

## SLANZA Conference 2015

### ***And then there's books... re-thinking collections in MLLE***

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[Austin's butterfly](#) Expeditionary Learning school and [Greg Green](#), Principal of Clintondale High School, Michigan – ***backdrops of books***

The [Guardian](#) Jan 2015, and [Inspirational school libraries from around the world – gallery](#)

**The school library community** : *young students, teens, Māori, Pasifika, other cultures, avid readers / struggling readers, introverts / extroverts, teachers, families, attitudes to reading and libraries...* [Your school community profile](#)

**What kind of library user are you?** Pew Research [Library Typology](#) *A library lover, an information omnivore, a distant admirer or totally off the grid?*

**Different activities...** Watering hole, Mountain top, Sandpit, Cave, Campfire  
[Campfires in Cyberspace'](#) by David D. Thornburg See Services to Schools [MLLE page](#)

**Rachel van Riel** – [Opening the book](#) – a reader-centred approach

[Design thinking for libraries](#) and L2 blog post [Ideation leads creation](#)

#### **Te Kura Taumata o Panguru**

**Print collections in MLLE** : Display / collections / arrangements / adjacencies, fiction genrefication, non-fiction, evidence-based practice, weeding, making connections

Image from **Burning through pages** : [These are your kids on books](#)

**Paparore School** - picture books on Hydestor three tier magazine units and slotted divider shelves

[Library at the Dock](#), Melbourne (and if you are going, do visit the [State Library of Victoria](#) too)

**Morningside School** – [display quiz questions](#)

**Ohaeawai School**, Liz Christensen – laminated labels on Hydestor low profile browse bin shelving

**Kerikeri Primary School** – red plastic bins on shelves with laminated book covers

**Kerikeri High School** – quick reads series fiction in Hydestor “bin” shelving– Year 7 +

[Jennifer LaGarde](#) : ***Five MORE conversations [about school libraries] that I don't want to have anymore.*** [Collected](#), Issue 11, 2013

**National Library Services to Schools** [Arranging library fiction by genre](#)

**Manaia View School** – picture books shelved predominantly face-out (3 shelves per bay) with bottom shelf arranged by subject / series rather than alphabet

**Kerikeri High School**, Julia Smith – genrefication [Collected](#) Vol 16, 2015 and [Cover to Cover](#)

**Labels** – sources, own, icons / dots, label protectors, location on spine, simplify labelling?  
Eg Kerikeri Primary School fiction – single letter and genre icon on same label (Excel template)

**Signage**, eg junior polka dot [genre posters](#) or Tamara Cox [Flickrstream](#) posters using [Wordfoto](#)

**Avoiding chaos** – LMS changes, using SCIS

[Taking the guess work out of genre](#) **Connections** Issue 91 2014

**Taking an evidence-based practice approach**

*“Without data, you are just another person with an opinion.”* Andreas Schleicher, OECD

[Good Keen Librarian](#) Michelle Simms, Mrs Readerpants [blog](#) and Alison Hewett [Genrefication 101](#)

[Donalyn Miller](#) **The Book Whisperer** and **Reading in the Wild** (recommended books)

Reading Bingo - eg [Scholastic summer reading bingo](#) and [Random House Penguin YA bingo](#)

**Integrating fiction and non-fiction** - egs from Mangonui School and Kamo High School

**Fiction / Non-fiction** – browsing / searching, *“orchestrated luck”*. What are the characteristics that encourage browsing? Blended approach – shelving, displays, promotion...

**Ditching Dewey?** [Are Dewey’s days numbered? One school’s story](#) SLJ Sept 2012

**Weeding!** Consider weeding 10 – 30% of your fiction, up to 50% of your non-fiction.

*When information is scarce, value is in access. When information is abundant, value is in relevance.*

Services to Schools [weeding guidelines](#)

**The Library of Things**, eg [Sacramento Public Library](#) Making space for other things – sewing machines, ukulele, Makeymakey kits and Raspberry Pi... [10 trends maker culture](#) **Mark Osborne**

**What libraries can learn from retail?** *“going shopping for books”* Stephen Layne (***Igniting a passion for reading*** – recommended book)

- **Rent / return for space**, a \$ for every issue – what would you do differently, 80% of loans from 20% of the collection?

- **Retail behaviour** – browser / destination / beeline, left / right, high / low, impulse buys etc

- **Displays** – risks : old-fashioned, amateur, time-consuming, take up space.

**Making connections**, readers “voices”, [3 simple promotion ideas](#)

*invitations, recommendations, photos, shelf talkers, themes, bellybands, most popular lists, read-alikes, mini-collections, new books, footsteps, quizzes, friendly challenges, star ratings, book swaps, book trailers, book clubs, NCEA levels and themes, **and** all the potential of QR codes, apps, social media and reading communities...*

**Raroa Intermediate**– Clare Forrest [Library website](#) and [If you liked that book](#) (Thinglink)

QR codes, perspex display stand integrated into the bookshelf to highlight / connect with e-resources

Greg Green, *“I think all of us have some opportunities to create change. And we have to make a decision – do we or don’t we?”*

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