New SLAV Website

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At the SLAV conference on Friday May 16 at the State Library of Victoria, the new SLAV website was launched. While we were all quite attached to the endearing owl that flashed on the screen of the old SLAV website, we had recognised that it was time to update the technology. The website needed an increase in functionality so that it was platform neutral and more easily accessible. To reach the stage of being able to launch the website, there have been many months of meetings to discuss the needs of SLAV, plan for the redevelopment, formulate a brief, put the brief out to tender, appoint a developer, work through the design and subsequent issues, and populate the site.

Reflecting the digital environment today, the website that was launched at the conference is a website that continues to be under development. It is evolving, responsive, dynamic, and reflective of SLAVs current and future needs. It will be an advocacy tool, a focal point for members, a means of communication, and a professional learning resource. The address of the new website is slav.org.au.

What are some of the website features?

The front page features a banner with the 2014 theme, a feed from the Bright Ideas blog, information coming from the Calendar about upcoming events, the SLAV twitter feed, and links to the SLAV ning School Libraries Achieving Results, Twitter and Bright Ideas. The tabs across the top of the site are About Us, Membership, Branches, Calendar, Professional Learning, Publications, and Contact.

The About Us tab has a dropdown menu to pages with information about SLAV, including its advocacy role, SLAV's affiliations, the annual awards, the branches, committees, mission statement and special projects. The Membership link includes information about what it means to be a member of SLAV, membership fees, and a link to a membership form.

The Branches link includes the name and school of each of the SLAV branch conveners. There is space here for information about your branch. For example, the Geelong branch has a link to their branch ning, and the Metro Western branch has a link to the branch blog that is used as a noticeboard. If you would like to include a link to your branch information, send an email with the details to website@slav.org.au.

The next link is to a calendar of events and meetings. Following this is a Professional Learning link with a dropdown menu to Events/Conferences, Bright Ideas and Trade Inquiries. The events/conference information includes an index to the current and previous year's professional learning, with program overviews, presentations and resources. The next link is to the SLAV publications *FYI* and *Synergy*, and following this is the Contact link and a dropdown menu to Employment Opportunities which includes a space for advertising library team positions.

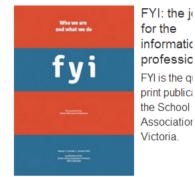**2014 Theme: Strength through Community – collegiality, diversity, vision.**

Featured Event

International Conference – Leaders and Innovators – Virtual Learning Commons

August 8, 2014

International Conference – renowned school
library presenters Carol Koechlin and David Loertscher.

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Who we are
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In the News *from the Bright Ideas Blog*

SLAV and ALIA collaborate on Bendigo conference

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Upcoming Events

Workshops throughout the state
May 15 @ 8:00 am - May 23 @ 5:00 pm

The next stage of the site development is to establish the members' only section and we will be working on this in the near future. Please email website@slav.org.au with ideas or suggestions. You can also contact the SLAV secretariat. secretariat@slav.org.au.

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