

# Editorial

Welcome to the new look Synergy!

We are excited to be able to bring you this new look for our journal, *Synergy*. The previous design was created at the birth of the journal in 2003 and, while it has served us well, the board and SLAV's Committee of Management felt it was time for something new. The aim is to ensure *Synergy* identifies it as part of the SLAV family of designs across all our various platforms and publications, giving it a refreshed, current, and distinctive appearance. We are lucky to work with a very exciting designer who has helped develop our SLAV branding across the last six years. Robyn Dixon is to be thanked for her extraordinary efforts on our behalf, ensuring we have inviting and engaging design across all our publications, and *Synergy* is no exception. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Monica Williams who has ably worked with Robyn's design to produce and manage a functional, effective journal website. We are thrilled with the result and hope you are too.

With this first edition for 2023 we welcome our new guest author of the [Reflections and Actions](#) section of the journal, Professor Chi Ee Loh. Professor Loh has kindly agreed to this role and will contribute an article for each edition in 2023. We know her knowledge and insight will be of interest to our readers and thank her for her contribution.

For 2023 we also have some changes on the board. We thank Margaret Simkin for her time as a board member and acknowledge her contribution to the journal across the last few years. We welcome new *Synergy* board member, Joy Whiteside to the role and look forward to working with her. Joy brings a wealth of experience as a highly thoughtful and proactive teacher librarian who has a longstanding involvement with the SLAV community.

In this edition, we host a range of articles which are highly relevant to current discussions in our community. In the global section, and in the [Canadian landscapes](#) section, our authors, Anita Brooks Kirkland and [Sigi George](#), reflect on censorship and book-banning in their respective countries of India and Canada. We also reflect on [Artificial Intelligence](#) and school libraries with an excellent article from the academic Leon Furze. This is a succinct and thoughtful introduction to this important topic.

Our supportive and generous colleague [Dr Lyn Hay](#) returns to further explore evidence-based practice in honour of our colleague Professor Ross Todd. We are thrilled that Lyn can so succinctly share this important work with us. We also hear about the new [Knowledge Bank of Australian and New Zealand School Libraries \(KBANZSL\)](#), award winning programs on ecourses in Western Australia, and mobile devices in the USA, as well as articles from [Dr Kay Oddone](#), [Dr Carol Gordon](#), and [Miriam Tuohy](#). We are spoilt for choice in this edition!

Professional reading is an important part of everyone's professional learning. The right article, or journal, can fill a gap in our knowledge or skill base quickly and offer experiences, and a deeper insight, that is not always found in other formats. Wherever you find your professional learning, we hope that reading, and *Synergy*, can be part of that mix. There is something for everyone in this edition. *Synergy* has been a small part of the professional reading landscape for twenty years; with a new look, we hope it is around for a good many more.

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Editor