

# National Simultaneous Storytime 2007

Thursday 6 September 2007 at 11:00am

to attend IFLA in Durban in 2007. Many libraries across Australia, large and small, contributed funds raised through donations, morning teas, raffles, pizza lunches and sale of second-hand books to assist in raising AU\$10,609. The funds have been used to pay registration fees for sixteen librarians to attend the World Library and Information Congress in Durban. The IFLA Governing Board is also providing some funding to assist the grantees with travelling and accommodation expenses. IFLA and LIASA have completed the selection process, and the successful recipients are from Botswana (2), Kenya (2), Malawi (2), Mauritius (1), Namibia (2), Tanzania (2), Uganda (2), Zambia (2), and Zimbabwe (1). The types of libraries represented are Public (2), Special (6), Academic (6), National (1), and School (1). The Special Libraries include Medical (2), Agriculture (1), Government (1), NGO (1) and Education (1).

Thanks from ALIA to Sharon Karasmanis and the team at La Trobe, and all the libraries, library staff and members of the community who contributed to this magnificent effort. It will make IFLA 2007 even more successful in engaging and supporting library staff from developing countries.

One fine day, from out of town and without any warning at all a magic hat appears in the sky...

We are thrilled to announce that this year's National Simultaneous Storytime book is *The Magic Hat* by Mem Fox! The book is delightfully illustrated by Tricia Tusa and published by Scholastic, the major sponsor for National Simultaneous Storytime for 2007.

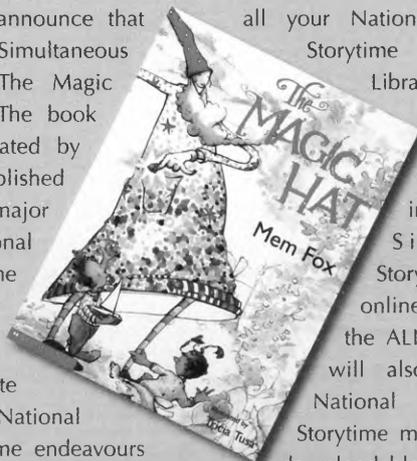
This is a wonderful opportunity to promote your library! National Simultaneous Storytime endeavours to promote the value of reading and literacy and the value of books; and to encourage storytime activities around the country.

National Simultaneous Storytime provides a great opportunity to involve parents, grandparent, the media and others to enjoy the occasion. Invite your local celebrity or politician to read aloud at your library, you can dress-up,

or organise a themed party! The options are only limited to your imagination!

ALIA will provide a one-stop shop for all your National Simultaneous Storytime participation. Libraries, schools and centres who would like to take part in the National Simultaneous Storytime can register online from mid July on the ALIA website. ALIA will also be providing National Simultaneous Storytime merchandise via a downloadable order form and via our online shop to give you the opportunity to decorate your library in a Magic Hat theme.

For more information on National Simultaneous Storytime, visit <http://www.alia.org.au/advocacy/storytime/2007/>. Registrations and merchandise will be available from mid July onwards.



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