

Jennifer Stubbs – Director StoryArts Festival Ipswich



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Education

Kelvin Grove Teachers College - Brisbane, QLD

Certificate of Teaching 1969

Kelvin Grove College of Advanced Education - Brisbane, QLD

Diploma of Teaching 1980

Brisbane College of Advanced Education - Kelvin Grove Brisbane, QLD

Graduate Diploma in Teacher-Librarianship 1984

Career Highlights

Classroom Teacher 1970-1976

Teacher-Librarian 1977 -1988

Regional Library Consultant – 1989

Teacher-Librarian - Moreton Region small schools – 1990 - 2016

Coordinator Ipswich District Teacher-Librarian Network – since 1989

Director of the Ipswich Festival of Children's Literature/StoryArts Festival since 1995

Editor of the annual IDTL Network Book Week Publication since 1991

Other Relevant Achievements

- Introduced the first **Book Gig** to Queensland based on the Melbourne model (Interactive dramatic performance based on a book involving moderator, author, actors and audience).
- Involved in the first online discussions about books with children – **Book Raps** (oz-Projects)
- Introduced the first **online chats** in Australia between authors and children which grew into the **online Literature Festival** in 2003 and now caters for thousands of young people each year run in conjunction with other literature festivals such as the Brisbane Writers Festival.
- Created the **Authors and Illustrators Visits Database** www.pa.ash.org.au/authorvisits for the Children's Book Council of Australia to assist schools, libraries and festivals in planning author and illustrator visits. (Server no longer works and data needs to be added to current CBCA site)
- Established the Biennial **Ipswich Festival of Children's Literature** in 1995 (known as StoryArts Festival Ipswich from 2013)
- Established a program for **Young Writers and Illustrators** in the Region.
- Introduced a **writing competition** to assist aspiring authors of children's books, resulting in 4 published books, including one making it to the overseas market.
- Worked as a partner with Primary Arts Network Ipswich to produce 150 Views of Ipswich, an exhibition of art and poetry to celebrate Ipswich's 150th anniversary, 2010.
- Developed the concept of **Travelling Suitcases** for Book Links Inc. to provide materials about Queensland authors and illustrators to regional Queensland.
- Established **Write Links** through Book Links to support emerging writers.

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Membership / Involvement with relevant organizations

Children’s Book Council of Australia (QLD Branch) Inc.

Member since 1989

President 1996-1998, Vice-President 1999-2003, BILBY Awards Coordinator 1995 (Founding committee member), Web-manager, Newsletter Editor, Judge of Dame Annabelle-Rankin Award (Established the Award), chair and member of many sub-committees running Book Week and other branch events.

Readers Cup State Coordinator (Founding committee member) readerscup.org.au

Children’s Book Council of Australia (National Body)

Web-manager, Nan Chauncy Award Judge, Program Coordinator 2010 Conference in Brisbane (subsequently cancelled due to Global Economic Crisis), Member of QLD Branch organising committee for CBCA Awards announcements 2019.

Book Links

Founding committee member. Travelling Suitcases Project Officer.

President from 2011-2017 and 2018 to present, Vice-President 2017-2018

Website booklinks.org.au

Dream - to establish a children’s literature centre in Queensland.

Supports Write Links writelinks.booklinks.org.au and StoryLinks storylinks.booklinks.org.au programs.

The Read In! (An International Body promoting reading, disbanded after 11 September 2001)

Australian Coordinator 1998 – 2001 and Volunteer of the Month October 2001

School Library Association of Queensland

Country Councillor - SLAQ - 1994 – 2006

Australian School Library Association (National Body)

Qld State Councillor – Publications (1994)

Ipswich Poetry Feast Committee

Committee member (Founding committee member 2003). Help with the poets in schools program including the online poets program and general input into the running of the competition.

www.ipswichpoetryfeast.com.au/ (Volunteer position)

Kids Lit Quiz Australia

Qld representative on the committee –2013 to date- Helps coordinate state competitions.

Member of Book Links, CBCA Qld, Queensland Writers Centre, SCBWI, IBBY Australia, QSLA, Arts Connect Ipswich, Friends of Ipswich Libraries, Rosewood History group

State, National and International Conference Presentations

- Technology Education Federation of Australia Conference 1996
- ITEC Virtual Conference 1997
- SLAQ Townsville 1998
- ISIS Online Conference 2000
- SLAQ Redcliffe 2000
- IASL Auckland 2001
- ASLA Twin Waters 2001
- SLAQ Rockhampton 2002
- SLAV Melbourne 2003
- SCBWI Sydney (meeting) 2012

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Publications

- **Authors and Illustrators Visits** Database - Website for the Children’s Book Council of Australia www.pa.ash.org.au/authorvisits/ (site closed when server shutdown)
- **Ipswich District Teacher-Librarian Network** Website Manager www.idtl.net.au and StoryArts Festival Ipswich website manager www.storyartsfestival.com
- Authors/Illustrators websites - **James Moloney, Gary Crew, Armin Greder, Guundie Kuchling**
- **“The Eleventh Hour: A Curious Mystery : Clues for Confused Detectives”** Ipswich, Qld. : Ipswich Education, Centre, 1989
- **“SPIDER : promoting reading in the upper primary school”** [written by Jenny Stubbs and Margaret MacGinley for the Reading Development Centre] Kelvin Grove, Qld. : Reading Development Centre, 1989
- **“Early Childhood Children’s Literature on the Web”** in *Educating Young Children: Learning and teaching in the Early Childhood Years* Summer 1997 Volume 3 Number 4 Brisbane: QUT/ECTA, 1997
- **“Book Raps - an Internet Project”** in *A Meeting of the Minds: ITEC Virtual Conference ‘97: Proceedings* Edited by Lyn Hay & James Henri ASLA 1997
- **“The Read In! and The Australian experience”** Jane Coffey and Jenny Stubbs - Information Services in Schools, ISIS2000 Online Conference: Centre for Studies in Teacher Librarianship, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga

Awards

- **Queensland Library Promotion Council: Library Promotion of the Year Award** – Winner 1984 and Equal winner 1986
- Education Queensland: Ipswich District - **Showcase Award for Excellence 2000** - Equal First
- Education Queensland - **Schooling 2001 Award**
- International Association of School Librarianship – **SIRS Commendation Award 2001**
- **Dromkeen Librarian of the Year 2002** [Recipients](#)
- **Australia Day Medal 2007 (Education Queensland)**
- **Ipswich City Council Australia Day Awards 2008 - Community Event of the Year** - Ipswich Festival of Children’s Literature
- **Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Queensland Branch Life Member 2009**
- **Dame Annabelle Rankin Award 2009 for distinguished services to children’s literature in Queensland** presented by CBCA Qld
- **Johnno Award 2009** presented by The Queensland Writers Centre
- **Ipswich City Council Australia Day Awards 2010 – Runner-Up Community Event of the Year - 150 Views of Ipswich** (shared with Primary Arts Network Ipswich (PANI))
- **Ipswich City Council Australia Day Awards 2011 - Community Event of the Year** - Ipswich Festival of Children’s Literature
- **Nominated for Citizen of the Year, Ipswich City Council Australia Day Awards 2017**
- [The Nan Chauncy Award](#) (CBCA national) 2023
- Finalist in the Cultural Award category for the 2024 Ipswich Australia Day Award

Nan Chauncy Award links

- [The Nan Chauncy Award](#) (CBCA national) 2023
- [episode #3 of the YKNR Behind The Books series](#)
- [ABC TV News](#)
- [ABC RN](#)
- [Radio interview with West Bremer radio](#)