

Your stories from Library and Information Week and National Simultaneous Storytime



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Passport to Discovery...with food!

The staff at the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) attended a morning tea hosted by the Knowledge Resources Team to celebrate LIW and support the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea.

As the LIW theme was Passport to Discovery, staff were invited to bring a plate of goodies from another country, which resulted in delicious food from many diverse nations.

Over \$200 was raised for cancer research, awareness was raised about the library services, and many staff also enjoyed an informative tour of the Museum of Anaesthetic History.

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Bribie Island

Bribie Island Library celebrated LIW with the "Come Alive – Discover Our Local History" event on Friday 29 May. A crowd of over 70 people were entertained by six local historians/authors who shared the strangest/funniest stories they have unearthed in their research. The guest panel included: Leith Barter (Pine Rivers), Ron Donald (Moreton Bay), Pat Gee (Redcliffe), Dr James Lergessgner (Moreton Bay and surrounds), Peter Ludlow (Moreton Bay) and Michelle Smith (Redcliffe Museum Curator).

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The Melbourne library has not celebrated LIW before, but this year we wanted to show that the week is fun (and educational) for all libraries! We came up with activities for a corporate setting.

First was a colouring-in competition for the staff's children. We received over 20 entries, displayed in the library for the week.

Second was a daily email of research hints and tips from firm partners and senior counsel, named 'Partners Picks', to support the library's reference and training role in the firm.

Next came a legal/library/literature-themed crossword. The first completely correct entry won a supply of Haigh's chocolates.

Finally, we had a free book giveaway – always popular and the library was able to free up some space by giving away duplicate textbooks and legislation.

Overall, the week was a great success and we are eagerly planning next year already!

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Dubbo

At Dubbo Branch, Macquarie Regional Library, an interactive morning for 0-5 year olds Read/Play/Learn@your library was held on Monday 25th May, with six stations to visit – gross motor skills, music & movement, literacy, creativity, cognition, and science & technology. The participants at the creativity station composed a collage of a sheep for an NSS display.

Dubbo Branch Library was transformed into a farm with hay bales and animal puppets for this year's National Simultaneous Storytime. Staff dressed in their favourite jeans, flannel shirts and akubras. Councillor Richard Mutton was the library's special guest reader. Our other special guests were the Dubbo Spinners and Weavers who showcased their skills with a demonstration of wool spinning to 90 children, parents and grandparents, confirming how this can be a fun experience for all ages.

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Taree

Greater Taree City Libraries celebrated LIW and highlighted the important role public libraries play in the community including well-attended, free law talks from the Law Society of NSW and National Simultaneous Storytime, held for the first time at all four branches, attended by over 150 people.

Children were further spoiled on Thursday with a special visit from children's author Stephen Michael King at Taree Library – the first group in the world to hear Stephen's new book.

Greater Taree City Libraries also asked the community what the library means to them, receiving a great response, and culminating in a presentation ceremony and afternoon tea. The overall week was a great success and we are looking forward to 2010!

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Libraries on location

On the first day of LIW the Hobsons Bay Libraries team packed up the laptop, 50 library cards, promotional material, and wandered over to the Altona Meadows Shopping Centre to be 'on location'.

Our launch of the Libraries on Location initiative was an outstanding success: a day of connecting with people through interesting conversations, and going beyond the borders of our buildings.



Handing over passports to discovery ('aka' library cards) was exciting. We managed to give a 'passport' to the wife of the shopping centre owner, a seven-day-old baby on her way home from hospital, and a woman who walked past the library three times every day but never stepped inside. Lots of new subscribers to our eNewsletter and many more people engaged with our services and events.

An inspirational day, lots of fun which left us asking one question: 'where to next for Libraries on Location?'

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Passport pleasures

The HV Evatt Library opened LIW with an invitation-only, after work drinks function for our most valued clients.

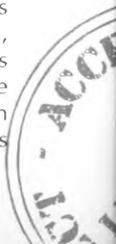
Two days later we held our third annual Brains Trust Quiz. Ten teams managed to squeeze into the library for an hour and a half of fun and frivolity, led by our quiz master, Reference Librarian Jenny Ensby. The quiz round 'Passport Pleasures' was inspired by this year's LIW slogan.

The two events achieved our aim of promoting library services and showcasing library facilities to potential new clients.

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Joondalup

What better way to celebrate LIW than with a Community Collage which began its life at the annual City of Joondalup Festival? Our Youth and Children's Services Officer, with artist Greg Hill, prepared the concept. Pre-loved pages from discard stock were used for the collage background. The community then created a second layer of coloured papers



with their favourite author/title and glued these onto the panels. Greg completed the artworks with a layer of lacquer.



