THE AUSTRALIAN READING HOUR 2019

The Australian Reading Hour (ARH) is an annual campaign, supported by libraries, publishers, authors, and booksellers across Australia to promote the benefits of reading. We encourage everyone in the nation to read for an hour on 19 September 2019.

ALIA is calling for library professionals and library users across the nation to get involved with the campaign. You can register yourself, or encourage your library users to register, to the Australian Reading Challenge (bit.ly/30FPYrL). The challenge encourages participants to expand their current reading choices by reading more books, different books or by reading aloud to their children.

Every Australian Reading Hour has Ambassadors and this year is no exception, with Rachael Johns and Benjamin Law

as Ambassadors for adult books. While Mick Elliott, Anthony Field, Karen Manbulloo, Sally Rippin, and Matt Stanton are the Ambassadors for children's books.

For the first time, each of the children's Ambassadors have created a book to celebrate the event, these books will be available in all good bookshops for just \$2.99 each from 10 September. You can also host or get involved with an ARH event, if you're interested in hosting an event please email (australianreadinghour@gmail.com). If you do host an event, we would love to see your pictures on social media using #ReadingHour or you can send your pictures to us to promote (media@alia.org.au).

ALIA is proud to a founder organiser of the Australian Reading Hour. Thank you to all of the supporters of the Australian Reading Hour 2019: ALIA Australian Public Library Alliance; Australia Post; Australian Booksellers Association; Australian Literary Agent's Association; Australian Publishers Association; Australian Society of Authors; Better Reading; the Copyright Agency; and the Department of Communications and the Arts.

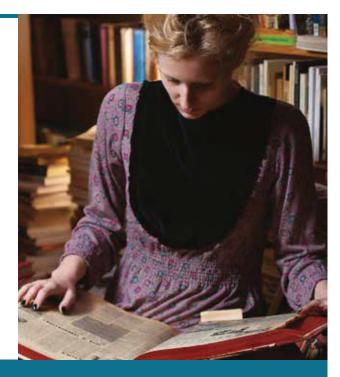
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The ALIA PD Scheme Heritage Collections Specialisation was launched on 1 July and is designed for ALIA Members interested in special collections, rare books and the preservation of heritage materials.

The Specialisation provides a framework for Members to reflect on professional learning related to the acquisition, description, preservation, interpretation, storage, access and promotion of heritage materials.

After one year of compliance with the specialisation, participants will be entitled to add the Specialisation to their post nominals using (CP) Heritage Collections.



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