

Literature Based Units

Integrating oral language in the literacy block

Full day workshop



Upcoming Professional Learning will be advertised on the WCLDC Outreach Professional Learning Events Connect Group

This full day workshop focuses on the oral language strand of the reading rope. This is achieved by using literature (narrative picture books or novels) as a basis for building oral and written language skills. Participants learn how to plan units of teaching around literature, focusing on aspects of language including vocabulary, grammar, and narrative in an integrated way.



Literature Based Units *support the language development of all students* but are particularly helpful for students with oral language difficulties, disadvantage, disorder, or difference (e.g. EAL/D).

Participants will be able to:

- *Explain the concept and purpose* of a Literature Based Unit
- Understand where LBUs fit into a *literacy block*
- Be able to *develop a LBU* (using a picture book or novel) by selecting appropriate narrative texts and strategies to teach different language areas

Educators are asked to bring a text(s) to start planning an LBU during the workshop.



The Literature Based Units Professional Development workshop is available as a full day training via:

- *District Level Training (educators from Priority 1 and 2 schools can attend)*. This is usually run once per year at the WCLDC Outreach Office (East Hamersley). The cost is \$85 per person (inclusive of handouts and catering).
- *School-Based Training (Priority 1 schools only)*: Priority 1 schools may decide to engage in a school-wide focus on Literature Based Units. This entails a multifaceted implementation process with the school's Speech and Language Consultant over approximately two years. There are recommended pre-requisite Professional Learning sessions to complete prior to the full day LBU workshop. The cost for the school-based workshop is \$10 per participant (covering handouts / resources).