Now, the panels are free standing art and a dividing screen with up to four panels.

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Logan City

What a great week for the Logan City Council Libraries. The combination of NSS and LIW set all of our libraries abuzz with events and activities. Regardless of age or tastes there was something on offer at one of our branches. During NSS *Pete the Sheep* and *Where is the Green Sheep* were read, followed by a sheep-themed sing-along and craft. Over 1000 children attended events during the week. LIW is always a reason to celebrate and this year was no different. Flowers were handed out to the patron of the day, special talks and events were organised, and there were plenty of prizes and giveaways.

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Lights, camera, LIW!

Camden Council Library Service asked for video testimonials from our visitors during Library and Information Week. Following the theme for this year, we asked what people have discovered in their library, and why it is that they visit. Although some were reluctant to get on camera despite the fact that we have arguably the best looking library visitors, many happily participated and gave us some fantastic footage, telling us what brings them back and how much the library forms an integral part of our community. You can see the films on our website at <http://www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au> or on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/camdenlib>.

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Orange

Orange City Library began LIW with a live broadcast by ABC Central West Radio. Morning Show host Janice McGilchrist set up residence at the Homework Help Desk and interviewed Central West Libraries Manager and ALIA President Jan Richards on the valuable role libraries play in our communities, Technical Services Librarian Ros Dorsman about Internet and email classes, Reading and Writing Coordinator

Jasmine Vidler about how to write a book review, Local Studies Librarian Peter Douglass on the local studies collection and popularity of family history research, and Orange City Librarian Elizabeth Barry on Storytime. It was a fantastic opportunity



to highlight Central West Libraries services and talk about this year's theme, for patrons visiting the library to go behind the scenes of an on-air radio program, and for the library team to be radio stars!

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Woollahra Library and Information Service

Wednesday: NSS at our Double Bay Central Library and at Woollahra Preschool. Over 80 children enjoyed *Pete the Sheep* and activities.

Thursday: The sun came out as we hosted the Biggest Morning Tea @ Woollahra Library, raising \$230 for the Cancer Council.



Friday: Author Jane Gleeson-White presented on the importance of the classics at our Tea Topic, Classics: Books for Life.

Saturday and Sunday: The rain could not keep away the community for our Annual Bookfair raising over \$8,000 for the Library.

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Port Stephens

Port Stephens Library held three events to celebrate LIW 2009. Tomaree Library hosted John Suter Linton on 28 May: John spoke to an audience of 30 about his Australian true crime books, particularly the most recent – and of great interest to locals – *Murder at Anna Bay*.

Port Stephens Library partnered with Travelworld Salamander Bay to hold a travel talk evening at Tomaree Library on 26 May. Grant Mason from Travelworld gave an interesting talk and slide show

presentation on Vietnam, with advice and information based on his own experiences.

Both Tomaree and Raymond Terrace Library participated in reading *Pete the Sheep* simultaneously to 53 children. Councillor Sally Dover, a grandmother of nine children herself, did a wonderful reading and the children were absorbed in the story and the beautiful illustrations.

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Riverina

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. No, hang on, that was a line from one of the quiz questions. Actually it was the best of times; and it was a Tale of Three Cities, not two. Librarians and booklovers came from near and far – well, Wagga Wagga, Albury, and Wodonga. The location was the Rivers Training Restaurant at the Albury campus of Riverina TAFE; the occasion was an LIW dinner.

The only drawback was that guests were subjected to the anxiety of a quiz. What happens if you put a group of hyper-competitive librarians together in one place? You get a quiz with obscure questions about literature!

Lest anyone infer that the evening was merely social, it should be reported that it was a supremely productive networking event. The room was buzzing with the rapid exchange of professional information, and we were all exposed to new ideas and approaches – a passport to discovery.

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Cubs visit for LIW

Lake Macquarie City Library invited Cub groups to visit their local libraries to celebrate LIW.

During the visits, Cubs worked on their Literature and Information Technology Badges, had a tour of the library, and learned to use the library catalogue. Cubs tested their skills in teams as they completed *Mission Possible*, an activity that had children enthusiastically retrieving books in a race against time and each other. During the week, we had four Cub groups visit a Lake Macquarie City Library, bringing a total of 80 cubs and 16 leaders into libraries. Children who were not already library members joined on the night and some have visited again.

