

**You're invited to a one day seminar for school principals, teachers, ICT coordinators, school library teams and school management.**



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WEB 2.0 TOOLS  
WITH GUIDED  
INQUIRY**

# **Leading learning: A guided inquiry approach**

## **with Dr Ross J Todd**

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- strategies for designing instructional interventions for guided inquiry, and instructional exemplars
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- skills to facilitate the use of web 2.0 tools in student learning.



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# Program

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## 8.15

**Registration commences**

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## 9.00

**Welcome**

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**Transforming the learning landscape of the school library: from research to best practice**

What are the core dynamics of constructivist learning? What are the implications of this approach to learning for school libraries, particularly in relation to instructional interventions, collections and services? In his keynote address, Ross will answer these questions and present current research being undertaken through the Center for International Scholarship in School Libraries (CISSL) at Rutgers University. He will also discuss how this research can inform quality teaching and learning through the school library, as well as the school library's contribution to student learning outcomes.

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## 10.30

**Morning tea**

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## 11.00

**Guided inquiry: implementing productive pedagogy through the school library**

Set within the context of key learning areas, this workshop will explore constructivist approaches to rethinking information literacy from the perspective of guided inquiry, and provide principles for designing and guiding meaningful inquiry through the school library. It will present a range of instructional strategies for developing meaningful teaching and learning activities through the school library, including engaging with Web 2.0 tools to facilitate deep inquiry, and will provide exemplars of instructional best practice to facilitate quality teaching and learning through school libraries.

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## 12.30

**Lunch**

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## 1.15

**Charting learning outcomes through guided inquiry**

This session will look at how student learning outcomes through the school library can be identified, measured, charted and disseminated. Taking an evidence-based practice approach, the emphasis will be on practical approaches and how these might inform the school of the school library's role in quality teaching and learning, as well as contribute to the continuous cycle of school and school library improvement.

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## 2.15

**Afternoon tea**

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## 2.30

**Taking action: creating your program for continuous improvement**

The day's final workshop will help participants develop and critique a preliminary curriculum development framework in a key learning area which models and integrates the principles and process of constructivist learning, guided inquiry and outcomes measurement. Participants will have an opportunity to move beyond just thinking about improvement, to taking action.

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## 3.30

**Seminar concludes**

## Guest speaker: Dr. Ross J. Todd



Dr. Ross J. Todd is currently Research Director at the Center for International Scholarship in School Librarianship (CISSL) and Associate Professor in the School of Communication, Information and Library Studies at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

He is well known to Australian teacher-librarians for his work at the University of Technology Sydney, for the many professional development activities he has presented for IASL, ASLA, SLAV and ALIA, and for editing the research component of Scan, the NSW Department of Education and Training journal.

Ross brings extensive international experience to this seminar. His primary teaching and research interests focus on adolescent information seeking and use. The research is multi-faceted, and includes:

- Cognitive information utilization and knowledge construction
- How school libraries and teacher-librarians more effectively empower student learning
- Information and critical literacies with emphasis on digital environments
- Building schools as effective information sharing communities.

He has published more than 100 papers and book chapters and has been an invited speaker at many international conferences. He is a member of the editorial board of the International Association of School Librarianship journal *School Libraries Worldwide*, the School Library Association Victoria journal, *Synergy* and the US publication *School Library Media Research*.

His awards include:

- Distinguished Service in Support of Teaching. (Departmental Award) Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey (2003)
- John Hirst Award of the Australian School Library Association (1999)
- Apple Teaching Fellow (1995)

Although now based in New Brunswick, New Jersey, (just an hour south of New York City), Ross returns home to Australia as often as possible. Syba Signs is delighted to host this visit, and provide an opportunity for Ross to share his latest research findings with the Australian school library community.

Ross will be accompanied by a colleague, Dr Carol Gordon in August to Hobart and Cairns. Dr Gordon is an Associate Professor in the School of Communication, Information and Library Studies at Rutgers University and Associate director of CISSL.

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## Who should attend?

### This seminar is designed for

- Primary and secondary teacher-librarians and teachers.
- School library teams
- ICT coordinators
- Supervisors or colleagues who will be partners in the implementation of Guided Inquiry.
- Members of school executive teams (eg, curriculum coordinator, senior management, head teacher teaching and learning, principal) and other educational personnel for whom the content and approach is of interest.

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## Comments from previous participants

“ The motivation; Ross’ enthusiasm is infectious; the practical ideas to take back [to school] were fantastic.”

“ Dr Ross Todd was a wonderful, enthusiastic lecturer with ideas to motivate and inspire teacher-librarians. Loved all parts of the day!”

“ Ross has passion for improving our profession and our practice. His seminar was a great balance between research and practice.”

“ The energy and passion was inspirational and challenging; makes one ‘older’ TL keen to keep going.”

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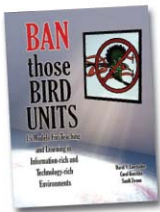
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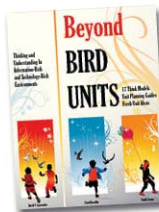
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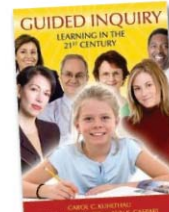
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