



National Year of Reading 2012

Can you read this?

Then you're one of the 54% of Australians who are prose literate. You're in the majority – but only just.

Nearly half the population struggles without the literacy skills to meet the most basic demands of everyday life and work. There are 46% of Australians who can't read newspapers; follow a recipe; make sense of timetables, or understand the instructions on a medicine bottle.

This means that more than four out of every 10 Australians are denied the joy and inspiration of reading for pleasure. They miss the opportunity to imagine life through someone else's eyes; to experience romance, adventure and excitement in the pages of a book.

Australian libraries and library associations are behind a campaign to turn 2012 into the National Year of Reading, linking together all the great things that are already happening around books, reading and literacy, and giving them an extra boost, with fun programs and activities taking place across the country.

We'll be partnering with government, writers, schools, publishers, booksellers, employers, child care providers, health professionals and a whole host of other organisations that share our passion for reading – and while there will be plenty happening at a national level, we'd love you to run your own local events.

Find out more on our website www.love2read.org.au and **Facebook – search for love2read** – or contact us direct donna@thelibraryagency.org.au.



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