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Botany Bay

To celebrate LIW 2009, the City of Botany Bay Library Service participated in the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea.

'Tea in the Library' was held in two locations, with local businesses jumping at the opportunity to donate items for the tea or raffle.



The staff from the Body Shop offered free hand massages at Eastgardens library. At Mascot library, a local café donated all the food and encouraged their customers to attend. We even had some old school friends catch up after 60 years!

Once in the library, we informed patrons about our many health-related resources... including our internet computers available for a visit to the Cancer Council's website!

All up 'Tea in the Library' raised over \$350 and was a highly successful event.

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Yarra Plenty

The Yarra Plenty Regional Library branches provided passports to some very interesting discoveries during LIW, with more than 800 people venturing into fascinating worlds via the library.

Early morning train travellers at Rosanna station received a free book from Rosanna Library and train company Connex staff, with the internet site BookCrossing.com tracking the books' journeys.



Eltham Library issued a passport to discover to an extraordinary art exhibition of paintings inspired by books at Eltham Library. Local writers in turn wrote stories inspired by the pictures. Visitors could then guess which inspired which.

Diamond Valley Library was the venue for heat four of the Melbourne Writers' Festival's 'Poetry Idol'. Sixteen poets braved the stage to deliver their creativity live.

New and existing library members also embarked on their own journeys of discovery, venturing into tarot, family history, dream-like puppets, and social media, and the secret to a good coffee.

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Mosman Library vs That Search Engine

Mosman Library vs That Search Engine (mosmanlibraryblogs.com/challenge) pitted Mosman Library's electronic resources against search box information, during LIW. Reference Librarian Jane Broadbent represented Mosman Library. Internet & IT Services Librarian Ken Donnellan represented the search engine. Each day we posted a question at 10am, with the players posting their answer by midday.

Visitors to the site were invited to vote for the best answer, with voting open for 24 hours. Visitors could also comment, and we were surprised but pleased with the entertaining discussion that ensued.

Response has been overwhelmingly positive, with one of our Councillors raising it as a Question without Notice in a Council Meeting, praising the initiative.

Getting good questions was difficult and required some lateral thinking. We weighted the questions in favour of our online databases, but the process gave us insights into the strengths and weaknesses of both strategies.

Result? Mosman Library took the rounds 4-1, but the winner is the library customer!

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NSS at Ashfield

The Ashfield and Haberfield Libraries made use of the copyright approval to scan and project Jackie French's *Pete the Sheep* – although with a few hiccoughs.

Pete the sheep on large screen worked wonderfully at Ashfield as Councillor Kelso read to two pre-school groups. Haberfield Library had Ashfield Deputy Mayor, Councillor Morris Mansour as special guest reader. To complement the Aussie theme we also read *Give me a home among the gum trees* at Haberfield, and *Diary of a wombat* by Jackie French at Ashfield. Afterwards the children coloured in a picture of Pete, and decorated him with cotton wool.

Thank you to the ALIA NSS committee for organising this event. Ashfield's councillors received great written feedback from our community, thanking the library for the opportunity to be a part of this national event and promoting the value of early literacy skills.

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Wadeye and Northern Territory

The Honourable Alison Anderson, MLA, Minister for Arts and Museums and Shellie Morris, Australian Indigenous singer and songwriter were the guest storytellers at the Wadeye Library and Knowledge Centres and the Northern Territory Library, located at Parliament House, Darwin. The two storytime events were part of the Northern Territory Library *Walk to School Strategy*, which articulates the NT Library's approach to library-based Indigenous early year's literacy programs for remote Indigenous communities, and defines a plan of action for 2008 to 2010. This strategy has been enabled through funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Access to Learning Award.

The *Walk to School Strategy* is about helping Indigenous parents and carers prepare young children for school. Positive early literacy experiences equip young children with a developing understanding

of text and a joy of reading and learning. The strategy highlights the importance of reading and literacy for children, while demonstrating how it can be fun.



Northern Territory Library project officers, Koulla Giannikouris and Sandy Stuart spent several months planning the two storytime events. This included accessing *Pete the Sheep* books for distribution at the community so local residents could become familiar with the story content, discussion and development of appropriate resources about sheep for English as Second Language (ESL) children, and requesting prominent Indigenous storytellers for each event. Koulla Giannikouris undertook a trip to Wadeye a month before the event to meet with the community library officers, school staff, and Save the Children staff to discuss the forthcoming event and to promote sheep and shearers humour. In the Northern Territory, sheep are permitted only under special circumstances.

