adults/>

Chicago Public Library is extremely active in providing library activities for teens. View some of their current programmes at:

[https://chipublib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=audiences:\(53f250153860d10000000011\)](https://chipublib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=audiences:(53f250153860d10000000011))

Ohio Library has some terrific teen programmes on offer too.

http://www.olc.org/pdf/YA_TeenProgramGuide122010.pdf

State Library of Victoria. Centre for Youth Literature Strategic plan 2014-2016

<http://readalert.blogs.slv.vic.gov.au/files/2014/01/Centre-for-Youth-Literature-Strategic-Plan-2014-16-Public.pdf>

ALIA CYSS Pinterest board – Teen world

<https://www.pinterest.com/cyssalia/teen-world/>



Teen Librarian Toolbox

Lists many ideas for programmes.

<http://www.teenlibrariantoolbox.com/tpib-programs/>

Pinterest – Teen programming in libraries

A collaborative Pinterest board by Heather Booth

https://www.pinterest.com/heather_booth/teen-programming-in-libraries-a-collaborative-board/

PD and Events

National

Australian National Early Literacy Summit

Date: Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 March 2016

Venue: Hotel Realm, Canberra

Registrations open - <https://www.alia.org.au/events/13410/australian-national-early-literacy-summit>

National Early Literacy Summit – highlights: Professor Cate Taylor of Kids Telethon Institute will be presenting at the summit. Her topic is the latest update from Growing Up in Australia, the Longitudinal Study of Australian Children (LSAC). Kevin Robbie, CEO of United Way is another well-renowned speaker. United Way's work with disadvantaged communities in Australia includes a focus on early literacy through their Ready to Read program.

OCLC Asia Pacific Regional Council Conference

The Power of Worldwide Co-operation

Date: 3-4 December 2015

Venue: RMIT University Melbourne

<http://www.oclc.org/events/2015/aprc-annual-2015/aprc-2015.en.html>

Early Childhood National Conference 2016

This is childhood

Date: 5-8 October 2016

Venue: Darwin Convention Centre, NT

<http://www.eacaconference.com.au/>

ALIA National 2016 Conference

Engage, Create, Lead

Date: 29 August – 2 September 16

Venue: Adelaide Convention Centre

Call for abstracts extended. <https://nationalconference.alia.org.au/>



Victoria

ALIA Leadership and Innovation Forum

Date: Monday 14 Dec. 6:00-8:00pm

Venue: Library at the Dock, Docklands

Please register by 10 Dec. Numbers limited. All welcome, free for ALIA Members.

<http://membership.alia.org.au/events/event/vic-leadership-innovation-2015>

Reading and literacy for all: A strategic framework for Victorian public libraries 2015–18

This is an initiative of State Library of Victoria to support the role of public libraries in promoting reading for pleasure and thus addressing Victoria's low literacy levels. The website provides useful documents on library literacy programmes available to read online.

<http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/about-us/collaborations-affiliations/public-libraries/reading-literacy-strategic-framework>

NSW

ALIA Leadership & Innovation Forum – NSW

Date: Thursday 3 December 5:30-7:30

Venue: Metcalfe Auditorium State Library of New South Wales

<http://membership.alia.org.au/events/event/nsw-leadership-innovation-2015>

Once Upon a Time

A Celebration of 50 Years of IBBY Australia

Date: On International Children's Book Day, Saturday 2nd April 2016 - 10 am till 2.30 pm

Venue: Santa Maria del Monte School 59 The Boulevarde (cnr Carrington St), Strathfield NSW

Presenters Dr Mark MacLeod and Australia's celebrated nominees for 2016 Hans Christian Andersen Awards:

Bronwyn Bancroft in conversation with Libby Gleeson

Ursula Dubosarsky in conversation with Dr Robyn Sheahan-Bright

Sydney International Storytelling Conference

[NSW Storytelling Guild](#)

Date: Friday 27th May 7pm - Sunday 29th May 5pm 2016, Friday 27th May 2016 - Storytelling Master Class Day.

Venue: St Joseph's Centre for Reflective Living, 64 MacKillop Drive, Baulkham Hills, Sydney, NSW.

ACT

ALIA Leadership & Innovation Forum – ACT

Date: Tuesday 08 December 2015, 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Venue: Conference Room Level 4, National Library of Australia

<http://membership.alia.org.au/events/event/act-leadership-innovation-2015>



Awards

Dromkeen Award goes to Children's and Youth Services Librarian of Darwin Library, *Rosario Martinez*, and the **Dromkeen Medal** goes to *Andy Griffiths*.

<http://blogs.slv.vic.gov.au/news/andy-griffiths-awarded-the-2015-dromkeen-medal/>

ALIA's Excellence Awards

Goes to Jackie French, renowned children's author. The other two awards have gone to Dr. Alex Byrne, NSW State Librarian and Chief Executive Holger Aman, Librarian, NSW Law Courts

<https://www.alia.org.au/news/13714/alia%E2%80%99s-highest-honours-recognise-top-childrens-author-senior-library-leader-and-early-career-law>

Prime Minister's Literary Awards 2015 announced

Includes awards for children's fiction and young adults' fiction.

<http://arts.gov.au/topics/pms-literary-awards>

General Interest

FAIR Great School Libraries Campaign

400 nominations reached!

Keep them coming in - Nominations close 18 December 2015.

<https://fair.alia.org.au/greatschoollibraries>

See a showcase of online videos and photographs submitted with nominations.

<https://fair.alia.org.au/portfolio-great-school-libraries>

The New York Times reports on the popularity of preschool storytime at New York's libraries and endorses the importance of preschool storytime for early literacy.

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/02/nyregion/long-line-at-the-library-its-story-time-again.html?smid=pl-share&_r=1

Ten year old boy creates prosthetic hand with library 3D printer

<http://6abc.com/news/del-boy-creates-prosthetic-hand-with-library-3d-printer/1058543/>

School Libraries Work

A report by Scholastic provides a compendium of the latest U.S.A. research on the effectiveness of school libraries. The research confirms that school libraries and teacher librarians make an important contribution to children's education. <http://www.scholastic.com/SLW2016/index.htm>

Warwick West Teacher Librarian makes the local papers for her 10 years of service inspiring kids to read. <http://www.warwickdailynews.com.au/news/inspiring-kids-to-read/2839753/>



Australian government, Office of the Children's safety commissioner

A new pilot programme for reporting cyber bullying. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-the-office/news-and-media/media-release-esafe-spaces-combating-cyberbullying-at-the-frontline>

A document to inspire YA Librarians

This document provides ideas and inspiration for engaging youth with reading.

<http://readalert.blogs.slv.vic.gov.au/files/2014/01/Centre-for-Youth-Literature-Strategic-Plan-2014-16-Public.pdf>

Pinterest

With new Pin boards added there are many inspirational ideas on our Pinterest account.

See recently added boards – Summer Reading Program, Christmas craft.

Follow us on Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/cyssalia/>

Useful Websites

Summer Reading Club 2015 – Lost Worlds

Official website for this year's Summer Reading Club

<http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au/>

Storytime blogs

Our committee member, Melinda Allan finds these storytime blogs very useful for ideas for storytime activities.

- <http://missmegsstorytime.com/>
- <http://sunflowerstorytime.com/>
- <http://storytimekatie.com/>
- <http://jbrary.com/>

Love OZ YA

A blog site dedicated to promoting Australian YA literature

<http://loveozya.tumblr.com/>

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