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School Library Association NSW State Library Day

Let's make it happen!

A one-day seminar with Lyn Hay, Carol Gordon & Aaron Blabey.
Presented in partnership by Syba Academy and School Library Association NSW



TRANSFORMING LEARNING
IN YOUR SCHOOL

The theme for this seminar and the 2015 Professional Learning Program is "Let's Make It Happen!"

In keeping with the theme this seminar is a call-to-arms to the NSW school library profession to focus on professional learning in 2015 that educates and empowers them to develop a school library program that actively and visibly contributes to student achievement.

Being able to provide local evidence of how one's school library impacts student learning has been a challenge for many teacher librarians. This requires the development of knowledge and skills in not just building evidence (gathering and analysing school-generated data), but strategically documenting and disseminating this evidence at the local, regional, state and national level.

This seminar is designed to expand your professional knowledge, skills and commitment as an educator and information specialist.

What are your goals for 2015? What new aspects of your role as a teacher librarian do you need to develop?

Accreditation:

See our website for details.



SYDNEY Saturday 14 March, 2015
Venue TBC



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In partnership with...



Syba Academy and School Library Association NSW (SLANSW) are pleased to announce an exciting professional learning partnership in 2015. This partnership will have a positive impact on the quality, availability and variety of professional learning opportunities for NSW Teacher Librarians in 2015.

As a result of this partnership SLANSW members will receive:

- Professional learning of outstanding quality that is relevant to issues faced by the profession today, accredited by NSW Institute of Teachers to AITSL Australian Professional Standards for Teachers
- Access to Syba Academy's professional learning portal for completed seminar materials
- Access to Syba Academy's Consolidated Learning in Practice (CLiPit!) program, for support in applying new knowledge in your school
- Discounted, fully accredited professional learning in metropolitan and regional areas

"Quality professional learning is Syba Academy's core business so while they seamlessly organise all our Professional Learning, the SLANSW committee can focus on supporting our members through advocacy of our profession," said Michelle Jensen, President of SLANSW.

This is a welcome announcement in light of the upcoming changes to teacher accreditation requirements which come into effect in 2015. This partnership will provide SLANSW members with high quality, fully accredited professional learning that is easily accessible in their local area.

Day program

9.00

**Welcome & Launch of 2015 theme
"Let's make it happen!"**
Lyn Hay

9.15

Invited Keynote
Aaron Blabey
Aaron is excited to be presenting at SLANSW State Library Day, making himself available for this conference despite taking a short break from author visits while he prepares a new title. Aaron shares everything he is passionate about; literacy, picture books, his title *The Brothers Quibble* selected for National Simultaneous Story time 2015.

10.15

SLANSW Updates
Michelle Jensen

10.30

Morning tea

11.00

NSW State Library Services for Schools
Megan Perry

11.30

What's your story? Scripting an action research plot
Carol Gordon

What are the problems in your instructional practice? Where is the evidence that can inform your teaching decisions? Dr. Gordon explores an action research model that is a tool of evidence-based practice. Using systematic inquiry and the action research cycle, Dr. Gordon sets the stage for you to tell your story as you identify critical problems, generate

provoking questions, and collect and analyse the rich evidence embedded in your teaching. Before the curtain closes on this session you will script an action plan that will attract an audience in your school to a program of change and continuous improvement.

1.00

Lunch

1.45

**Lights! Camera! Action!
Staging the action research story**
Carol Gordon

How can you put your action research plan into action to continuously improve instruction? How can you do it better next time? Dr. Gordon shares props – pedagogies and digital tools – that facilitate evidence collection, analysis, and reflection. Since action research is context-specific, Dr. Gordon presents a literacy-based project that addresses the connection between literacy and information literacy in the context of Guided Inquiry and invites you to "rehearse" your ideas for producing an action research project in a curriculum context in your school. She offers tips for selecting your cast of collaborators, setting the scene in the library and classroom, and directing coordinated instruction and assessment scenarios. At the end of the day you will be writing your own reviews as you evaluate teaching and learning outcomes.

3.15

Closing remarks, Q&A, online evaluation

3.30

Seminar concludes

Take your learning further...

Syba Academy's Consolidating Learning in Practice (CLiP) program provides participants with the opportunity to extend the professional learning they gain from attending a Syba Academy seminar, workshop or masterclass.

This involves applying one's new learning in their school and documenting this within one month of attending the network day. This documentation is then submitted for assessment to receive endorsed credit for

those professional learning hours completed. You can choose to CLiPit when registering for your chosen courses or you can register to CLiPit on the day of the seminar.

Add \$199 (plus GST) per course to CLiPit.

**For more information visit
[www.sybaacademy.com.au/
learning/clipit](http://www.sybaacademy.com.au/learning/clipit)**

Meet the speakers



Carol Gordon

Dr. Gordon conducts research and provides consulting and professional development services in the areas of school and academic libraries, information science, and English/ Language Arts education. Her interests include instructional and management practices in libraries, information-based inquiry and the information searching behavior of adolescents, traditional and emerging literacies, personalized and self-directed learning, and action research.

She is recently retired from her position as Associate Professor in the School of Communication and Information at Rutgers University and Co-Director of the Center for International Studies in School Libraries. Dr. Gordon is formerly an Associate Professor in the School of Education and Head of the Pickering Educational Resources Library at Boston University.

Carol began her career in education as an English teacher in New York City Public Schools and has worked as a school librarian in public and private schools in the USA and Europe. Dr. Gordon has delivered key note addresses, workshops, and courses in the U.S., Central and South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia. She is author of *Information Literacy in Action* and co-author of *Privacy in the 21st Century* as well as over 50 journal articles based on her research.



Aaron Blabey

Aaron Blabey is the author of many well-loved, award-winning children's picture books including *Pearl Barley* and *Charlie Parsley*, *The Ghost of Miss Annabel Spoon* and the best-selling *Pig the Pug*.

Aaron has been the recipient of a Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Award, a NSW Premier's Literary Award for Children's Literature and a Children's Peace Literature Award. He has also been the National Literacy Ambassador and is a proud ambassador for the Alannah and Madeline Foundation.

Aaron lives in a beautiful town in the Blue Mountains, a place he loves so much, he rarely leaves it. However, each year in Term 3, he does venture down the mountain to visit schools. He has spoken to almost 30,000 kids about books in the last couple of years and this has proved to be one of the most satisfying parts of his job.

The Brothers Quibble is one of his most personal, heartfelt stories about family life, and he is just awfully proud that it's been selected for the NSS.



Lyn Hay

**Head of Professional Learning:
Syba Academy**

In 2014 Lyn Hay officially joined the Syba Academy team as the Head of Professional Learning. Her role involves the development of our professional learning program, hosting face-to-face seminars and workshops, presenting at conferences, designing and teaching online extension courses, and facilitating our CLiP it! and PLP programs.

Lyn comes to the Academy with 20 years of working as a lecturer in the School of Information Studies and Flexible Learning Institute Fellow at Charles Sturt University where she has trained thousands of teachers, teacher-librarians, librarians and information technologists at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Lyn's research interests are multifaceted and interdisciplinary, including the impact of school libraries on student learning, TLs as evidence-based practitioners, inquiry learning within a Web 2.0 world, iCentres as learning hubs in schools, digital citizenship and information policy issues, principal-TL partnerships, and education informatics.

Lyn has written a number of journal articles, book chapters and papers, and has presented at numerous conferences both nationally and internationally.

Lyn is also the recipient of a number of national and international professional awards

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Registration fee includes: Certificate of participation, electronic seminar handouts, arrival tea/coffee, morning tea, and lunch, wireless internet access.

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