The Wadeye community library officers had spent many hours decorating the library, which featured a *Pete the Sheep* banner made out of woolly pom poms, a display of toy sheep, cattle dogs, sheep picture books, and real wool brought all the way from Melbourne.

The Honourable Alison Anderson read *Pete the Sheep* to the Year Five Class from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School, Wadeye. Singer and songwriter Shellie Morris read to the Year 2/3 students from Karama Primary School who travelled to the Northern Territory Library based at Parliament House. With Shellie's experience in teaching and motivation the children created and sang their own *Pete the Sheep* song.

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Burwood

Burwood Library got into the spirit of NSS with a theatrical reading of *Pete the Sheep*. Enhancing the themes of sheep and all things Australian, staff dressed up in singlets and Akubra hats and acted out the story – Hollywood here we come! The children were given musical instruments and sang, clapped, jingled, and jammed their way through a rousing rendition of 'Waltzing Matilda' and 'Click goes the Shears'. *Pete the Sheep* was a huge success with the multicultural crowd enjoying the performance and the staff enjoying

the chance to foster a love of reading and explore a slice of Australiana in an imaginative and fun way.

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Casino

Casino Library saw 120 children and 10 teachers from the local primary school flock to NSS.

On a barber shop seat was Pete himself, a wonderful Folkmanis puppet from the library's storytime collection. Other characters on hand to help tell the woolly story were sheep dogs Brute and Fang. There were plenty of sheep-themed stories read during the half-hour storytime and the odd sheepish joke thrown in for good measure. Afterwards, the children were herded back to school with their *Pete the Sheep* bookmark and colour-in sheet tucked safely under their golden fleece.

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City of Stirling

We had a fantastic time at NSS with Rick Ardon and Monika Kos from the Channel 7 Perth News Team reading *Pete the Sheep* by Jackie French and Bruce Whately.

With over 120 parents and babies coming along, NSS Baby Rhyme Time @ Karrinyup Library was a happy and noisy event. We thank Rick for reading for us. It was great to hear his anecdotes about eading to his own children as babies and what a special job it is.



We had over 60 active toddlers demonstrate their wonderful songs, rhymes, and actions for Monika at Scarborough Library. Everyone greatly appreciated Monika staying back to chat to the kids.

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Coffs Harbour

Ninety people attended a "Big Screen" production of *Pete the Sheep* for NSS at Coff's Harbour Library. The availability of the PowerPoint presentation was a welcome initiative, and this centralisation of resources saved countless many hours.

NSS session time coincides with our regular Storytime for Preschoolers Sessions, and we also invited all of the Preschools in our region to attend.

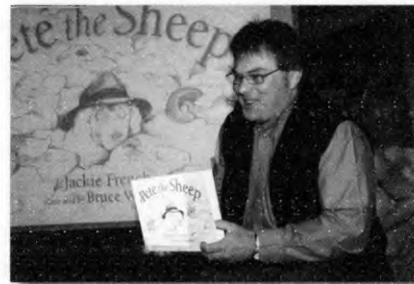
We look forward to NSS every year and now can't wait for Children's Book Week in August – both are great events for showcasing our services to the community.



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Geelong

Geelong Regional Library Corporation Chairman, Cr Rod Macdonald brought *Pete the Sheep* to life with a very enthusiastic reading to students from St Mary's Primary School (Geelong) in the authentic surrounds of a replica shearing shed at The National Wool Museum Geelong. Ten branches of Geelong Regional Libraries participated in NSS, delighting an audience of 295 children.



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Traralgon

All the staff and students at Grey Street Primary School, Traralgon, recently participated in NSS. Many of Grey Street's classes took the opportunity to read the book digitally, using their interactive whiteboards, while others opted for the more traditional approach of the hard-covered book. We were delighted with the participation level and the enthusiasm for the book from students of all ages were. Even the teachers were heard to chuckle!

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Heathcote

Last year Heathcote Primary School invited Year 7 students from our partner school Heathcote High to come and celebrate NSS with us. Building on the positive literacy outcomes of this experience, we decided to repeat and expand this event in 2009.

We were pleased that Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter accepted our invitation to be the celebrity storyteller. He donned a shearer's akubra to read to an enthusiastic

audience of 50 Kinder-Year 2 children, their Year 7 buddies, and some staff. The Heathcote High students then tried out their own storytelling skills by reading to their buddies. The younger students were encouraged to ask their mentors about favourite primary school books – an excellent icebreaker for avid discussions. The children then made sheep hairdos on masks. The event ended with everyone enjoying a *Pete the Sheep* cupcake.

