Introducing LibGuides
LibGuides is the platform that now houses all of our Library services and our new Library catalogue; Access-It.

To access LibGuides simply click on the La Valla Library App in your Curriculum Apps on your desk top.

The La Valla LibGuides page houses general library information and ‘what’s happening’ in the Library on the front page. Tabs include **Subject Information** where you can ask for assignments and links to be uploaded. Links can include internet sites, bibliography template, ‘How to write a Bibliography’ information, ‘How to evaluate web sites’ and note taking templates. The Teacher Librarian’s are happy to work with all teachers in developing a LibGuide for your class, they will introduce the LibGuide to your class and team teach with you.

The **Research Tools** tab offers information and links the Research process; define, locate, select, evaluate and organise. Links to the World Book online and the Newspaper databases, Advanced Google searching tips, Plagiarism and How to write a Bibliography information.

Our LibGuides page is evolving and expanding weekly. Please take some time to look at this site.

**Introducing Access-It (our new library catalogue)**
Access-It is our new Library catalogue. You can search by clicking on the **Search the library catalogue** button on our LibGuides page. **Fast Find** is the quick way to search. It’s very user friendly, simply type in your keyword, author or title. When your search results appear click on the title you require to see where the item is housed and if it is available.

When you search you will now be searching the Coolock and La Valla Library.

You can now log into **My Library** (bottom left hand side). Login using your teaching initials. This will show your loans and overdues.

Sharon and John will be introducing LibGuides and Access-It at the next Teacher’s Meeting.

If you have any questions please email Sharon.
What's new on the shelf?
'The Les Twentyman Story: 25 years of life on the streets' by Les Twentyman
Some staff recently heard Les speak at CCB and may like to read his full story. In his 25 yrs as a community welfare worker, Les worked with drug addicts, cared for homeless and abused youth, and settled thousands of family disputes. In his powerful book he tells it like he sees it: someone always fighting to improve the lives of those in need.

Overdue books
It would be a great help to the library if staff could return any resources (text books, videos, etc.) they have had on loan for an extended period and no longer require. Students are now being emailed their overdue lists automatically, so housegroup teachers will no longer receive an email of students with outstanding items.

From the Penguin archives
You may like to watch this little clip from the archives of Penguin Books.

Getting organised with Diigo
Diigo is a powerful multi-tool for personal knowledge management which dramatically improves your workflow and productivity and is easy to use. With more of our information consumption and research online it is hard to keep track of sites for work, shopping, travel, investing, news, hobbies and online learning. Using Diigo allows you to organise your information and make it available across all your devices instantly. Watch the clip to find our more about Diigo and how it can assist you.

Here are some nifty modifiers to type in your Google search box to refine your searches and get the best results.

**Exact Phrase**
- **What it does:** searches for an exact phrase
- **What to type:** "one small step for man"
- **What you'll get:** results that include the exact phrase "one small step for man"

**Excluded Words**
- **What it does:** excludes search results with a particular word or phrase
- **What to type:** bass -fishing
- **What you'll get:** results about bass that are not related to fishing

**Similar Words**
- **What it does:** searches for a word and all its synonyms
- **What to type:** -mobile phone
- **What you'll get:** results with the word "phone," as well as "cell," "cellular," "wireless," etc.

**OR**
- **What it does:** searches for webpages that include either word
- **What to type:** vacation London OR Paris
- **What you'll get:** results with the word "vacation" and either "London" or "Paris"

**Numerical Ranges**
- **What it does:** searches for a range of numbers
- **What to type:** Willie Mays 1950...1960
- **What you'll get:** results about Willie Mays during this time period

**define:** Find Meanings
- **What it does:** defines a word or phrase
- **What to type:** define: plethora
- **What you'll get:** links to definitions of the word "plethora"

**site:** Site Specific
- **What it does:** searches only particular websites
- **What to type:** global warming site:.edu
- **What you'll get:** references to global warming found on .edu websites

**link:** Linked Pages
- **What it does:** searches for webpages that link to a particular website
- **What to type:** link:www.umich.edu
- **What you'll get:** websites that link to the University of Michigan website

**1+1** Math Answers
- **What it does:** basic calculator functions
- **What to type:** 4+7, 30% of 55, 20^2, sqrt(4), etc.
- **What you'll get:** the answer

**cm in foot** Conversions
- **What it does:** converts units of measure
- **What to type:** cm in foot, 28C in F, $ in pound, days in fortnight, miles in league, mph in speed of light, etc.
- **What you'll get:** the converted answer