

4.30pm to 5.30pm

At each meeting we will have a featured topic, focusing on books for young people. Towards the end of the session, in the last ten minutes, we will consider participants recent adult reading.

Opportunities offered by the SLAV Shelftalkers platform will be discussed. Lists will be made of all recommendations and posted on the SLAV connects blog.

TERM ONE

Thursday February 15 Books worthy of reconsideration

For our first meeting of 2024 we will look at under-rated books that are worthy of reconsideration – titles that are special, and still relevant, that might have been forgotten or overlooked.

We will also engage with what everyone has been reading over the break both for young people and for personal reading.

We look forward to reconnecting with everyone!

Wednesday March 20

Award winners

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We all purchase award winners for libraries but what are the titles that really work with young people? As part of this discussion, we will create a list of various awards and their relevance to school libraries – come along prepared to share.

TERM TWO Wednesday May 15 Animals/Pets

Animals often feature in children's and young adult books, sometimes they are the main character, sometimes the sidekick and best friend. In which books have animals stolen your heart? Do your students want to read about pets or wild animals? Note: Pets are welcome to join us during this session (and always).

Thursday June 20 STEM

Support your students and staff as we create a booklist of some of the best STEM fiction. Books that problem solve, books that include science, technology, engineering and maths but with a fictional twist.

TERM THREE Wednesday August 7 Libraries and Bookshops

We love books, we love libraries, we love bookshops, let's put them together. What books have you read set in a library or bookshop? Maybe there was a character who is a librarian? Did you identify with them? Did you disagree? This month the theme is close to our hearts.

Thursday September 5 TBC

TERM FOUR Thursday October 10 Historical Fiction

Books are time machines to the past, we will discuss the books that have sent us back to another time. Maybe one in which we wish to linger, maybe one in which we are glad we are not there. Does a good read make you research the facts after reading? Are there some picture books that do this well too?

Thursday November 14 Desert Island Books

What would you take to a desert island if you can only take two books? A fiction and a non-fiction title. The rule is generally that you are also given the complete works of Shakespeare and a religious text of your choice. So will it be a long book, a short book, a re-read or at TBR? Share with us your choice. Maybe others will make you change your mind. And what would your students take?

REGISTRATION

Registration for the online book club is free to all SLAV members. Please complete the registration details here -

https://slav.wildapricot.org/event-5556998

to receive reminders, the meeting link and lists.