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Kempsey

Major flooding on the NSW mid-north coast the weekend before NSS made getting in to Kempsey Library a little challenging. However flooded roads and washed out bridges didn't stop a small but



enthusiastic group of children and their carers turning up to enjoy the book and activities. There were pictures of Shaun the shearer and *Pete the Sheep* to colour in (downloaded from the ALIA website) and sheep masks to cut out and decorate with a special hair-do. Two Family Day Care mums enjoyed their first visit to the library with their young charges, and took the opportunity to join up as members.

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Kogarah

With the help of a local puppeteer and an assortment of lambs, llamas, calves, kids, ducks, and chooks, *Pete the Sheep* came to life at Kogarah Library. Children's Librarian, Jo Henwood presented a Storytime session for around 120 children. She was joined by puppets Shaun and Brute who added their own voices to the story. After the story the children could pat the farmyard animals, do some craft, or hear more stories and rhymes in Kogarah's Town Square.

NSS lasted three days at Kogarah as the puppets and animals travelled to branch libraries. Overall, 220 children met Pete and his friends.

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Latrobe

This year, Latrobe Primary School once again invited guest readers to our school to read to the children. There were three separate venues, mixing upper and lower primary groups together. Our guest readers this year were wonderful children's author



Sally Farrell-Odges – a member of our local community, our retired librarian Mrs. Ronah Beard, and our PE teacher, Mr. Kris Von Schill – sporty boys read too! The day was a great success thanks to the participation and dedication of our readers.

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Lilydale



One hundred students in Prep to Grade 2 classes crammed into the Lilydale Community Library, Tasmania, to participate in NSS. Presenting the electronic version of *Pete the Sheep* via a flat screen TV ensured that everyone could enjoy the illustrations as the teacher librarian read the story to the group. Judging from the entranced and laughter-filled faces the story was a great success. Follow up activities included making masks for role-play of the different characters.

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Maitland

Maitland City Library branches were the scene of hay bales, fresh produce and farmers on Wednesday 27 May. All library staff dressed in their most authentic farm gear, from checked flannelette shirts and blue singlets to riding boots and driza-bones. Props included wool and the odd cattle-prod to keep the unruly in line. The country theme was explored in a range of other stories and songs, including the standard *Old Macdonald had a Farm*.



Storytellers included two councillors, City Librarian, Keryl Collard, and Information/Systems Coordinator, Peter Woodley. In

keeping with spirit, a representative from the Newcastle Spinners and Weavers Association was on hand at East Maitland Library to demonstrate wool spinning.

We're not sure who had more fun – library staff or children!

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Mid-Western Regional Council Library

The air was full of baa-ing and barking at Mid-Western Regional Council's celebration of *Pete the Sheep*. The library's two Wednesday Bookworms storytime groups met together for the occasion, along with a group from our local pre-school, who wore sheep masks and dressed as shearers. Local members of the CWA loaned us bales of wool for atmosphere!

Our guest storyteller was Mr Warwick Bennett, the General Manager of Council, who has been a part of NSS for two years and has the time of his life. The children enjoyed songs, rhymes, games, and a rebus story as well as *Pete the Sheep* and they each went away with a model sheep they had made. A great time was had by all!

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Parramatta

Communicating the message of NSS presents a unique challenge to the Parramatta City librarians, as English is often not the primary language in our culturally diverse audience. Some things, however, are universal and children soon broke through any language barriers, making sheep noises throughout the story. Early on, the sound of "Baa baa" made it clear that the children of Parramatta were eager to discover Pete's next great idea. Over 150 children attended across all six of the Parramatta City Libraries, highlighting the importance of reading and literacy and demonstrating how much fun reading is for all children.

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Staff from Petersham College Library (Sydney Institute of TAFE) entertained the college child care centre with an animated reading of *Pete the Sheep* and other animal stories in the new child studies space at West St Campus library. Gathered together on a picnic rug with a soft toy sheep to share, the little ones were quite amused by the story and enjoyed exploring the children's book box afterwards!

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Narrogin

As part of the celebrations for NSS, Narrogin children were given the chance to meet and feed a real-life Pete. A local



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Queanbeyan

Queanbeyan City Library joined organisations across the country for NSS. The story was read by children's assistant librarian Emma Ciechan, who was followed by special guest, local bush poet David Meyers. David had the children clapping along to 'Click go the shears' and listening attentively while he read some poetry. The children watched a short film on shearing and made their own Pete (complete with salon style hair) to take home.

