

# LMERC Newsletter

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## What's new

## **LMERC** opening hours

LMERC will now be open from 9-5pm Monday to Friday. LMERC will be open till 6.30pm once each term. In term 3, 2012 LMERC will remain open till 6.30pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August. For other opportunities for accessing LMERC outside of business hours please contact us on 9349 1418 or <a href="mailto:lmerc.library@edumail.vic.gov.au">lmerc.library@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>.

LMERC catalogue: http://lmerc.softlinkhosting.com.au/liberty3

From this address you can search the catalogue, renew your loan and reserve items. You will need the barcode number from the back of your card, and a password which can be obtained from LMERC staff. Information and news on the catalogue homepage is regularly updated.

## **London 2012: Olympic resources**

A list of resources held at LMERC and on-line can be found on the LMERC wiki:

http://globaleducationresources.wikispaces.com/

The education site of official Australian Olympic: <a href="http://london2012.olympics.com.au/education">http://london2012.olympics.com.au/education</a> has lesson plans for primary and secondary, including some which look at teaching life values and life skills through the Olympics sport traditions and values.

**Children's Book Week 2012** (Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August) has the theme **Champions Read** and coincides with the London Olympics. The shortlist for this year's CBCA Book of the Year Awards was announced last week. This and other information about can be found at: <a href="http://cbca.org.au/index.htm">http://cbca.org.au/index.htm</a>

## World Vision: get connected resources

http://www.worldvision.com.au/Learn/SchoolResources/Default.aspx

World Vision *Get Connected* workbooks with DVD are available at LMERC. Supplementary resources can be found on-line. These are designed for upper primary/lower secondary and titles of units include: Water, Out Pacific neighbours, Migration (people on the move) and Global food crisis.

Difference Differently: On-line resources and workshop <a href="http://www.differencedifferently.edu.au/">http://www.differencedifferently.edu.au/</a>

An on-line teaching resource developed by the Together for Humanity Foundation,

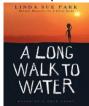
<u>www.togetherforhumanity.org.au</u>. This resource aims to present students with skills and knowledge to live in a diverse world. The resource has modules In English, History, Geography and Civics and Citizenship for students in years 3-10, as well as an teacher resource for professional learning. It contains video clips, online forums, quizzes

and interactive learning activities. The resource aligns to the Australian curriculum and has been funded by DEEWR.

## Melbourne Writers Festival - Schools program

The schools Program at this year's Festival has a number of sessions for students with global/cultural diversity/Asian perspectives, and Linda Sue Park, the Korean-American author, is a guest. She has written a number of junior fiction and picture titles about Korea, both ancient and modern, including the 2002 Newbery Medal winner, *A Single Shard*. Set in 12<sup>th</sup> century Korea, Tree-Ear is an orphan who becomes apprenticed to a master potter. Her latest novel is *A long Walk to Water*, about a Sudanese boy.





Park's website: http://www.lspark.com/

This interview from YouTube gives background on A Long Walk to Water and a sense of Linda Sue as a communicator. <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GkxkisRUmMM">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GkxkisRUmMM</a>

Park is appearing at the following sessions:

#### **Monday 27 August**

A LONG WALK TO WATER

Linda Sue Park

Salva Dut was among thousands of children orphaned by war in Africa. Salva's true story is the basis of a powerful novel, giving real insights into the lives of people caught up in war. Share this moving story of struggle and hope with author Linda Sue Park.

**Year 5-8** 11.15 AM **ACMI Cinema 2** 2502

#### **Tuesday 28 August**

TALES FROM MANY LANDS: MIGRATION STORIES

Majak Daw, Neil Grant, Linda Sue Park

Tales from Many Lands celebrates storytelling and the great diversity of languages alive and well and living in Melbourne. Today's event celebrates migrant stories with footballer Majak Daw, and writers Linda Sue Park and Neil Grant. What is it like to start life again in a new land?

**Year 4-8** 11.15 AM **BMW Edge** 1602

#### **Tuesday 28 August**

ANOTHER TIME, ANOTHER PLACE

Linda Sue Park, Carole Wilkinson

Why do worlds long past still fascinate readers and writers today? Join Newbery Medal winner Linda Sue Park and CBCA winner Carole Wilkinson in search of beautiful and dramatic stories from 12th century Korea and Ancient China.

