Celebrate
THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING!

2012 is a time to embrace the joys of reading. It is an essential pastime that everyone, old and young, enjoys. Reading and being read to, introduces children to language, builds their grammatical skills, unlocks their imagination, grows knowledge about people and the world, and provides children with a springboard to question who they are. Sometimes children need visual supports to understand meaning in different texts.

Today our children are bombarded with so many varieties of written and illustrated text on a daily basis that one ‘system’ of reading does not suffice for all occasions. Imagine this: a nappy-clad baby uses computer technology effortlessly, but is utterly confused when confronted with a book. This is not a futuristic, doomsday prediction, but rather a popular YouTube clip, titled ‘A magazine is an iPad that does not work’. It is an eye-opening reminder that learning and literacy is constantly evolving, and teaching ‘digital natives’ should be changing too.

Children engage with digital multimedia on a daily basis. The ‘screen’ has certainly taken over from the book as their prime source of information and entertainment: ebooks, YouTube, TV/films, blogs, wikis, digital games, Apps, social networking, among others. Therefore, ‘viewing’ is now as important as ‘reading’ because building children’s skills in both will assist them to become active, informed and discerning consumers of information.

The Australian Curriculum: English has included a focus on multimodality, not just analysing and deconstructing multi-mediated texts but also the creation of them. Digital authoring of a multimodal text is not something that many teachers are confident to initiate in their classrooms. Just like the relationship between reading and writing, viewing and digital authoring go hand in hand. Learning from good sources of media texts will make the journey a little easier.

Where to start? Great resources to support primary and lower secondary students and teachers with reading and viewing are:

- Reading & Viewing for Comprehension (DVD-ROM) presents 15 clips and associated texts taken from well-known ACTF productions developed from books.
- Persuasive Text (DVD-ROM) presents 12 clips that focus on verbal and non-verbal persuasive strategies.

Both of these resources and many others are available from the ACTF shop for $49.50 each.
LITERARY TEXTS TO Screen

Good quality television can turn children on to books and reading. Television enriches and extends a viewer’s imagination and reality in the same way that good literature can. Sales of the books associated with popular television programs demonstrate the power of television for stimulating and broadening children’s interest in a variety of literature.

Children are quite aware of the distinctions between the pleasures of television viewing and those of reading: they are different types of enjoyment and one is not the substitute for the other, rather they are complimentary. Teachers can build on this relationship.

The Australian Children’s Television Foundation’s programs and the associated books are well worth exploring in this context. These programs encourage and support teachers and students to build on and extend the positive links between television, storytelling and literature. Many programs have been developed from existing books, while others have been written following the making of the series.

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ACTF Quick Guide

In this edition of Education News, we have included a Quick Guide to our programs and education resources which have links to the Australian Curriculum. We hope that this is a good way of finding an applicable program or resource for your teaching programs.

Pin the Quick Guide up in the staffroom to make it easy for all staff to become familiar with what the ACTF has to offer. If you would like an additional copy, please contact the ACTF Education team.
Once again the ACTF was involved in the Out of the Box Festival (12-18 June 2012) in Queensland. Attracting about 60,000 visitors, the highly popular biannual event expanded across Brisbane’s Southbank cultural precinct.

More than 300 children attended the 18 ‘Scary Beast’ workshops presented by the ACTF, and experienced how to make their very own green-screen film. The workshops used the Wadu Matyidi animation as stimulus for the children to design and develop their own ‘scary beast’. Workshop presenters included animation artist and media teacher, Terry Oberg, and the ACTF Education team.

A highlight of the festival was the screening of two short animated films which were made by Darra SS and Jindalee SS students, ably assisted by Terry Oberg. As a celebration for the Year of Reading, the Year 3 students used the theme ‘Scary Beast’ to illustrate and orate their own story. Terry then compiled the student works into an animated film for each school. You can view the films online at the ACTF website in the Education Partnership section.

The ACTF would like to thank the Queensland Performing Arts Centre as festival organisers, the wonderful volunteers who helped and supported us, the students, their teachers and especially Terry Oberg.

Out of the Box FESTIVAL 2012

WE WANT YOU!

Calling all switched on, energetic and passionate primary and lower secondary teachers who want to connect with other teachers from across Australia and who use, or want to use, multimodal approaches in the classroom.

