

Cultural Weeding

Kevin Hennah has worked with hundreds of libraries internationally over 10 busy years. Cultural Weeding will fuse the best initiatives he has found with his ideas on what needs to change in order for libraries to remain relevant.

Library culture, image, promotion and resources are all put under the spotlight, as Kevin poses his thought-provoking ideas on why we need to weed more than just print!

Lack of space? Most libraries claim to need more space, yet most are collecting both resources and services faster than they are weeding them.

Lack of time? Challenging systems, culture and practices may be your most effective and inexpensive solution to create time.

Building or renovating? This workshop will highlight why we cannot continue to build a contemporary veneer around traditional ideas.

Online resources moved the goal posts! For print to compete, library display, signage and promotion must be challenged.

Time for an image overhaul? Be inspired by innovative ideas at all budget levels

Timing: 9.30am – 3.00pm (flexible).

Bookings: This workshop can be delivered in house for both small and large groups. Simply contact Kevin Hennah direct and nominate your location, approximate audience size and preferred timing.

Fee: Delivery fees differ slightly depending on location and travel costs.
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About Kevin Hennah

Kevin Hennah has worked closely with libraries since 2002 on strategies to maximise productivity of space and improve presentation and image. During this time he has visited in excess of 800 libraries throughout Australia, New Zealand, America, Asia and Europe.

Kevin's understanding of the operational requirements of libraries is coupled with practical advice that is sensitive to budget restrictions and challenges traditional thinking. He is the Author of The Victorian Public Libraries' Image Handbook and the featured author in Re-think, Ideas for Inspiring School Library Design.

On a weekly basis Kevin works hands-on with library staff sharing innovative ideas for makeovers at all budget levels. He has also had input into the design of dozens of new libraries both nationally and internationally.

As an extension of his conference presentations, Kevin Hennah has developed a suite of library-specific workshops that explore innovations in library design, layout, furnishings, navigation and signage. Extremely well received, his workshops are toured throughout Australia each year and have also been delivered in New Zealand, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Thailand and Japan.



"I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that your workshop was amazing. It has enabled us to create an extra dimension of collaboration among staff who do not work together on a daily basis, and have them strive to build momentum to improve the services they offer"

Ross Duncan. Team Leader. Sunshine Coast Regional Libraries. QLD. Australia

"This is the most useful seminar I have been to. It was full of practical ideas to enhance the libraries and enhance the borrowing by students"

Julie Langlands. Walloon & Tivoli State Schools. QLD. Australia

"Stimulating, Provocative, Fresh, Practical. Your ideas implemented across Australia will definitely constitute a specific legacy over time!"

Pip Sheehan. Trinity Anglican School. Cairns. QLD. Australia

"Excellent presentation, vibrant, inspiring. Beautifully targeted to meet the requirements of all types of libraries. A very big thank you"

Claire Nield. Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education. NT. Australia

"Great networking. Lot's of laughter and fun. Graphic presentation was thought provoking and inspiring. Loved the way you highlighted books and reading without taking away from new technologies"

Robin Hempel. Charles Darwin University. Darwin. NT. Australia

"Kevin Hennah was amazing! Very practical ideas that was easy to follow. Just great!"

Karin Capparelli. Buckley Park College Library. VIC. Australia

"Thank you for such an inspiring workshop. I have come away with so many great ideas. I'm very excited those back and using them. The most worthwhile in-service I have been to in ages"

Tania Davis. Henschke Primary School. NSW. Australia

"Plenty of ideas and contacts. Enthusiastic presentation. Thank you – extremely inspirational"

Margaret Chamberlain. South Australian Police. Australia

"This was one of the most enjoyable workshops I've attended. I've taken away lots of useful ideas. I didn't know what to expect but am leaving feeling extremely pleased that I attended"

Debbie Kirkbride. CQ University. QLD. Australia

"So many great ideas and a presenter who was very knowledgeable and easy to listen to!! One of the most inspiring PD sessions I have been to as a Teacher Librarian"

Tara Burton. King's Baptist Grammar School. WA. Australia

"This has been a fabulous day! Chock full of inspiring ideas!"

Alison Waters. St Michael's Collegiate School. Hobart. TAS. Australia

"I expected today to be good, but it was even better than I expected. So many great ideas"

Janet Nolan. Eastern Regional Libraries. VIC. Australia

"A great day. I felt continually motivated"

Jan Williams. St Kevin's College. VIC. Australia

"I had heard of Kevin's reputation but was still impressed by his wealth of practical and economical suggestions"

Sal Goeldner. Cairns Libraries. Australia

"This workshop was highly recommended and has proved so"

Fran Hughes. Catholic Education Cairns. Australia

"I just wanted to say a big thank you for your wonderful presentation! I haven't slept because my head is still swimming with ideas! Your presentation style – in terms of pace, tone and delivery – is the best I have seen!"

Ms Sarah Morgan. Revesby South PS. NSW. Australia

"Fantastic. Great work – a huge body of relevant background information and well presented"

Kay McPhee. North Coast TAFE. QLD. Australia

"I was enthralled"

Megan Taylor. Saint Francis Xavier College. ACT. Australia



"Totally inspiring: a reminder that the simple solutions are often the best. Fantastic day. All library staff need this sort of inspiration."

