

Oliver - Lighthouse Project

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Overview

This project was designed to support students through the introduction of the SLS and the application of Oliver as a tool to engage students as critical readers.

Instruction is explicit, content is scaffolded and technology is embedded in a flexible learning environment .

Focus Areas

Premier's Reading Challenge: Reading for enjoyment over sustained periods of time
Book Review Writing: Communicating an informed opinion using a range of mediums

OLIVER Features

- Search
- Loan History
- Reading Lists– PRC and Stage lists
- Reviews and rating
- Embedded video content
- Featured authors
- Embedded web links
- More like this feature

English Features

- Point of view
- Composers purpose and craft
- Persuasive and emotive language
- Monitoring Reading

Evidence

- Key Skills assessment– The Six Cs (Kahlthau 2012)
- Borrowing statistics
- PRC completion data

Support and News

- ⇒ School Library System: <https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/publicschoolsnew/learning-technology/library-system>
- ⇒ SLS Yammer: https://www.yammer.com/det.nsw.edu.au/#/threads/inGroup?type=in_group&feedId=4589274
- ⇒ NSWDEC Softlink Helpdesk <http://nswdecsupport.softlinkhosting.com.au>
- ⇒ Banksia Library Weebly: <http://banksialibrary.weebly.com/oliver.html>
- ⇒ Class Movie <http://www.classmoviestv.com/decnsw?movid=S9068-08-S4446-001>

Preparing a Book Forum

A Book Forum is an excellent opportunity to engage students in an authentic discussion about literature.

Requirements

- A committee
- Quality Literature
- Moderator
- Speakers
- Audience

Considerations

- Age group
- Text selection and format
- Points for discussion
- Time frames to prepare and speak

Recommendations

- Align the investigation of the text with English syllabus outcomes and concepts.
- Provide for a range of student responses including visual, written, digital as well as spoken.
- Guide students in their examination of the texts. Focus on text features, connection and language, story events and theme, as well as illustrations and visual literacy elements.

Supporting resources

- CBCA Shortlist titles
- Photo Story 3
- Published Teacher notes
- Can it be for me Checklist