The ACTF will soon be part of the Telstra Education Hub with a capability to connect with every school, classroom and educator in Australia via video conference. To make this a dynamic, relevant and active connection we need teachers who are prepared to connect with us on a regular basis. This connection means that we want your ideas and suggestions, your feedback and evaluations on our programs, education resources and professional learning packages. At times, it will also mean connecting with you and your class. In return, you will be part of a very active and inspired team of educators, from the ACTF and schools around Australia, from the comfort of your classroom/staffroom.

If you want to know more, please contact the ACTF Education team.

IF YOU LIKE USING THE ACTF PROGRAMS AND PRODUCTS, WHY NOT BECOME AN ADVISORY SCHOOL?
**ACTF ‘PREMIUM’ LICENCE**

When you purchase an ACTF TV series or education resource DVD-ROM, schools can upload these to their own school server and can be used by all teachers and students within that school, for educational purposes. In order to have permission to do this, each school must apply to the ACTF, at the point of sale, for a Premium licence which extends the existing one-user licence to multiple users.

To calculate the cost of the premium licence, all you have to do is to use the unit price of the TV series or DVD-ROM resource and multiply the price by three. For example:

- **Persuasive Text** retails for $49.50 per single-user unit. A premium licence would cost the school $148.50 to cover multiple-users.

If you need any assistance with this, please contact the ACTF Education team.
Lockie Leonard, hot surf-rat, is 12 ¾ years old and has just moved to the most remote town on Earth, Angelus. For Lockie this is a TOTAL LIFE DISASTER: no friends, new school and a house that is truly in danger of disappearing into a swamp... but then Lockie spots the one thing that makes it all okay, this weird little town has the best surf he has ever seen.

The TV series is accompanied by a teaching resource containing two Discs:
- Disc 1: Teaching strategies and lesson activities (English, Media studies, Personal Development and Values education)
- Disc 2: Interactive learning activities for students

Both feature:
- over 100 classroom activities (including 43 Question sheets and 88 Worksheets)
- 70 digital video clips
- An interactive Quiz: The Clock's Tickin'
- A stills gallery
- Descriptions and images of the characters
- An interactive Map and location descriptions
- Media Kit: Poster, Episode synopses, link to online Scripts, Screenwriter’s Bible
- Behind the scenes information

Product type: TV series (DVD) and teaching resource (DVD-ROM)
Price: $99.95, plus postage and handling.

EDUCATION EVENTS CALENDAR

National Literacy and Numeracy Week
27 August – 2 September 2012

In support of the 2012 National Literacy and Numeracy week, the ACTF will be undertaking a variety of Professional Development workshops for teachers, incorporating the ACTF’s valuable education programs and resources. Visit the Education Events Calendar on the website for more information including session times and booking details.
## ACTF Catalogue

### Animalia: Primary Teaching Resource
Teaching Resource with interactive game and TV Series compilation (12 x 24 mins)
0 86421 158 9 DVD and DVD-ROM $140.00

### Australian Rules
Feature Film (92 mins)
0 86421 004 3 DVD $39.95

### Backyard Science: Primary Teaching Resource
Teaching Resource
0 86421 022 1 DVD-ROM $60.00

### Chill Out!
DVD Anthology and Teachers’ Resource
0 86421 397 2 DVD $30.00

### Dogstar
TV Series (9 x 24 mins) including Teaching Resource and Book
0 86421 030 2 DVD package $29.95

### Double Trouble
TV Series (13 x 24 mins) and Teaching Resource
0 86421 046 9 DVD $99.95
0 86421 198 8 DVD-ROM* $60.00
* items not sold separately

### First Day
Documentary (75 mins) and Study Guide
0 86421 020 5 DVD and Study Guide $19.95

### The Genie from Down Under
TV Series
- Series 1 (13 x 24 mins)
  0 86421 174 0 DVD $39.95
- Series 2 (13 x 24 mins)
  0 86421 182 1 DVD $39.95

### The Girl from Tomorrow
Telemovie (104 mins)
0 86421 181 3 DVD $10.00

### Lift Off
TV Series
- Series 1
  Volume 1 (4 x 24 mins) A Load of Old Rubbish and Which One?
  0 86421 221 6 DVD $10.00
- Volume 2 (4 x 24 mins) That’s Not Fair and Once I Grew
  0 86421 165 1 DVD $19.95

### Hating Alison Ashley
Feature Film (100 mins)
0 86421 133 3 DVD $39.95

### Holly’s Heroes
TV series (13 episodes x 24 min, extras) and Teachers’ Resource
0 86421 149 X DVD-ROM $60.00
0 86421 149 X DVD and CD-ROM* $60.00
* items not sold separately

