



Celebrating Adult Learners' Week

Adult Learners' Week is a national celebration of adult learning for providers and participants and is a great opportunity to learn something new.

Adult Learners' Week takes place in more than 40 countries around the world and has been held in Australia every year since 1995. It is coordinated by Adult Learning Australia and supported by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

Adult Learners' Week is an opportunity for organisations that offer any form of adult learning activity to either present a special promotional activity or to label their existing learning activities as 'Adult Learners' Week' events.

If your organisation offers any form of learning such as courses, classes,

lectures, exhibitions, tours, training programs, tutoring, discussion groups - then you can use Adult Learners' Week as an opportunity to celebrate and promote what you do.

Visit the website at <http://www.adultlearnersweek.org> or call 1300 I LEARN to find out what's on in your area.

You can also register your adult learning programs on this site to promote your contribution to adult learning and the chance to win an incentive grant from Adult Learning Australia. For more information call the National Coordinator, Julia Gane on (02) 6274 9506.

FOLA AWARDS 2008

Applications are being called for the Eric Flynn and Peter McInnes Awards for 2008.

Details and entry form available at <http://www.foia.org.au>

Australian Children's Literature Digital Resources Project

AustLit: the Australian Literature Resource has recently secured funding from the Australian Research Council to embark on a number of projects to enhance the services provided to researchers, teachers and the general public. Among these is the Australian Children's Literature Digital Resources Project which will form a key outcome of the AustLit Children's Literature Research Community. Led by Queensland University of Technology, in partnership with The University of Queensland, University of Sydney and Deakin University, the project aims to digitise a selection of early Australian children's literature alongside relevant secondary materials that are held across Australian libraries.

The purpose of the project is to provide a centralised access point to information about Australian children's literature and

writers and a growing body of full text resources. As well as digitising primary and secondary material, the project will locate and provide pathways to existing online resources to expand the usefulness of AustLit's Children's Literature subset. One important aspect of the project will be a survey of narrative texts spanning the arrival of Europeans in Australia to 1945 across a range of forms and formats, including picture books and novels that contain significant Australian content. This survey will complement the work undertaken by Deakin University on indexing and digitising school readers.

The completed project will be a valuable research tool for library staff, students and academics across a range of disciplines.

We invite feedback on current or anticipated research within our scope to complement our own survey of the topic. Contact Project Officer - Amy Cross 07 3138 3795 or amy.cross@qut.edu.au or Chief Investigator - Professor Kerry Mallan kerry.mallan@gmail.com

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