

## Editorial

With this, the first edition of *Synergy* for 2016, we have a few welcomes to make. First, the Board would like to welcome Dr Barbara Combes to the role of guest writer of the Reflections and Actions Section for 2016. Barbara will be known to the teacher-librarianship community through her many advocacy roles with WASLA, IASL and IFLA over many years. She will also be known to many through her teaching role in the tertiary sector and, in particular, her current role as lecturer at Charles Sturt University in the School of Information Studies. We know that Barbara's contributions to the journal in 2016 will be useful and informative.

Also in 2016 we warmly welcome two new members to the *Synergy* Board – Julia Petrov, from St Patrick's College, Ballarat, and Chris Lean, from Christian College, Geelong. It is most heartening to be able to welcome two such experienced and well-respected practitioners to the Board of the journal. We know their input will contribute to keeping the journal relevant, timely and rigorous.

In this issue, we have a range of articles on a variety of topics. Our aim is to bring you research and ideas to challenge your thinking, as well as the approaches or programs that might impact upon your practice.

David Feighan reports on the 2015 SLAV ebook survey, we have articles on kids' own publishing, a coding club, teenage reading preferences, the pressures of 24/7 technology and a discussion suppers program in the UK. As well as this, we hear from our regular commentators – Carol Gordon, Anne Whisken and Miffy Farquarhson, three authors who always have interesting research, ideas and concepts to share with us.

Being connected to the wider community of education and librarianship in Australian and beyond is part of the brief of *Synergy*. We publish and reprint articles of interest to our profession from authors from all over the world. In this edition we have a particularly interesting article from the academic Lee FitzGerald on guided inquiry and metacognition. FitzGerald is Australian and her paper was presented at the 2015 International Association of School Librarianship's (IASL) conference in The Netherlands, giving it a wide and interested audience.

This forum, the IASL conference, will be held this year in Tokyo, Japan, in August. IASL2016 will bring together academics, practitioners and researchers from all over the world. There is always a contingent of Australians at the conference; perhaps you might consider attending to hear first hand about current research, interesting ideas and the views of your colleagues from various countries.



We trust this issue will bring you stimulating ideas and highlight issues that cause you to reflect on practice and explore new approaches. Please do share with us any reactions you may have to anything contained here. We welcome your opinions.

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