



Branch Report

North East Region Annual Report for 2018

North East Region SLAV branch held 2 branch meetings within the year. One in each Semester.

Our 1st meeting was held on 29th May with 14 members in attendance. Four of which represented 4 different Primary Schools within the region. After introducing ourselves, school and roles the latest SLAV news was shared covering topics such as membership, PD opportunities, publications and the mentor program.

A great amount of time was spent discussing ways and ideas of how to encourage students to read for pleasure. This was followed by a library tour of Galen Catholic College's newly opened school library. Galen staff shared the building and design process they experienced whilst working with school leadership and the architect.

The evening finished after the group viewed the WW1 pop up museum exhibition and shared ideas for introducing genuine WW1 artefacts to classes. Light refreshments were then served allowing old acquaintances to reconnect & new relationships to form.

Links from all the discussions were collated and share with all attendees through the emailed meeting minutes.

The North East Region branch meet on 21st Aug at Wodonga Senior Secondary College, hosted by Sophie Blake and her team. 12 members were present including 3 members that haven't previously attended a branch meeting. There were 9 apologies.

At the start of the meeting we took the opportunity to introduce ourselves for the benefit of the new attendees. There wasn't a theme for our meeting therefore allowing everyone to write down any pressing questions to be answered by everyone.

Discussion topics:

- Whole school reading programs
- Ideas to promote fiction reading
- Platforms used for eBooks and audiobooks
- Success of eBooks & audiobooks uptake
- Library Managements systems (pros & cons)
- What are the must haves resources shown on the school library startup websites

Many ideas were shared & enthusiastically discussed as to how they could be adapted within the school libraries that were represented.

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