

## What is *Deakin*?

The *Deakin Review of Children's Literature* is an open access electronic quarterly review of contemporary materials of interest to children and young adults. The *Review* focuses primarily, but not exclusively, on Canadian English language children's books. French language reviews and peer review articles are also published. Books reviewed may be electronic or print and range from picture books and nonfiction through to young adult fiction.

Each issue contains approximately 25 reviews and includes an editorial and news relevant to children's literacy. Books are selected by the reviewers, so the scope of the content is as varied as the reviewers' interests. All books selected for review are added to the University of Alberta's Bruce Peel Special Collection as a non-circulating research collection.

The latest peer review articles include:

- *Selecting Fiction Books for a Children's Health Collection*
- *Building the Spanish Juvenile Fiction Collection at the University of Alberta's HT Coutts Education Library*

## Community Impact

We have had the opportunity to collaborate with different campus partners as well as with individuals in the greater Edmonton community to publish special editions of *The Deakin Review*, centred around a particular theme. These special issues have helped to expand our audience and impact as is illustrated by some of the quotes featured on this poster.



### Special Editions:

- **Winter Vol 2, No 3 (2012)**  
U of A Faculty of Education Graduate Students in the Teacher Librarianship by Distance Learning (TLDL) program with instructor Joanne Rodger.
- **Fall Vol 4, No 2 (2014)**  
Special Issue dedicated to health fiction.

### More Special Editions:

- **Summer Vol 4, No 1 (2014)**  
Interview with author Jill Bryant.
- **Spring Vol 4, No 4 (2015) - Double Issue**  
U of A Faculty of Education Graduate Students in EDEL 510 & EDES 546 with instructors Joanne Rodger & Lynne Wiltse.
- **Fall Vol 6, No 2 (2016)**  
"Read In Week" Issue - Ben Calf Robe - St. Clare School & Junior Kindergarten, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta.



### Examples of titles chosen by students at Ben Calf Robe School



Junior high students enjoyed the process of writing book reviews and sharing their opinions. When asked for their feedback...

*What is your favourite thing about doing an online book review?*

**"You don't have to do Math"** 😄

## Future Collaborations

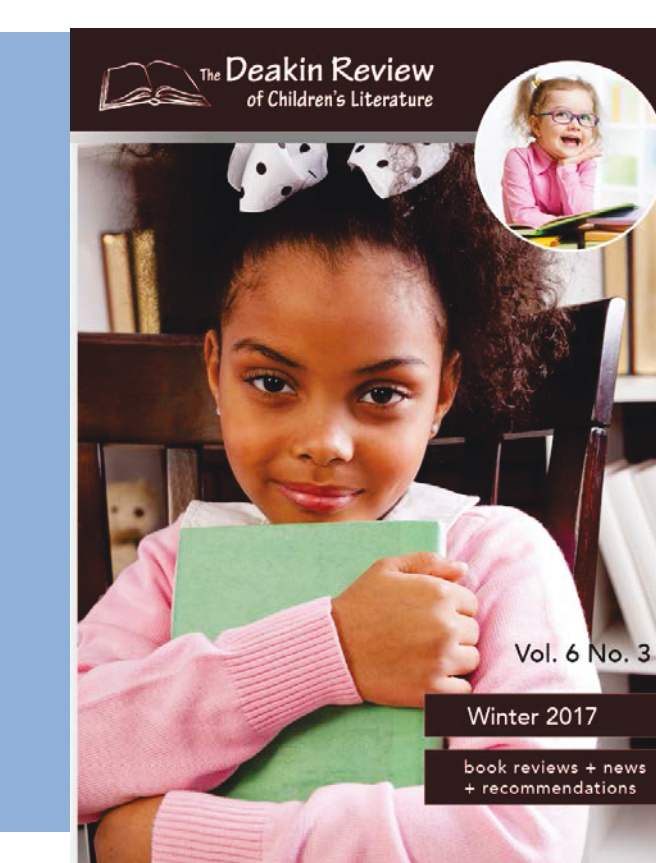
**Spring Vol 6, No 4 (2017)** - Reviewers: Lynne Wiltse's EDEL 510, Children's Literature in the Elementary School.

**Summer Vol 7, No 1 (2017)** - Reviewers: Margaret Mackey's LIS 585 (SLIS), Multimedia Literacies; reviews of multimedia objects.  
Interview with author Joyce Grant (May 2017), media literacy.

## Want to Get Involved?

- Write an article for peer review
- Suggest a topic for a special issue
- Review books for us

For more information: <https://goo.gl/U6nKBO>



As an instructor, I was glad to give my students **opportunities to contribute to their profession and practice their 'real life' book reviewing skills!**

- Joanne Rodger, PhD, Adjunct Assistant Professor

The opportunity for the graduate students in my "Children's Literature in the Elementary School" (EDEL 510) course to write book reviews for special issues of the *Deakin Review of Children's Literature* has been **a powerful learning experience.**

- Lynne Wiltse, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Elementary Education