**Year 5-8** 12.30 PM **ACMI Cinema 1** 3603

#### Wednesday 29 August

A LONG WALK TO WATER (repeat of the Monday session) Linda Sue Park Year 5-8 10 AM ACMI Cinema 2 2701

Other sessions of interest include the Identity workshops at the Immigration Museum. Neil Grant will talk about his new novel, *The Ink Bridge*, about the friendship between an Afghani asylum seeker and an Australian boy.

Details of all sessions, times and how to book: <a href="http://mwf.com.au">http://mwf.com.au</a>

## Texts for the Australian curriculum for English – and History

## http://helensykesreader.blogspot.com.au/2011/09/eta-nsw-conference.html

This comprehensive list, from a NSW conference presentation by Helen Sykes, Deb McPherson and Ernie Tucker, contains texts suitable for upper primary and secondary students. It includes picture books and novels that cover the Asian, Indigenous and Sustainability areas. Thanks to Helen for permission to use the list.

The AEF list of Asia-related literary texts to support the Australian Curriculum for English is available at: <a href="http://www.asiaeducation.edu.au/teachers/curriculum\_resources/english\_cr/english\_landing.html">http://www.asiaeducation.edu.au/teachers/curriculum\_resources/english\_cr/english\_landing.html</a>
This can be searched by year level. Also at this address is a video of Dr Julie Hamston speaking about implementing a study of Asia in the curriculum.

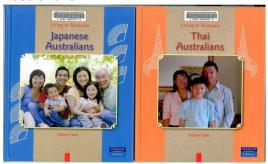
#### http://www.asla.org.au/pubs/resources/index.htm

The Australian School Library Association (ASLA) has lists of resources for both Primary and secondary that contain fiction material with a historical focus. These align with the year levels and content of the History curriculum, and have an emphasis on picture books. Links to teachers' notes and supplementary material are also included.

#### **New resources**

#### New titles in the Living in Australia series

This series looks at the customs and traditions of various groups of people living within Australia, including information about food, dress, festivals, religions, celebrations and the daily life of these people. Interviews with members of each community help to give a clear understanding of what their culture means to them and how they continue to maintain it within a 'new' country. New titles: Indian Australians, Thai Australians, Japanese Australians, Italian Australians. Titles in the first set: Chinese Australians, Sudanese Australians, Greek Australians, Vietnamese Australians.



## New resources from the Immigration Museum

## Japanese Language resources for First floor visits - staff led or self guided

There is now a suite of materials for Japanese Language students to use in conjunction with staff led and self guided programs which incorporate the first floor galleries especially the Community Gallery

These programs are available at Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced level

There are pre and post visit activities and a downloadable podcast for students to use in the Sweets exhibition.

Schools booking Passport and Passport Plus, Leaving and Arrival (SL and SG), Drama and Cultural Diversity, Primary Pathways, Immigration Pathway, Global Citizenship and any of the City based excursions should be made aware of this.

http://museumvictoria.com.au/immigrationmuseum/education/education-kits/sweets-japanese-language-resources-/

## Downloadable pod cast guide to the Museum for Leaving and Arrival and Seeking Refuge - staff led or self guided

There is a podcast to accompany the workbook for Leaving and Arrival and for Seeking Refuge Students/teachers can download and copy to mobile device for use when in the galleries. <a href="http://museumvictoria.com.au/immigrationmuseum/education/education-programs/leaving-and-arrival/">http://museumvictoria.com.au/immigrationmuseum/education/education-programs/refugees/</a>

## Articles of interest in recent journals

## Australian Journal of language and Literacy, vol. 35, no. 2.

Derewianka, Beverley. 'Knowledge about Language in the Australian Curriculum: English' Hammond, Jennifer. 'Hope and challenge in the Australian Curriculum: implications for EAL students and their teachers.'

#### Asia: journal of the Asia Education Teachers' Association. Vol.40, no. 2. June 2012.

This issue has a general focus, with diverse units of work and teaching activities on many topics including Asian belief systems, the indigenous peoples of the Myanmar Shan mountains, Fiji and Asian world heritage sites.