Karen Mills. ALIA. Australia

"Far exceeded my expectations of a 1-day workshop"

Tanya Flakemore. State Library of Tasmania. Australia

"Fantastic. One of the most useful workshops I've attended"

Rebekah Schultz. Hurstville Library. NSW. Australia

"A truly fantastic learning experience. A great opportunity to break out of 'old' mode and present a new 21st Century Library"

David Griffiths. Fairfield City Libraries. NSW. Australia

"One of the most inspiring PD sessions I have attended as a T-L!!!"

Tara Burton. Kings Baptist Grammar. SA. Australia

"Kevin has an eloquent and organised speaking manner. I was very enthused and he kept me fully engaged during the session"

Milena McKay. Adelaide City Council. SA. Australia

"Wonderful! Let's make books and the library sexy again!!!"

Judy Humphries – Fairview HTS, Toowoomba, QLD. Australia

"I always thoroughly enjoy Kevin's presentations. This one was very good – great graphics and images. Very entertaining, informative and insightful. Brilliant, as ever!"

Shirley Prescott. Melbourne Library Service. VIC. Australia

"Every library staff member should attend this workshop...and attend regular refreshers!"

Alison Katona. Moreland Libraries. VIC. Australia

"FANTASTIC – Kevin's enthusiasm and knowledge was contagious! I'm looking forward to utilising what I learnt/viewed today"

Annette. Aranmore Catholic College. WA. Australia

"My mind is spinning with ideas. I have heard a lot about Kevin Hennah (all good) and I was not disappointed"

Barbara Philip. Tanglin Trust School. Singapore

"Very inspirational with dozens of brilliant simple ideas. Very fast paced and thought provoking. You are undoing a library paradigm instilled centuries ago"

Darby Sinclair. Taipei American School. Taipei

"I hoped your workshop would be as good as I had heard. It was one of the best, relevant seminars for ages"

Megan Lindsay. Australian International School. Hong Kong

"Wow factor plus!!! Ultra contemporary concepts made easy. Thanks a million – Fabulous"

Kate Stanley. Overseas Family School. Singapore

"Engaging, Exciting, Stimulating and challenging. Not overwhelming but very information rich"

Kim Cofino. International School Bangkok. Thailand

"Fantastic!!! The best PD day I have ever attended!"

Benjamin Farr. Tanglin Trust School. Singapore

"An excellent range of suggestions with supporting evidence in an entertaining manner"

Jocelyn Holden. Overseas Family School. Singapore

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"Excellent in every way! Teacher-Librarians have long needed your type of directional advice"

John Byrne. Western Academy of Beijing. China

"The smile never left my face and my eyes were dancing with excitement!"

Tanja Kerbs. Canadian International School. Hong Kong

"A real professional, with design genius and actual real-world experience both in libraries AND retail. Inspiring!"

Suji DeHart. QSI Shekou. Shenzhen. China

"So many great ideas. Very inspirational"

Roslyn Woods. German International School

"A brilliant presentation and so many ideas to take back to school. You are a brilliant presenter, with so many practical ideas"

Virginia Gand. Hong Kong Academy

"Kevin is vibrant, creative, motivating, dynamic, fresh, challenging, funny, inspiring, original with extraordinary and innovative ideas that all libraries can use to promote their collections and services and increase loan and visitor statistics"

Julie Bailey. Barossa Council Public Library. South Australia

"Your presentation really filled the gap that I've missed out during my 7 years of library services"

Ching Cheung. King George V School. Hong Kong

"Practical, thought provoking and doable concepts"

Thompsons Lawyers

"Wonderful. Amazing. Thought Provoking. As a Principal this has given me so much to think about in terms of how to plan for our new library"

Maya Nelson. Hong Kong International School

"Brilliant, though provoking and inspirational. An amazing day that flew by. So many ideas and ways to move my library forward"

Stephanie Gilchrist. Quarry Bay School. Hong Kong

"I came today thinking it would be good BUT...it was excellent!!!

Kerry Pensini. Burdekin Library. Queensland. Australia

"One of the best presentations I've seen"

Michelle Mitolo. City of West Torrens. South Australia

"The (Rethink) workshop was one of the best I have ever been to. Filled with useful ideas and concepts. Wonderful".

Lesley Morgan. Central Highlands Libraries. Victoria. Australia

"One of the best workshops I have ever attended"

Catherine Hill. Clunes Library, Hepburn Shire. Victoria. Australia

"Fantastic. Every library worker needs to do this workshop. Inspired me to look differently at everything we do and have instead of sticking with what we know. Excellent"

Ainslie Guymer. Swan Hill Library. Victoria. Australia

(Following input) "Our circulation figures increased over a 12 month period of just over 50% compared to the same 12 months the previous year, with no increase in enrolment figures over that same period. Shelving on wheels has made the whole space totally flexible - even at short notice - ensuring the library can cater for needs long into the future"

Megan Reynolds. Grace College. Bunbury, WA

"EVERYONE working in libraries should attend"

Tiffanie Philpott. Charles Sturt University. South Australia