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LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WEEK 2018

ibrary and Information Week is your chance to celebrate the work that you, and every other library and information professional does for their organisations and communities. Here is an overview of what is happening to celebrate Library and Information Week in 2018.

Library and Information Week (LIW) is made possible by ALIA Members. It gives library and information professionals the opportunity to showcase their resources, facilities, events, contacts and services through different programs and activities. In 2018, LIW will be held 21–27 May, with the theme 'Find yourself in a library'.

THE WEEK:

Monday 21 May – Find yourself in a library – launch day! Start activities for your users that run across the entire week.

Tuesday 22 May – National Library and Information Technicians' Day – this day provides the opportunity for library technicians to promote their profession and their role in libraries, and to celebrate their many achievements.

Wednesday 23 May – National Simultaneous Storytime – at 11am participants across Australia and New Zealand will sit down and read *Hickory Dickory Dash* by Tony Wilson and illustrated by Laura Wood. This year we are aiming to surpass one million participants for the first time.

Thursday 24 May – Libraries celebrate the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea – invite your community to a morning tea and help raise money for this important cause.

Friday 25 May – ALIA Day – spread the love and let users and other LIS professionals know the good work that ALIA does, including Library and Information Week! We have created a range of materials to support your library's LIW celebrations. There are bookmarks, pens, stickers, as well as a reuseable coffee cup and a special LIW pin available to order at (bit.ly/1VOkUhk). Also available are new Library Technicians' Day badges in packs of ten. ALIA has created downloadable files for LIW 2018 that are available for free including an A3 poster, letterhead and flyers that you can print, along with digital content like a promotional banner, social media tiles and email signatures.

There is also a large range of National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) 2018 specific merchandise. There are stickers, pencils, bookmarks, and even balloons available for purchase. There are also many items freely available to make NSS 2018 a special day for all involved. ALIA and Scholastic Australia, with thanks to Tony Wilson and Laura Wood, have prepared a range of resources to help you make the most of the day. There are craft activities available on the ALIA website (alia.org.au/nss) where you can download a wide range of files including Teacher's Notes. Please note that all artwork, and digital presentations are licensed for use only in conjunction with NSS events and activities. Please see the permissions from the publisher on the ALIA website (alia.org.au/nss) for more information.

We'd love to see what you, your library or community are up to for Library and Information Week 2018 'Find yourself in a library'. Send in your videos, photos and stories of how you celebrated Library and Information Week to (media@alia.org.au) or use the hashtags #LIW2018 #findyourself and #NSS2018 on social media. (*)

