

More Children's Folklore Connections

Our 2008 issue featured a column from by McDowell of the Children's Folklore Section exploring connections between their section and ours. In this issue, we'd like to continue the theme by presenting several updates about recent scholarship in children's folklore that might be of particular interest to educators. Below, news about a new children's folklore collecting initiative; in this issue's Feature, Gregory Hansen reviews several recent collections of folktales for children and discusses their classroom potential; and of course, be sure to click on the "Book Corner" icon for news about the 2008 Aesop Award winners.

"Childhood, Tradition and Change": A National Study of Australian Children's Playlore

Scholars from three Australian universities (the University of Melbourne, Deakin University and Curtin University) are collaborating with the National Library of Australia and Museum Victoria in a four-year research project with major funding from the Australian Research Council. "Childhood, Tradition and Change" is a nationwide study to examine the historical and cultural development of Australian children's playlore over a fifty-year period. The project will produce the first comprehensive national study of continuity and change in children's playlore in Australia from the 1950s to the present. Fieldworkers are traveling to selected primary

schools in every Australian State and Territory to collect material for comparison with earlier research, particularly the considerable archive of children's folklore in the Australian Children's Folklore Collection (ACFC), which stretches back to the 1870s. The ACFC includes the extensive fieldwork carried out in Australia in 1954-55 by the American folklorist Dorothy Howard. The project's website is www.australian.unimelb.edu.au/CTC



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