



# SALCYS

## Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday 21 June 2012, 10:00am – 3:00pm

### Public Library Services

Corner North Terrace & Kintore Avenue,  
Adelaide

## WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

### 1. Present:

Guests: Cathy Hain (World Book), Leanne Williams & Sue Hill (Little Big Book Club). Sascha Hutchinson (Unley – SALCYS Secretary), Andrew Goulding (Burnside - SALCYS Chair), Deb Hall (Mt Barker), Jo Kaeding (Adelaide Hills), Lynn Spurling (PLSA Rep, Kadina), Kathryn Bloem (Onkaparinga), Kate Waldmann (Victor Harbor), Sarah Micke (Holdfast Bay), Beth Howe (West Torrens), Bronwyn Mount (Campbelltown), Natasha Turner (Prospect), Veronica Matthews (PLS), Samantha Rammel (Burnside).

### 2. Apologies

Kylie Clayton (Port Adelaide Enfield), Stephanie Sampson & Holly Marling (Tea Tree Gully), Harriet Winchester (Prospect), Michelle Glasson (Salisbury), Gail Mauger (Mitcham), Wendy Murray (Norwood, Payneham & St Peters), Karyn Stephens (Unley), Chiah Mayne (Unley), Nola Cavallaro (Gawler), Louise Mrdjen (Pt. Lincoln), Tracy Glover (Holdfast).

## Youth Services 10am-12.30pm

### 3. Business Arising

#### 3.1 **Welcome – and important news. Advise of change in Chair/Secretary positions for SALCYS**

Andrew Goulding advised the group that due to a recent restructure of his library position, that he will no longer be able to chair for the SALYCS group or attend meetings after Sept 2012 and needed to now resign as SALCYS Chair. Following this news and discussion with the group, Sascha Hutchinson (Unley) advised she was happy to resign from her role as SALCYS secretary and agreed to become the new Chair of the SALCYS group. Deb Hall (Mt Barker) agreed to support Sascha in the role as Vice Chair, and Jo Kaeding (Adelaide Hills) and Kate Waldmann (Victor Harbor) agreed to become joint secretaries for the SALCYS group.

#### 3.2 **Special Guest – Cathy Hain (World Book).** Cathy spoke about the features of the database and gave a comprehensive demonstration of this resource we're currently using. A DVD was distributed at the meeting which Cathy suggested could be used to promote World book functionality to customers on library

multiscreens, and to create awareness of libraries having this available and make better use of this resource. The three areas Cathy ran through was World Book Online for Kids, World Book Online Info Finder, World Book Online Ref Centre. World Book Discover enables translations into languages other than English. There is a Games Area within World Book Online and Activities to suit different learning styles. Think it, Be it, Make it, Teach it. A section on Science Projects and science report writing.

There is another feature that can provide outline maps, and picture referencing – for children to search for images for projects. Info finder has a Time Line creator where it's possible for children to set up their own family trees, or timelines eg. Art history periods etc. There is also a My Research function where students can log in to create and save a project (to the World Book Server) and return to the project at a later date from this area. World Book also provides a huge resource of daily newspapers from around the world which was a feature the group weren't hugely aware of. There are various Research tool facilities and a citation builder for student projects.

The E- Book Centre within World Book – includes the classics and some titles in other languages. There are 500 titles in a downloadable format and they come in either e-pub or mobi formats. There is information provided on formats, instructions, and devices which are possible to use for the e-book centre. There is a total of 257 children's titles available and there are features which enable the user to search for literary criticism on particular e-book texts which can be helpful for projects. World Book Online Ref Centre has Computer and Web tutorials. World Book Discover includes a visual dictionary, simplified info for adult audience with limited English. The information on the Human Body and diagrams is an area students may find useful as a resource. There are training guides within the database to explain World Book Online for staff – and how to use the main features, via tutorials etc.

'Craft Corner' is an additional feature of World Book - not currently available within our subscription, but is an add-on libraries may be interested to purchase. It has craft ideas, describes how to do various types of craft, and it is possible via this add-on to create a project with a username and password, where the user can for example write up a 'lesson plan' or 'school holiday session plan' and go back to it at any time. If the username and password was shared with other YAC Library users who also subscribed to this additional feature – this was discussed by the group as a way of SALYCS members possibly being able to share ideas or lesson plans quite easily. This could be a good benefit for our network. It was discussed that Craft Corner would be beneficial to have as an option to subscribe to on the network and costs/quotes would be arranged.

### 3.3 **Kathryn Bloem (Onkaparinga) - Avcon (27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> July 2012).**

Kathryn called for volunteer assistance from libraries to help with 'manning' the stand over the weekend – understanding that there may be difficulties for some libraries to release staff to do this for various reasons, but highlighting how valuable the connection for libraries with this event is – and the amount of interest it generates around libraries makes it so worthwhile.

Kathryn also requested for libraries to send any debited manga or anime, or any youth event promotion coming up in their libraries, to Onkaparinga attn: the

Youth Librarian. This will be the last year of funding for Avcon. Kathryn indicated that Onkaparinga recently trialed having a library presence at ComicCon with great success, so this may be another future avenue for interested libraries to promote our Graphic Novel, Anime, Manga collections and library services at this event.

