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We've still got five weeks to go until the closing date of Friday 5 August, with prizes for both published and unpublished writers, so please keep them coming. You can find out all about the competition on our [website](#) and if you can help us promote it, you'll find a website device and a flyer to download on our [wiki](#).

Your dates on our calendar

We're putting together a calendar of events for 2012 and even if you haven't finalised the dates, we'd love to hear what you're planning for the National Year of Reading. We need to start building up the bigger picture of who's doing what, so please send a 'heads up' to brenda@thelibraryagency.org.au.

Sing out

We've heard of some fantastic ideas for celebrating the National Year of Reading, but this one has to be the most unusual so far. Marlies Tames in Melbourne has formed the National Year of Reading library choir. The first session was on Thursday 16 June at Newlands Senior Citizen Centre, Murray Road, Coburg. It attracted 20 singers from eight different libraries. Music pro Jacqueline Gawler accompanied the singers on her djembe drum. If you'd like to join the choir, contact Marlies - marliesit@gmail.com. The next session is on Thursday 7 July.

More ambassadors

We have already revealed four award-winning children's and young adult writers as our ambassadors, this month we're delighted to preview another few of our 2012 VIPs: celebrity demographer and writer [Bernard Salt](#), one of Australia's best known photographers [Steve Parish](#), and concert pianist and author [Anna Goldsworthy](#).

Putting it another way

Horizontal logo not working for you? Go to our [wiki](#) and you'll find vertical versions in five different colourways.

Street banners

One local council has already decided to make street banners for the National Year of Reading. We've designed a generic version so if you think it's a good idea, just get in touch and we'll send you the artwork with a space for your logo. Contact brenda@thelibraryagency.org.au.

Online banners

If you have space on your website, we'd love you to download the animated gif banners from our [wiki](#). A big thank you to Thorpe Bowker, publishers of

Bookseller+Publisher and Library News, for being the first to use them.

Website revamp coming soon

If you're looking for ideas for new books for you and your family, you will find the content on our website a bit thin at the moment. We'll be relaunching the website on 1 September, with lots more for content for readers of all ages.

We'd love to hear from you

National Year of Reading project team, working on behalf of the founder partners:

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If you have any questions please drop us a line or call Sue on 0404 456749. The next newsletter will be out at the end of July, so let us know if there's a story you would like us to include. If you have had this e-newsletter forwarded to you, and would like to receive future issues, just add your details to the mailing list on our [website](#).