



- **Collegiality, Partnerships and Showcasing Best Practice**

During 2020, the associations 60<sup>th</sup> year, the School Library Association of Victoria has sought to remain connected, use technology effectively and strengthen partnerships.

In response to the restricted environment SLAV aimed to be agile and creative. The association Modified and changed much of our professional learning program. This included:

Creating an **Online Book Club** for the sharing of ideas around student reading during the first pivot to remote learning. The lists created by this large and active group were then shared more widely on [SLAVConnects](#). This relaxed online offering was collegiate and timely.

Expanding our Masterclass series online to include a series on **Library Design** with consultant Kevin Hennah, a masterclass on **LibGuides** – a curation tool for the dissemination of online resources, and a Masterclass on **Media Literacy** featuring Misha Ketchell, Managing Director of [The Conversation](#).

Creating a **Picture Book Showcase** online exploring the work of Graeme Base, Anna Walker and Jess McGeachin and featuring the [Wilderness Society's Environment prize for Children's Literature](#).

In partnership with Association colleagues in NSW ([SLANSW](#)), offering a webinar entitled **Practical Preparedness: Dealing with Compounding Disasters** to assist regional school libraries to prepare for the possibility of fire and flood.

In partnership with the [Languages and Multicultural Education Resource Centre \(LMERC\)](#) offering an online masterclass entitled: **Powering Learning: Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives** featuring keynote Professor Marcia Langton.

In partnership with [LMERC](#), [Stella Schools](#), and the teaching association [VicTESOL](#), presenting online the: **Culturally Diverse Literature Professional Learning Series**

To end our 60th year we held our **November Conference: The Power of Reading** online and in partnership with the National Education Summit offered a day showcasing best practice in school libraries with featured speakers Ursula Dubosarsky, [Australian Children's Laureate](#), the Deakin University [Teen Reading Research Project](#) and guest creators Saroo and Sue Brierley. This day experimented with a virtual trade exhibition and interactive gamification.

Our sixtieth year has been a year of challenge, of experimentation and learning. We wish to celebrate our award winners and also the achievements of our innovative and proactive professional community in a time of change and opportunity.

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