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## School of Information Studies Children's Librarianship Specialisation

### ***The Library's Role in Supporting Early Childhood Literacy: A Panel of Australian Experts***

The Children's Librarianship Specialisation is excited to host a zoom panel with Australian library experts in Early Childhood Literacy from the State Libraries of NSW, QLD, and WA on Tuesday, 24 November at 7:30pm AEDT. Our presenters will share their work in statewide programs including Tracey Hawkins from Better Beginnings in WA, Michelle Swales from First 5 Forever in QLD and Mylee Joseph from the Early Literacy Project in NSW. The panel will be moderated by Carolyn Rankin who teaches in the specialisation and has researched and published on similar literacy initiatives in the UK and internationally. See below for more information on our presenters, moderator, and the zoom access details. We hope to see you there!

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#### **EVENT DETAILS**

*Tuesday, 24 November 2020  
7:30-8:30pm AEDT*

To join the Zoom Meeting, click the link and use the passcode below.

<https://charlessturt.zoom.us/j/61239633215?pwd=aWpYRXd5WmVmdlIVMEUrTIRJV2tDUT09>

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Please note this session will be recorded and shared on our SIS Facebook page and Course site.

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## Presenter's Biographical Information



Tracey Hawkins has worked as a Librarian with the Better Beginnings family literacy program at the State Library of Western Australia for five years. Tracey's background is in education and public librarianship having worked for 15 years as a Psychologist with the Education Department in Western Australia before an overseas move resulted in a career change which led her to public libraries. Tracey has worked in public libraries in Perth, Brisbane and Canada and is passionate about educating families about the important role they play in building their child's literacy skills from birth.



Michelle Swales is a librarian with experience in academic, special and public libraries. At the State Library of Queensland, Michelle's work has always involved supporting Queensland public libraries over many years in various roles. Currently she is working as part of the Young People and Families team in the Public Libraries and Engagement unit. In this role Michelle is working directly with public library staff to support the statewide First 5 Forever program, an initiative of the Queensland Government, delivered in partnership with public libraries. First 5 Forever aims to increase access to library services and support early literacy outcomes for young children and their families throughout Queensland through the *talk sing read play* message.



Mylee Joseph is currently on secondment with the State Library of Queensland. In her current role she works with the public libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres across Queensland. Mylee will be sharing insights from the State Library of New South Wales research partnership with the Institute of Early Childhood, Macquarie University, a project she contributed to as a consultant to public libraries in New South Wales. Mylee can be reached through the following:  
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Carolynn Rankin is an academic and researcher who worked as an information management specialist for 20 years before moving into professional education in 2000. Living in the UK, she is an adjunct senior lecturer at Charles Sturt University. Carolynn has interdisciplinary research interests, exploring the connections between civil society, social justice and access to literacy and learning via libraries. She has a PhD from Leeds Metropolitan University focused on the role of the public library in supporting the development of communication, language and literacy in children and their families. Currently an advisor to the IFLA Children and Young Adults Standing Committee she edited the revised IFLA *Guidelines for Library Services for Children Aged 0 to 18* issued in 2018. Carolynn has co-authored and edited a number of books including *Library services from birth to five - delivering the best start*.

