

An introduction to the Languages & Multicultural Education Resource Centre (LMERC) & Resource requests





A Department of Education and Training (DET), specialised library for educators across all levels and sectors



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Collection content focus

- English as an Additional Language (EAL), Languages
- Victorian Curriculum -
 - Cross curriculum Priority areas
 - Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, Asia & Australia's engagement with Asia, Sustainability
 - Intercultural capability
 - Multicultural education
 - Cultural / Intercultural awareness
 - Anti-racism
 - Refugee experiences / migration
 - Human rights
 - Values







LMERC collection overview

- 25,000+ items catalogued
- All formats books, games, kits, digital resources, realia – authentic objects from around the world, teacher reference texts, lesson plans, activities and more
- EAL resources early childhood to adult
- Bilingual and monolingual resources (50+ languages)
- Fiction for all ages
- High interest / low literacy readers
- Resource lists on topics, eg:
 - Culturally diverse literature, Communicative activities, EAL resources, Translanguaging and bilingual resources, High interest/ low literacy reading material, Speaking and listening activities at LMERC and online.









LMERC access and opening hours (when lockdown is over)

- Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
- 1 Saturday per term
- Open all through the school holidays
- Currently limited click and collect and contactless return service

LMERC is located in the COASIT building at

Level 1, 189 Faraday Street, Carlton







LMERC services

- 'Ask a librarian' service (by email)
 - o information about resources online or physical
 - relevant organisations & suppliers
- Pre order/ request resources to be gathered before you come – send email or ring with year level, themes, formats including lesson plans or activities required.
- Free postage to govt. schools outside of the metro area – other schools are welcome to organise a courier or pick up.
- LMERC eNewsletter (4 times per year) new resources, journal articles, events, professional learning
- Curated resource compilations (from online catalogue click on reading lists, then resource lists







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LMERC membership

- Free membership for pre-service teachers/pre service education support students
- Free membership for education support staff and educators across all sectors and levels K- adult.



- Students: 6 weeks extension available to cover placement period
- Teachers / education support / library staff–12 weeks







Online catalogue overview

Reading lists - Curated / tagged resources on topics (easy way to search for topic). All resource lists can be found here.

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Reading lists – tagged collections example –Plurilingualism

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EAL curriculum

- Getting to know the new EAL
 curriculum resource package
 on FUSE
- New resources to support the EAL curriculum coming soon, see – <u>DET EAL</u>
- Webinars about implementing the new EAL curriculum on the <u>VCAA website</u>



Resources for implementing the new EAL curriculum

There are resources available for teachers and school leaders on the new English as an Additional Language (EAL) curriculum.

We're realigning and updating existing resources so that they continue to support the new curriculum.

On this page

- Understanding the new EAL curriculum
- ✓ <u>Assessment</u>
- ✓ <u>Reporting</u>
- ✓ <u>Teaching</u>
- ✓ General resources
- <u>Resources being developed and when they're available</u>



Scaffolding and differentiation

High interest / low literacy reading



Resources available with

- Reduced text
- Supporting visuals
- Glossaries
- Content in first language
- <u>Teacher resources about differentiating</u> lesson plans at LMERC

More information about differentiation from the Bell Foundation



<u>LMERC resource list</u> – a sample of the range of hardcopy readers available at LMERC



High interest / low literacy texts: online reading material for upper primary and secondary EAL students

LMERC resource list -examples of texts available online





Online / digital resources

- DET <u>English as an Additional</u> <u>Language</u> – Package of resources (remote learning)
- EAL Highland <u>Secondary resources</u> and interactive activities online
- Online reading materials <u>LMERC</u> <u>list</u>
- Multilingual resources online <u>LMERC list</u>









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Multilingual resources online

- Free multilingual ebooks online
 - Storyweaver
 - Let's read Asia
 - Unite for literacy
 - African Storybook
 - Storybooks Canada



https://www.africanstorybook.org/





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https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/

More information on LMERC Multilingual resources list





https://reader.letsreadasia.org/

Linguistically diverse texts / bilingual novels at LMERC

Some examples

- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw in Vietnamese ("Nhat Ky Chu Be Nhut Nhat: Gviot Nuoc Tran Ly")
- Towns and villages English and Urdu
- Harry Potter in languages, I am Malala Persian





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Adult EAL

- <u>Thematic picture dictionary</u> and <u>workbook</u> –by NSW DET
- Readers online eg. <u>ESL Literacy readers</u> Bow Valley College, Storybook Canada (see LMERC resource lists)
- Kits with teacher resources, visuals, activities AMES, Gold, Listening to Australia, Queensland TAFE reader set (see also <u>LMERC Cultural</u> <u>diversity literature for 18+ list</u> and <u>online</u> and <u>physical readers resource</u> <u>lists</u>)
- Games templates for games, conversation cubes, faceless dice, pair work
- Listening resources <u>LMERC resource list</u>
- Online interactive Making games, gamifying activities, free online interactive for adults –list from <u>EAL Highland</u>, see <u>Games for learning</u> <u>English</u> –





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Resources for primary level EAL learners at LMERC and online

- Resources to support new EAL curriculum coming soon – <u>see DET</u>
- **Plurilingual strategies** Teacher resources available at LMERC and online LMERC list
- Visuals sequencing activities, flash cards, bilingual picture dictionaries, games, picture books with limited text and wordless picture books, big books
- Bilingual resources thematic picture dictionaries and picture books with digital audio at LMERC, bilingual readers online – see LMERC resource list
- Units of work Course books Cambridge Collins, TEAL, VicTESOL, DET –Literacy toolkit – EAL examples
- Writing Exploring how texts work Beverly Derewianka, Insight issues Junior years etc





Secondary EAL learners –resources at LMERC and online

- Units of work Course books Cengage with Ted talks and National Geographic videos, <u>TEAL</u>, Using L1 – See <u>LMERC Translanguaging</u> <u>resource list</u> (includes reading, writing, grammar, speaking & listening)
- Literacy across the curriculum Teacher and student resources
- **Differentiated texts** and scaffolded resources (eg kits -supports for teaching some texts eg Shakespeare, Of mice and men etc)
- High interest / low literacy reading material at LMERC and online LMERC resource lists, Culturally diverse literature
- Bilingual dictionaries at LMERC and online, novels in L1 for some languages. Plurilingual strategies and lesson plans – <u>see FUSE</u>
- Speaking, Listening activities see LMERC resource lists –
 <u>Communicative games</u>







Handout supplied by Mei French for a Translanguaging in the Classroom Workshop. The handout provides examples of T related to lesson Plans across the curriculum:

- Year 8 EAL Folktales
- Year 9 EAL Recipe Book
- Year 10 EAL Linguistic Identity
- Year 11 EAL Song Analysis
- Year 12 EAL Translation Study
- Year 12 EAL Language in Social Media
- Year 12 EAL Language Study: Linguistic Landscape

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