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Scarborough

Scarborough State School once again participated in NSS this year. As teacher-librarian, I thought it would be an enjoyable twist on a very Australian picture book to have our LOTE teacher, Mr Tim Wallace, read the story in Japanese. He did an absolutely wonderful job in the storytelling! Our reading in Japanese and English was accompanied by a Powerpoint presentation of the book so that students had full sensory engagement. Our school fully endorses ALIA's purpose in creating the event: promoting literature and its enjoyment, promoting Australian writers and illustrators, promoting libraries and reading, and the value of books.

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Rockingham

At Rockingham Regional Campus Library we made the most of marketing our Simultaneous Storytime Session by running a colouring completion to name the new Storytime Sheep Puppet. Grant Stone, our local celebrity librarian from Murdoch University, read *Pete the Sheep* and other stories to attendees before awarding a copy the book to our competition winner, Eric Smith, who named our puppet Cheryl. According to the children, singing 'Baa Baa Black Sheep' to start every pre school Storytime session is a must at Rockingham!

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Singleton

The highlight of LIW is always NSS. Not only do we love *Pete the Sheep*, we love *Where is the Green Sheep*, 'Baa Baa Black Sheep', all things...well... sheep!



We made our own sheep stick puppets with wonderful cotton wool hairdos. The combination of the old nursery rhymes with the funny and witty Jackie French book was a huge success.

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South Burnett

If you had gone to the South Burnett Libraries on the morning of 27 May you may have wondered about all the shearers. It was just the staff getting into character for *Pete the Sheep*. In the Blackbutt Library, a local artisan showed how raw wool is spun into yarn and donated some lovely white wool for our sheep puppets. In Kingaroy a trail of paper shears led the children to an area with games and crafts. In Nanango the staff members donned borrowed battered Akubras, Drizabone coats, and Jackie Howe singlets. In Proston the library went to the local school – so many students



wanted to join the library couldn't hold them! Our libraries all joined in NSS but added our own creative touches.

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TafeSA

Elizabeth Campus Library hosted NSS with an invitation extended to our Child Care Centre. We combined story time with Library & Information Week, showcasing all of our collection including the children's literature area. We did some 'sheepish' activities and listened to *Pete the Sheep*. This was followed by a delicious morning tea. A great time was had by all.

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Willoughby

Willoughby City Library spun into action to help celebrate NSS. We had not one, but three special guests. Library & Community Learning Services Manager Michele Burton was joined by HarperCollins Australia CEO Michael Moynahan and members of the children's team in a Readers Theatre presentation of *Pete the Sheep*.



Our third special guest was Lesley Suzuki, staff member and wool spinner extraordinaire. Lesley explained how to turn sheep's fleece into clothes, including a demonstration of shearers' clippers and traditional spinning. The morning was topped off with the children completing their *Pete the Sheep* craft with real wool.

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Wimmera

Stylish hairdos were the order of the day for NSS in the Wimmera. Horsham and Dimboola branches invited local hairdressers to create hairstyles that would have done Pete proud, while Pete himself made an appearance at Nhill, with librarian Mary bringing one of her pet lambs along.



Library Week encouraged borrowers to "Travel around the World in 80 books" showcasing 80 books set in locations worldwide, and the chance to win a \$100 travel voucher.

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Shoalhaven

We had the honour of celebrating NSS this year with *Pete the Sheep* illustrator Bruce Whatley. Bruce entertained over 120 children, reading and discussing the illustration process, including a display of some of the original drawings. Bruce also demonstrated easy-to-draw cartoons and emotions.

We used the powerpoint pre-presentation of *Pete the Sheep*. This was a really effective

way of enhancing the interaction and the kids loved it. Everyone got a sticker and activity booklet to take home. big thank you to Kamara from ALIA and to Bruce for entertaining us! We loved it!

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Braidwood

This year NSS was busy: *Pete the Sheep* author Jackie French lives in the district, and very kindly agreed to come and read her book to the children. Our other special guests were Sue Hutley, ALIA Executive Director, and Kamara Schlegel, ALIA Events Manager. We had two groups during the morning: Jackie read *Pete the Sheep* with lots of barking, baaing, and growling help



to approximately 50 kids from the local Central School, and about 30 from the Pre School, Playgroup, and the community. After a question and answer session the children made wonderful masks. We would like to thank Jackie, Sue, and Kamara for being our special guests.

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Mary Hamon and Emily Tillema
read during NSS

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