Editorial

Happy International School Libraries Month (ISLM)!

The School Library Association of Victoria (SLAV) has a long association with the International School Library Month and many Australians involve themselves in the excellent activities which are created to celebrate school libraries operating around the world. It might not be too late to register for some of these activities that are run during the month of October. Details can be found HERE

ISLM is a celebration of our profession and is representative of the global community which *Synergy* aims to celebrate and share with ideas from around the world. This edition continues that endeavour with a range of articles, both local and global, on a range of interesting, informative, and supportive topics.

I would like to extend the editorial board's thanks to Sarah Pavey, our Reflections and Actions section guest for 2024. Sarah has shared with us two interesting and stimulating articles as our guest this year, and we hope to have her write for us again.

This edition features an article from the team at the Discovering a "Good Read": Pathways to Reading for Australian Teens - ARC Linkage project entitled 'The books Australian teens enjoyed reading most in 2022 and 2023: Findings from the Discovering a Good Read (DAGR) survey'. Also included is an excellent review by Synergy board member, Joy Whiteside of the project's recent report *Teen Reading in the Digital Era*, which can be found in the Reviews section. It is wonderful to see this work come to fruition. The project's hard-working team has added valuable findings and insights to the available research in this space and they have generously involved SLAV members in the research throughout. They have also previously shared findings on many occasions, both writing and presenting for us across the life of the project.

Our reviews section is ably coordinated by Dr Rosemary Abbott, and we would like to acknowledge her efforts in bringing this section together. This edition's Reviews section includes a very useful and informative round up of some resources in the increasingly popular area of Artificial Intelligence. No doubt, readers will find this useful. We welcome suggestions of items, websites, reports, etc., that you would like to see included in the reviews section. You can email the reviews editor at reviews-synergy@slav.org.au

This edition includes articles on a broad range of topics, including: global networks, the extended investigation VCE subject, school libraries in Alaska, the wonderful resources at LMERC, information literacy, hosting author visits, genrefication, supporting changing curriculum, and the role of IASL, to name a few. There is something here for everyone! Get in touch if you have ideas for topics to pursue or article authors – we value your insights.

Happy Reading.

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