

# NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2019

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**N**ational Simultaneous Storytime is 22 May 2019 and here is all you need to know to prepare for the big day.

Every year for National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) a picture book, written by an Australian author, is read simultaneously to children in libraries; schools; preschools; childcare centres; family homes; bookshops; and many other places around the nation. Now in its 19th successful year, NSS is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy.

For 2019 the NSS book is *Alpacas with Maracas*, written and illustrated by Matt Cosgrove. It tells the story of two alpacas who have entered a talent competition and it will be read all over Australia and New Zealand at 11:00am on 22 May 2019. Anyone can register, it is free, and in 2018 we had more than 1 million participants. We would love to beat that and have more than #1MillionKidsReading in 2019.

We have some great NSS merchandise including stickers, bookmarks, posters, and much more available through the [ALIA shop](#), while you can purchase the book through [Scholastic Australia](#). We recommend that if you plan to purchase merchandise for the event that you do so before 8 May 2019 to ensure that you receive it in time.

There are also free resources for you to use on the day. CleverPatch has created some activities including a [craft ebook](#) and a guide to making book themed windchimes, while Scholastic Australia has created [teachers' notes](#). You can also download free ALIA resources from the [NSS 2019 website](#) including flyers, letterhead, and social media tiles. We would love to see your displays and celebrations on the day on social media with the hashtag [#NSS2019](#).

Digital presentations of the book will be emailed to all registered participants on Monday 20 May, so please ensure that you register before then to receive

the resources. Registrations do not rollover yearly, so a new [NSS registration](#) must be submitted each year.

The digital presentations will include an audio reading of the book; a PDF version of the book; access to the [StoryBox Library](#); and a video of a reading in Auslan of the book. Please note that all artwork, downloads, and digital presentations are licenced for use only in conjunction with NSS events and activities. Please see the permissions from the publisher on the [NSS website](#) for more information.

Thank you to those who have made National Simultaneous Storytime 2019 possible: author Matt Cosgrove; publisher Scholastic Australia; the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa; our creative partners [StoryBox Library](#) and [CleverPatch](#); and our NSS 2019 sponsor, [James Bennett](#). 🌟

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