

What's new

THE LMERC MOVE

The Languages and Multicultural Education Resource Centre will be moving at the end of September this year. The new location will be in the inner suburbs. The library will be open for returns and borrowing throughout the September term break at the current location. We will let you know the new address as soon as we have confirmation.

65th Melbourne International Film Festival

Next Gen schools program *Bring languages to life*

28 July to 14 August



The Next Gen program is designed specifically for secondary school students in languages commonly taught in years 7-10. This year there are films in French, German, Italian, Chinese and Japanese. The films are also selected for how well they address the AusVELS Languages curriculum. School bookings are now open.

<http://nextgen.miff.com.au/about-nextgen>

<http://www.mltav.asn.au>

Australia story country

Book Week 20-26th August

Each year, across Australia, The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) brings children and books together celebrating Children's Book Week. During this time schools, libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators and children celebrate Australian Children's Literature. This year's theme *Australia story country* provides a wide scope for interpretation. There is an obvious connection to indigenous beliefs: dreaming stories and songlines, as well as other stories set in Australia with a strong sense of place. The week could also be a chance to celebrate Australian authors generally. Contact LMERC for suggestions or to borrow relevant resources.

English conversation group at Carlton Library

The group runs every Monday from 2-3pm on an informal basis at Carlton Library, 667 Rathdowne St. Adults and school students are all welcome. Contact: Chris Swain Chris.Swain@yarracity.vic.gov.au

New resources

Connecting Students to the World Interactive Teaching and Learning Kit

The Asia Education Foundation (AEF) has published an interactive teaching and learning poster kit that helps teachers identify deep learning opportunities for students to better understand Australia's place in the world. The teaching and learning poster kits are designed to be learning tools that support teachers and provide easy access to innovative curriculum planning resources.

Each poster focuses on one of the following focus areas:

- Languages
- The Arts
- English
- Geography
- History
- School Partnerships
- Video Conferencing



All posters include:

- QR codes to provide direct access to AEF learning sequences and digital resource lists
- illustrations of best practice that detail how Australian schools are delivering innovative learning opportunities
- examples of tools and websites to support students to connect, communicate and collaborate with students internationally.

LMERC has two copies of the sets available for loan.

Quirky Kid resources

Quirky Kid is an adolescent and family psychology clinic and publisher based in Sydney and Wollongong (Austinmer) under the direction of principal child psychologist Dr Kimberley O'Brien. LMERC has purchased two of their game based, tactile, humorous and visually appealing card sets.

Just like when helps young people explore their own experiences and emotions. The visual prompt cards cover common themes such as: peer conflict, anger, jealousy and sibling rivalry. The illustrations provide a springboard for discussion and reflection with children and adolescents aged 6 to 16. A manual gives tips for using the cards, a variety of games to play and settings for use.

Tell me a story cards evoke responses through 30 simple questions with humorous illustrations (on large format cards) such as: the coldest you ever felt, the angriest you ever felt, the most you cried, something you found, and so on. A brief manual gives examples of games for different settings and group sizes.

Also from Quirky Kid, a modern fable in chapter book form about what happens to two children who forget their manners in **Hi! Thanks! Bye!** written by Elisenda Roca and illustrated by Cristina Losantos. For more information, see: Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) <https://shop.acer.edu.au/acer-shop/group/QUIRKY>

Learning in a Changed World

The *Learning in a Changing World* series addresses how the process of learning is evolving – including the array of resources available in the digital age, changing curriculum, and the different teaching strategies needed in order to use new media and technologies.

The *Learning in a Changing World* series presents the core areas for teacher librarians and school leaders to consider for 21st century learning: the digital world, virtual worlds, curriculum integration, resourcing, and the physical environment. All are essential elements to enable and empower our students to be lifelong learners and active participants in our society.

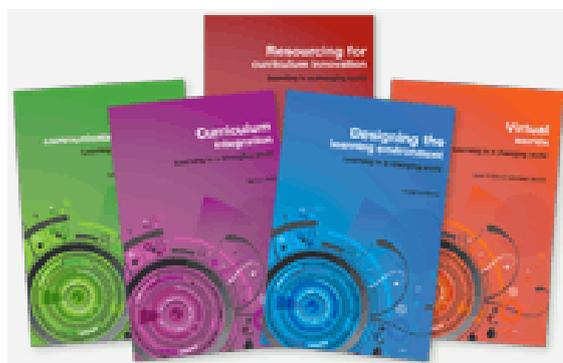
The *Learning in a Changing World Series* is a joint publication of Australian Library and Information Association, Australian School Library Association and ACER. The LMERC collection holds all five books in the series:

Virtual worlds & Connect, communicate, collaborate / Judy O' Connell and Dean Groom

Curriculum integration / Ross J Tood

Designing the learning environment / Susan La Marca

Resourcing for curriculum innovation / June Wall and Sandra Ryan



EAL

Virtual EAL New Arrivals Program

The Virtual EAL New Arrivals Program (VNAP) provides a quality English language learning program for newly-arrived EAL learners who are enrolled in isolated and rural schools outside regional cities. Specialist EAL teachers based at the Victorian School of Languages (VSL) in Thornbury, deliver curriculum-related and individualised content to students in rural and isolated schools using virtual conferencing and digital tools and systems.

