

*The 2009 Leila St John Award
for distinguished services to children's literature
in Victoria
is presented to
Albert Ullin OAM*

in recognition of his outstanding contribution to children's literature in Victoria.

Albert has been an instigator and supporter of innumerable book ventures and a mentor of many aspiring authors and illustrators from around Australia.

In 1960, he opened The Little Bookroom in Melbourne, the first children's specialist bookshop in Australia and generations of children, teachers, librarians and parents have benefitted immeasurably from his expertise and assistance.

Albert's contribution has been recognized with an OAM and the Dromkeen Medal. He is a past President of The Children's Book Council of Australia's Victorian Branch and an active supporter of the Australian Booksellers' Association. He was made an Honorary Life Member of both, in recognition of his great contribution to the aims and work of each organisation.

Through his lifetime of dedication to all aspects of children's literature and his passionate enthusiasm, Albert Ullin is a worthy recipient of the 2009 Leila St John Award.

