



National Year of Reading 2012

2012 will see a whole heap of amazing, fun, reading activities taking place around Australia and online, so people of all ages, from different backgrounds, can discover and rediscover the joy of reading.

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 inspirational programs and events taking place across the country.

It's never too late ... to learn to read. An Adult Learners' Week short story writing competition. The winning entries were announced on 1 September 2011, to coincide with the start of Adult Learners' Week. Read and listen to some of the stories on our website. The competition was in partnership with Writing Australia and the Australian Library and Information Association, supported by the NT Writers Centre, Queensland Writers Centre and writingWA, funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through Adult Learners' Week National Grant Funding.

Celebrating Indigenous reading, writing and storytelling. Events in Alice Springs in 2011 and Darwin in 2012. Find out more about our partners the Indigenous Literacy Foundation www.indigenoussliteracyfoundation.org.au, the IAD Press www.iadpress.com, and the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation www.alnf.org.

Writers-in-residence. Our first writer-in-residence was in the Northern Territory in August 2011, sponsored by the Northern Territory Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport. More will follow in every state and territory in 2012, funded by corporate partners and under the Workplace English Language and Literacy Program by the Australian Government through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

One Country Reading. The search for eight books to define the Australian experience; a creative reading prize for teenagers; and a journey around the country with Alison Lester's book *Are We There Yet?* funded by the Australian Government.

Good Reading Magazine. Look out for the special editions of Good Reading Magazine in September 2011, February and August 2012. Visit www.goodreadingmagazine.com.au and send your news and story ideas to info@thelibraryagency.org.au.

What's happening

14 February 2012

National Year of Reading and One Country Reading launch event at the National Library of Australia and in libraries across the nation.

25 August 2012

The Reading Hour in libraries, bookshops and other special places.

Find out what's happening near you: when the National Year of Reading touring exhibition will be coming to your region; where to go to see the first Australian Children's Laureate and to meet our Ambassadors. It's all at www.love2read.org.au.



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