



ALIA EVENTS

For a full list of events and event details, visit the ALIA events calendar online at www.alia.org.au/events.

NATIONAL

19–25 May 2014

Australian Library and Information Week, including the announcement of Australia's Favourite Library on 19 May, National Information and Research Day (19 May), National Library Technicians Day (20 May), Libraries Celebrate Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea (22 May) and ALIA Day.

Register your events on the ALIA events calendar now and check the website for more information.

21 MAY 2014

National Simultaneous Storytime

Full details available at alia.org.au/nss

15–19 SEPTEMBER 2014

ALIA National Conference – Early Bird Registrations now open!

Visit nationalconference2014.alia.org.au for details.

NSW

1 MAY 2014

ALIALARK (Library Applied Research Kollektive) Meet Up

St Vincent's College, Potts Point Sydney.

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LIBRARY & INFORMATION WEEK

A range of Australian Library and Information Week and National Simultaneous Storytime resources and merchandise is available via the ALIA website. Visit ALIA's online shop for promotional packs, posters, badges, balloons and stickers. Order yours today!

ABOUT A BOOK

At 11am on 21 May, thousands of children will all be reading the same book at the same time. It's National Simultaneous Storytime 2014.

Now in its 14th successful year, National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is a colourful, vibrant and fun event promoting the value of reading and literacy through the sharing of an Australian children's book. In 2014, the National Simultaneous Storytime book is *Too Many Elephants in This House*, written by Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrated by Andrew Joyner.

Sydney-based author Ursula Dubosarsky is widely regarded as one of the most talented and original writers in Australia today. She has written many outstanding books for children and young adults, and has won numerous awards for excellence. Andrew Joyner is an award-winning internationally published illustrator and author who lives in Strathalbyn in South Australia.

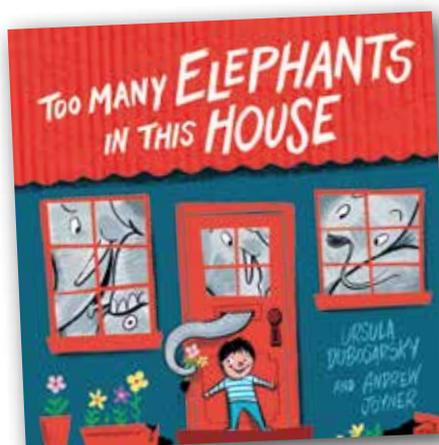
Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Each book is selected to explore age appropriate themes and address key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades 1 to 6.

Everyone can join NSS – it doesn't matter whether you are at home, at school, in a public library or even a university library!

Last year, over 430,000 children at over 2,500 locations across Australia took part in National Simultaneous Storytime. The event generates great publicity for libraries and helps promote the importance of literacy across the community.

It's free to participate and ALIA has a range of resources and merchandise available to support your event. For more information contact ALIA at events@alia.org.au. And don't forget to let your colleagues know about your event at www.alia.org/nss.

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