

*The 2009 Leila St John Award
for distinguished services to children's literature
in Victoria
is presented to
Pam Macintyre*

in recognition of her significant contribution to children's literature in Victoria.

Pam has inspired many librarians and teachers in the current workforce, for whom the promotion of children's literature and the desire to create in students a lifelong love of reading, are significant focuses of their curriculum. Because of her immense knowledge in the field of children's literature and commitment to sharing, Pam takes every opportunity to encourage and mentor people studying and working in children's books.

Pam has had a long and significant involvement with The Children's Book Council of Australia, in particular with the Victorian Branch but also extending to the National Executive, of which she was a member. She has been an active member of the Victorian Branch Committee, the Victorian Judge for the CBCA Awards in 1996 and 1997 and most recently, the Chair of the Victorian Judges' Conference for the Awards 2007 and 2008.

In 1993, the quarterly journal "Viewpoint: on Books for Young Adults" was established and Pam was the founding editor. As well as its wide array of articles, interview and reviews, Viewpoint is equally important for providing a forum for the discussion of diverse issues and contrasting opinions about young adult books. Pam has volunteered one day a week for 15 years in order to produce this journal with a supportive editorial committee.

From 1994 to 1996, Pam was an active member of the Victorian Premier's Literary Awards Committee and she regularly reviews children's and young adult books for the Australian Book Review and occasionally for The Age.

For all the above reasons and more, Pam Macintyre is a worthy recipient of the Leila St John Award for 2008 and we salute her dedication to the field of children's literature in Victoria.

