

# LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WEEK AND NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2014

Thanks for sending in all those pictures and stories to show us how you celebrated in 2014. Here are just a few of our favourites.



## AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL VIC

This year AIA's 3D class together with their classroom teacher Ms Malika, performing arts teacher Mr Dino, and the AIA art department created a dramatic reading of *Too Many Elephants in this House* and they presented it to the whole school – fantastic job everyone!



## CAMPBELLTOWN LIBRARY NSW

Campbelltown Library took themselves out into the community and had a pop up library at the Civic Centre. They offered tours around their information services, ebook lending and information about available books.



## CUSTOMS HOUSE LIBRARY NSW

Urula Dubosarsky gave a special reading of her book *Too Many Elephants in this House* at Customs House Library in Sydney. Illustrator Andrew Joyner also joined her and drew some elephants in front of the audience.



## GUNGAHLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ACT

Canberra Raiders Andrew Heffernan and Scott Doyle reading at Gungahlin Public Library in Canberra to children from Brindabella Christian College – what a turn out!



## HUME CENTRAL SECONDARY COLLEGE LIBRARY VIC

Hume Central Secondary Library created a wall of dots for LIW, asking their students 'which is the last book that you read?'



## JOONDALUP WA

Join the Dots proved to be the catalyst for quite a few ideas for City of Joondalup Libraries. The local radio station did a live broadcast and the Mayor presented the storytime session for National Simultaneous Storytime, while the library's camera club used the theme for inspiration for a competition and display. Join the Dots also inspired a membership

drive with iPad Air prizes to be won and the libraries have invested in new images and banners for use in outreach programs and for upcoming festivals and promotions.



## KIAMA LIBRARY NSW

Wow! What a creative way to celebrate National Simultaneous Storytime.



### KU-RING-GAI LIBRARY ST IVES NSW

St Ives Library was lucky to have two very special guests join them to celebrate National Simultaneous Storytime along with 27 enthusiastic children and toddlers. *Too Many Elephants in this House* was beautifully read by Margie Abbott, followed by a Mandarin version of the story read by journalist Lucy Chen from SBS. It was a wonderful experience for the children to have Margie present as she is such a gifted and animated storyteller and to have Lucy on hand to encourage the children to participate by teaching them a few words of Mandarin.



### MENTONE GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL, MELBOURNE

This year's LIW was a chance to celebrate the school's cultural diversity and build on class room learning activities, with over 300 students from Mentone Girls' Grammar School Junior School and Early Learning Centre coming

together to hear *Too Many Elephants* read in both English and Mandarin. Head of the Junior School Ann Mathers said it was also a great opportunity to use the elephant motif and link the story time into learning activities in and around Cultural Diversity Day.

Tying all of this together was a prominently displayed big elephant mural which was made by the students. 'This mural celebrates National Simultaneous Storytime and Cultural Diversity Day and reminds us of what they mean. Linking our cultural diversity to important national literacy programs engages the students and enhances learning. It's a win win,' Ann said.



### MEYER VANDENBERG, CANBERRA

At legal firm Meyer Vandenberg, staff members were asked to write on paper dots about a resource or service provided by the library. Then the staff joined all the dots together in an impressive display.

Knowledge Manager Alison Jones said the library team could not have written a more comprehensive list of duties themselves. The theme even extended to some dotty, spotty delectables to share.



### MOUNT ISA CITY LIBRARY QLD

Mount Isa City Library had a display on the end of every bookshelf, well done!



### NSS AT THE NORTHERN TERRITORY LIBRARY

NSS gave NTL the opportunity to participate in LIW as well as to showcase local literary talent, and allowed the children to experience additional story books. NT Minister for Education Peter Chandler read *Too Many Elephants in this House* to 100 invited children from St Mary's and Parap Primary schools in Darwin. Northern Territory Library (NTL) staff had visited the schools prior to Library and Information Week to familiarise the children with the story, and to enable them to be fully engaged on the day, which they certainly were! Local author Johanna Bell joined in with a reading of her children's book *Too Many Cheeky Dogs* (illustrated by Dion Beasley). Both were introduced by Jayshree Mamtara, ALIA's NT Manager.

NTL is not usually a storytime venue but the event allowed staff to enjoy the smaller-than-usual clients, as well as the vibrancy and energy only a library full of excited four year olds can bring!



### ALIA QLD TRIVIA NIGHT

The LIW theme inspired all at the annual ALIA QLD Trivia night. Around 100 trivia buffs met at The Irish Club in Brisbane. The night was entertaining, the fancy dress was appreciated and the atmosphere was one of fun and exhilaration. We welcomed our first international team from Singapore, the QUT Singapore Slings, and saw the

award for the best dressed table go to team Zen. Thanks to our very generous sponsors, Bolinda, Libero, WriteCite, Charles Sturt University, Tag-Alert, Encyclopedia Britannica, James Bennett, OCLC, QUT Information Studies Group, Quantum Libraries, and Emerald Publishing, there were prizes galore. The 2014 champions were Eclectic Collection. Congratulations to Suzanne Bailey, Bonnie Dixon, Rachel Wray, Ben Paskins, Michael Unwin, Maureen Sullivan, Naomi Doessel and Aaron Wray.





## TARONGA WESTERN PLAINS ZOO DUBBO NSW

Natalie reading *Too Many Elephants in this House* with Cuddles the African elephant!



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## ST GEORGE COLLEGE LIBRARY, SYDNEY

This year St George College Library used the Join The Dots theme in a Smarties community jigsaw, a library themed dot to dot, a join the dots treasure hunt that led participants around the library in a circle shape, NSS (for the 14th consecutive year) and a college staff afternoon tea

where we showcased new library technologies.

'We also tried something new for LIW this year,' said Library Manager ShirleyAnn Summers. 'We asked one of our booksellers (who is able to leave the books with us on the day) to come along and unpack onto some tables. Then we invited staff and students of the college to come along and pick a book. Items were invoiced on the day and the library team sprang to action to prioritise the acquisition, cataloguing and processing of them, including a plaque with the name of the selector pasted in the front.

'The items were then placed on hold for the selector to guarantee they would be the first to borrow the item. The concept was well received and we plan to repeat it next year. Some of the items chosen do not strictly fit our teaching profile, but the goodwill and publicity more than outweigh the few extra dollars,' ShirleyAnn said.



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