LIBGUIDES

Thanks for all of the positive comments we received after our staff presentation. LibGuides are very exciting! A REMINDER to staff that the pathway to view our LibGuides is as follows:

- **Life books**: Select the La Valla Library App on your desktop in Curriculum Apps.
- **Other computers**: From CCB homepage select → Learning & Teaching → Library → La Valla Library.

Please take some time to explore the LibGuides. We are only too happy to make a LibGuide for your class assignment.

ACCESSIT

AccessIt, our new Library catalogue which operates across both sites, is accessed via our LibGuide page. Click on the parrot under Search the Library Catalogue.

There is lots of new areas to become familiar with:

- Basic and advance searching
- Visual search - provides lists of books by topics (e.g. Art, Science, Geography, Humanities)
- New items - items recently purchased and added to the library catalogue
- Reading Lists - provides reading recommendations. (e.g. If you like Hunger Games then try these)

Staff and students can log in to view their loans and reserve items. When reserving an item the next available copy will be issued to you, which may mean it is coming from the Coolock Library and will take a couple of extra days. Please ask the friendly library staff if you require assistance.
OVERDUES

Overdue letters are now being emailed to student automatically and will soon be sent to all staff. If students haven’t finished reading their book they may renew them for another fortnight. As we get to the end of term we will ramp up the overdue book returns and ask that House Group Teachers support this.

NEW RESOURCES

We have a new range of Humanities class sets for 2014, kindly donated by the Australian Government, which staff are welcome to peruse. There are useful links to videos and teacher activities linked to each book, just click on the cover. They include the following titles:

- Food for all
- Dying to go... to the toilet : the sanitation challenge
- A ‘silent tsunami’ : global good security in the 21st century
- Water for Life : Investigating water as a global issue
- Forests : a global perspectives

A secret library, digitally excavated

A librarian from New York shares her inspiring journey from being illiterate to becoming a library manager. Read the whole story here...

Over a thousand years ago in western China, a chamber in a cave full of bundled manuscripts was sealed up in western China. The sealed room was discovered in 1900. A team has been slowly working to digitise the manuscripts since 1994. Read more...
Shaun Tan’s new book *Rules of Summer* has now arrived and I’m sure will excite many of Shaun’s fans. Moments of humour, surreal fantasy, and the sometimes devastating ways we interact with the people we love the most, are presented in Shaun Tan’s newest thought-provoking book. To visit his website click book cover.

Many staff attended the Capital Theatre recently to hear Tim Winton speak on his new book *Eyrie*. It is said to be a heart-stopping, ground breaking novel for our times – funny, confronting, exhilarating and haunting. Inhabited by unforgettable characters, *Eyrie* asks how, in an impossibly compromised world, we can ever hope to do the right thing.

True book lovers are very wide-ranging in their genetic makeup. Have you ever wondered what kind of ‘reader’ you are? Do you select your book by it’s cover or from reviews? Are you an e-reader convert? Do you prefer reading in a quiet, relaxing location or do you crave book clubs and discussing plots and authors. Click on the icon below to find where you fit in the reading scale.