

Go orange for harmony!

Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on 21 March each year. It's a day when all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The day is also the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Harmony Day is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) and gives people the opportunity to celebrate what makes each Australian unique and share what we have in common.

The continuing message for Harmony Day in 2012 is that **Everyone Belongs**, which means all Australians are a welcome part of our country, regardless of their background. It's a time to reflect on where Australia has come from, recognising the traditional owners of this land. It's also about community participation, inclusiveness, and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live.

DIAC supports a range of community events and activities held to celebrate Harmony Day by providing free promotional products and encourages everyone to wear orange, the colour of harmony, on the day.

Harmony Day began in 1999 and since then, a wide variety of groups including sports organisations, community groups, local, state and federal government agencies, schools, and businesses have

staged more than 25 000 Harmony Day events.

Over the years, Harmony Day has grown

in popularity as Australians have made the day their own. What better way to celebrate the all-embracing ethos of library and information services than to don something orange and spread the message – everyone belongs at the library!



Events March 2012

This is just a taste of the events on offer across the library and information sector. For a comprehensive and up-to-date list, check the website at www.alia.org.au/events/.

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5 March – International Book Day

21 March – Harmony Day

Queensland

21 March

Meet the bigwigs! State Library of Queensland

Contact: vicki.mcdonald@edu.au

Victoria

26 March

Skoool Library Trek: tour Bialik College, Haileybury College and Ormond Primary School plus National Year of Reading Presentation.

Contact: kwilson@slv.vic.gov.au

Want to list your event on the ALIA website? Group members and office bearers – don't forget to upload your event at www.alia.org.au/events/add.

Not an ALIA event? Your LIS event may also be eligible to be added to our non-ALIA events. Contact events@alia.org.au for more information.

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