### I Think...
DVD Anthology (42 mins) and Teachers’ Guide
0 86421 006 X DVD-ROM $30.00

### Kaboodle
Live-Action and Animated Shorts Volume 1 (14 stories, 150 mins)
0 86421 253 4 DVD $19.95
Volume 2 (18 stories, 162 mins)
0 86421 357 3 DVD $19.95

### Language of Belonging
Wadu Matyidi
Short animation, Mini Docs (5 x 5 mins) Teaching and Learning Resource
0 86421 246 1 DVD-ROM $125.00

### Legacy of the Silver Shadow
TV Series
- Volume 1 (4 x 24 mins)
  0 86421 157 0 DVD $19.95
- Volume 2 (4 x 24 mins)
  0 86421 220 1 DVD $19.95
- Volume 3 (5 x 24 mins)
  0 86421 333 6 DVD $19.95

### Lockie Leonard
TV Series (26 x 24 mins), Teaching and Learning Resource
0 86421 365 4 DVD $60.00
0 86421 373 5 DVD-ROM $60.00
0 86421 381 0 DVD and DVD-ROM $99.95

### Li’l Elvis Jones and the Truckstoppers
TV Series
- Volume 1 (4 x 24 mins)
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- Volume 2 (4 x 24 mins)
  0 86421 005 1 DVD $10.00
- Volume 3 (4 x 24 mins)
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- Volume 4 (4 x 24 mins)
  0 86421 021 3 DVD $10.00
- Volume 5 (5 x 24 mins)
  0 86421 029 9 DVD $10.00
- Volume 6 (5 x 24 mins)
  0 86421 037 X DVD $10.00

### Special Offer
Full set of Li’l Elvis Jones and the Truckstoppers (All 26 episodes of the series!) $50.00

### SOLD OUT
- "The Girl from Tomorrow: Tomorrow’s End"
- "Lift Off"
- "Language of Belonging"
- "Legacy of the Silver Shadow"
- "Li’l Elvis Jones and the Truckstoppers"

### ACTF 30th Anniversary Shop Sale On Now!
Mortified
TV Series (26 x 24 mins) and Teacher Resource
Series 1
Volumes 1 and 2
0 86421 269 0 DVD
0 86421 277 1 DVD $60.00
Teacher Resource including clips DVD
0 86421 285 2 DVD and DVD-ROM
Volumes 1 and 2, Clips DVD and Teacher Resource
DVD and DVD-ROM $60.00

My Brother Jack
Miniseries (182 mins)
0 86421 125 2 DVD $39.95

My Place
TV series (26 x 24 mins)
My Place Teachers’ Guide v.2 (series 1&2, plus Media Literacy and Geography)
My Place book
Series 2 DVDs, DVD-ROM $130.00
Series 2 DVDs, DVD-ROM and book $145.00
Series 1&2 DVDs, DVD-ROM and book $185.00
Class set of 25 My Place books $400.00

Round the Twist
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SALE
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0 86421 038 8 DVD $10.00

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Series 1 (26 x 650 mins)
0 86421 213 5 DVD $10.00
Series 2 (26 x 650 mins)
0 45617 040 1 DVD $10.00

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Telemovies (2 x 95 mins)
Devil’s Hill and Captain Johnno
0 86421 317 4 DVD $29.95
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0 86421 325 5 DVD $29.95

Waabiny Time
NEW
TV Series
Series 2 (8 x 26 mins)
0 86421 230 5 DVD $49.95

What’s Fair?
DVD Anthology (105 mins) and Teachers’ Guide
0 86421 389 1 DVD $30.00

Winners and More Winners
Telemovies (2 x 48 mins)
Top Kid and The Other Facts of Life
0 86421 293 3 DVD $25.95
Room to Move and On Loan
0 86421 301 8 DVD $25.95
The Paper Boy and Boy Soldiers
0 86421 309 3 DVD $25.95

Worst Best Friends
TV Series
Volume 1, Eps 1-4 (4 x 24 mins)
0 86421 189 9 DVD $19.95
Volume 2, Eps 5-8 (4 x 24 mins)
0 86421 237 2 DVD $19.95
Volume 3, Eps 9-13 (5 x 24 mins)
0 86421 341 7 DVD $19.95

Special Offer
Full set of Worst Best Friends
(All 13 episodes of the series!) $49.95
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