VNAP is part of the Victorian government school New Arrivals Program, which also includes English Language Schools and Centres, and regional programs in Geelong, Shepparton and Mildura.

This program began in 2014 as a pilot program in a partnership between the Department, Western English Language School and the Victorian School of Languages. In 2016 the Hon James Merlino, Minister for Education, approved the formal establishment and extension of the program.

Follow the links below to view two videos explaining the program.

Support for isolated students – Virtual EAL New Arrivals Program (4:01 minutes)

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/diversity/eal/Pages/ealnewstudent.aspx>

A closer look at the Virtual EAL New Arrivals Program (8:21 minutes)

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/diversity/eal/Pages/ealvirtual.aspx>

Indonesian puppet sets

LMERC has storytelling kits of popular Indonesian folk tales for loan. The kits contain hand puppets needed for the story, with copies of the story in both Indonesian and English, and notes for teachers.

So far we have put together three kits for Kancil folktales: *Kancil tricks the crocodiles*, *Kancil's big day* and *Kancil and Monkey* (pictured). There is also a kit with a large orang-utan puppet.

These kits are proving very popular so if you would to reserve a kit for use in your classroom, let us know.



We plan to extend this project to put together similar kits based on Chinese folktales.

Articles of interest

Asia: journal of the Asia Education Teachers' Association. 44:2, June 2016

Contents include:

O'Keeffe & Dunlop. 'Introducing Japan: a series of activities for Stage 2-4'. (Years 3-8)

O'Keeffe. 'The snow leopard: a selection of worksheets and activities to support an environmental study focussing on the consequences of human activity'. (Years 3-6)

This journal from the Asia Teachers' Association of NSW always has practical classroom activities and worksheets relating to different aspects of life in Asia.

Australian Journal of Language and Literacy, 39:2, June 2016 (ALEA)

Alford & Jetnikoff. 'Orientations to critical literacy for English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) learners: a case study of four teachers of senior English'.

Kim, So Jung. 'Opening up spaces for early Critical Literacy: Korean kindergarteners exploring diversity through multicultural picture books'.

Ethos, 24:2, term 2, 2016 (Social Education Victoria)

The current issue has a number of interesting articles. The feature article by Professor Shahram Akbarzedah and Diana Conduit from Deakin University looks at the Syrian refugee crisis.

There are two teaching and learning modules: *Inter-governmental diplomacy as global education: the role of Model United Nations conferences in Victoria* and *Comparing indigenous rights across countries*.

An overview of a selection of games both physical and digital for teaching human rights is also included.

FYI, 20:2, Autumn 2016 (School Library Association of Victoria)

Issue focus: **Digital citizenship**

Practical Literacy, 21:2, June 2016 (ALEA)

Issue focus: **Using culturally diverse literature**.

Articles in this issue provide information from teachers about texts, resources, strategies and projects in classrooms and schools and highlight effective approaches for using culturally diverse literature in classrooms.

Content pages of current journal issues can be viewed through the LMERC catalogue. Go to Other searches – serial lists. Choose the journal you are interested in and open the contents page file. Copies of these articles are available on request. (Copyright provisions apply)

The Olympic Games



Olympic Games, Rio 2016: 5-21 August

Paralympic Games: 7-18 September

Olympics resources for language teachers

A joint project between the Australian Olympic Committee and the Modern Language Teachers' Association of Victoria has developed a resources package which includes Teachers Notes, 5 lessons with worksheets and teaching materials in nine languages, additional activities and a document highlighting VELS standards addressed through the resources. These are aimed at Level 4 but can be adapted.

http://mltav.asn.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=150&Itemid=176

The Geography Teachers Association (GTAV) also has a **PDF** of teaching ideas for the 2016 Rio Olympics to use in Geography classes. These are suitable for Victorian Curriculum Geography years 5-8.

<http://www.gtav.asn.au/documents/item/560>

Literature Base, February 2016, has literature-based classroom activities centred on the Olympics and the host country, including a book list.

LMERC has resources relating to Brazil, the history and sports of the Olympics as well as country and cultural information about participating nations. We also have a Pinterest board with resources and ideas:

<https://www.pinterest.com/lmerc2/i-go-to-rio/>

Professional Learning Opportunities

VicTESOL Symposium: Thinking beyond the EAL classroom

Date: Monday August 1, 2016 8:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Keynote speakers: Dr Misty Adoniou and Professor Joe Lo Bianco

Venue: Bastow Institute, North Melbourne

EAL learners have ethnic, cultural, religious and linguistic identities that interface with their educational and community lives. This symposium invites educators from the early childhood, schools and adult sectors to share the ways in which they think beyond the classroom to support the educational needs of EAL learners.

For more information go to: <http://victesol.vic.edu.au/index.php/victesol-symposium-thinking-beyond-the-classroom/>

Date	Event	Venue	Further information
1 August	VICTESOL Symposium: Thinking beyond the EAL classroom	Bastow Institute	http://Victesol.vic.edu.au
8 August	Schools presenting to schools: supporting young people, 16+ from refugee backgrounds in education settings	Foundation House	pdregistrations@foundationhouse.org.au

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