#### *Practically Primary.* Vol.17, no.2, June 2012.

This issue focusses on the Indigenous cross-curricula priority in the Australian Curriculum. Articles look at ideas, classroom practice and resources for this priority.

#### TESOL in context, vol.22, no.1, June 2012.

Cross, Russell. 'Reclaiming the territory: understanding the specialist knowledge of ESL education for literacy, curriculum and multilingual learners.'

If you would like a copy of any of these articles, please contact us. Copyright provisions apply.

## **Exhibitions and Events**

#### The Wonders of Ancient Mesopotamia

Melbourne Museum 4 May – 7 October

http://museumvictoria.com.au/melbournemuseum/discoverycentre/mesopotamia/

Owning racism: Can we talk? A symposium for academics, service providers and arts practitioners is the first major initiative to emerge from our/dentity: yours, mine, ours exhibition which was launched last year. The symposium will invite a community of practitioners and academics to speak to their research, program

work, service delivery or study around themes exploring cultural and social intervention in order to facilitate social cohesion. Examples of research and/ or practical applications in youth engagement, CALD connections, multicultural and cross-cultural exchange, refugee and asylum support services will be explored.

#### Keynote speakers:

Bonita Bennett – Director, District Six Museum, Cape Town Richard Frankland – Singer, Author, Filmmaker

#### including Speakers:

Waleed Aly, Millsom Henry-Waring, Farida Fozdar, Yin Paradies, James Demetriou, Kim Webster, Yasmin Hassen, Helen Szoke, Diana Nguyen, Nur Shkembi, Hanifa Deen, Hung Le, Jill Morgan

## **Professional Learning Opportunities**

Date	Event	Venue	Further information
Thurs 9 Aug	Explicit teaching strategies		PETAA workshop with Michele Anstey and
(Shepparton)	for factual multimodal		Geoff Bull
Sat 11 Aug	texts		www.petaa.edu.au/Register
(Newport			
Lakes)			
Tuesday 7	Creating a welcoming	LMERC	Email:
August	school environment.		pdregistrations@foundationhouse.org.au
4-5.30 p.m.	Foundation House and		(please include your school/agency, name
	LMERC		and role of staff members attending)
Monday 13	Deconstructing the	Immigration Museum	Cost: \$150
Aug	Refugee Debate in the	_	Further information at
	classroom		http://freilich.anu.edu.au/
			Register:
			http://freilich.anu.edu.au/events/deconstru
			<u>cting-refugee-debate-classroom</u>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Global gathering for	Eastern Melbourne	Register by Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2012
August	teachers: schools	Medicare Local	For further information contact:
9.30-3.00pm	supporting refugee-	21-23 Maroondah Hwy	Sharrin Murphy (school support worker East)
	background students, their	Croydon 3136	039389 8980
	families, parents and		murphys@foundationhouse.org.au
rd	carers		
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> ,	Owning racism-Can we	Immigration Museum	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	talk?: A symposium for		
August	academics, service		
	providers and arts		
	practitioners		
Tuesday 4	CLIL for Victorian Schools:	Graduate House	Cost: \$25.00
September	potential and implications,	Leicester St	MLTAV
6-7.30 p.m.	With Professor Do Coyle,	Carlton	info@mltav.asn.au
	University of Aberdeen		

## Calendar of important days

6 August	Hiroshima Day	http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/resources/
9 August	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	http://www.un.org/en/events/indigenousday/
18-24 August	Children's Book Week: 'Champions Read'	http://cbca.org.au/index.htm
1 September	Ganesh Chaturathi (Hindu)	http://hinduism.about.com/od/festivalsholidays/a/ganeshcha turthi.htm
2 September	National Day - Vietnam	http://www.asiarooms.com/en/travel-guide/vietnam/vietnam-festivals-and-events/national-day-of-
5 September	Indigenous Literacy Day	http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/ild/
7 September	National Threatened Species day	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/tsd.html
8 September	UN National Literacy Day	http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/literacy/

For more important days on the interfaith calendar please go to the Victorian Multicultural Commission Website at <a href="http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/resources/interfaith-calendar">http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/resources/interfaith-calendar</a>
And see the Australian Government, Department of Immigration and citizenship cultural days calendar <a href="http://www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/a-multicultural-australia/calendar-australia/">http://www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/a-multicultural-australia/calendar-australia/</a>

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