- 3.4 **Group discussion on having a public libraries Youth Facebook page.** This was discussed as another possible avenue for SALCYS and libraries generally to communicate with Youth and having a centralized information source for young people connecting with libraries. The group saw some benefit in the idea, but managing the information was a big issue and how this could best be managed and function across the network. It was decided that it would be worthwhile discussing options with Jon Bentick at a future SALCYS meeting – on the idea of having a spot on the existing Facebook page so as not to involve too much duplication, and make it more manageable for the network to update. It was suggested to add this as an agenda item for the next SALCYS meeting and to invite Jon Bentick to attend – for further discussion on options around this.

### **Break for Lunch – The London Tavern (12.30-1.30pm)**

#### **Children’s Services 1.30-3pm**

#### **4 Business Arising**

- 4.1 **Performer’s Agreement/Police Checks for children’s events. (Group Discussion).** Sarah Micke (Holdfast) raised the issue for discussion on what libraries require from performers. Holdfast policies require a police check as part of their performers agreement. Aardvark Entertainment who supplies performers for many library events is not able to guarantee all performers have police checks and in the experience of libraries using this service appears also reluctant to enforce this. Some libraries insist that parents stay with their child during a library session and that every child aged 0-10 requires a parent to accompany them. Other libraries have agreements that as their library staff have police checked/mandatory reporting training etc, that as long as they are always present in the room when a performer is working with the children, then this is acceptable to their organizations policies. It was agreed that it shouldn’t be an issue for performers to be able to provide this – if they are presenting as a business working with children, but at this stage it is not something that all libraries have a policy about, though YAC library staff do have risk management aspects in place – such as always being in attendance, if there is no guarantee on the police check status of the performer/guest.

- 4.2 **Guest Speakers: Leanne Williams and Sue Hill from *The Little Big Book Club* – Training package for SALCYS network. ‘Building the Foundations of Early Learning’** Several years ago the LBBC ran training for libraries around building literacy before school This training and information was developed several years ago now and much more research and information has become available since this time. Feedback from library staff indicates that the preferred training model would be for a practical approach which was not too information heavy. Leanne and Sue have been looking closely at the Statewide plan, Early Literacy Framework and broader key strategies and at how best the Little Big

Book Club can be part of delivering these strategies and key messages to families– at the local level through the SALCYS network. The essential focus of the 2 day training and information package to be shared with library staff working with children is that the first five years of life – has an impact which lasts a lifetime. There are 11 key messages around key issues in early childhood development/literacy , which libraries should be able to deliver to families in a way which is user friendly and practical. It is about empowering parents – and providing them with the practicalities behind messages, and put these into practice in a non-threatening way. Information about the training will be disseminated to the public library network in the next few weeks – with details on dates, cost, and course information topics covered. The training will strongly complement what the SALCYS members already do in our work in libraries and greatly enhance knowledge as well as directly link our work to these broader strategies for early childhood.

#### 4.3

##### Information Sharing

Mt Barker has recently acquired software package for Photoshop. Deb Hall was keen to gauge interest from the group as to whether other libraries were using Photoshop or were interested in undertaking training in the program at Mt Barker. There was group discussion and many libraries use other digital manipulation programs so at this stage no interest in training. Other digital manipulation programs were suggested which are easy to use. GIMP- GNU and Inkscape – Vector Image editor. See: [www.gimp.com](http://www.gimp.com) and [www.inkscape.com](http://www.inkscape.com)

West Torrens discussed their Book Maze project in the library which is a 1 metre high maze created from debited books and has been constructed within the library.

Holdfast recently had a youth lock in (4 x ½ hour sessions) Manga, Giant Board games, jewelery making.

Burnside – for youth week had 110 kids throughout the week – has redone the youth area and separated the Manga and GN collections. Finding that GN collection is not as popular. Participated in the ‘Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants Jeans project’ –a pair of jeans is decorated at each library and then sent on to the next library and travels across Australia.

Walkerville has had an influx in schools visiting the library for sessions.

Victor Harbor – had success with the Sky Dome as a program.

Playford –currently busy with LMS changes.

Veronica Matthews (PLS) Read this 2012 – did not have a huge response from SA entrants. Kylie Clayton (PAE) judged and there were 3 entries from SA shortlisted for the National prize.

Unley – has noticed a 62% increase in their children’s non-fiction loans since changing this collection to a face-out style collection. Recently had Loren Morris, a young local graphic novel creator come and work with the Unley Young Writers group at one of their nightly sessions.

Port Adelaide Enfield – suggested SALCYS approach publishers as a group for Book Week – Kylie to contact Chris Kennedy to gain copyright permission to photocopy covers for Bookweek.

Little Big Book Club – book packing volunteers will be required in November.

Next meeting was discussed and Jo Kaeding (Adelaide Hills) - who'll now take on the role of SALCYS secretary, offered Stirling Library as a location for our next meeting was supported by the SALCYS group in attendance.

**Meeting concluded at 3.00 pm**

**Next SALCYS Meeting date: Stirling Library, 10 September 2012  
2012.**