

## START PLANNING FOR LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WEEK 23–29 MAY

**T**he theme for this year's Library and Information Week is 'DISCOVER MORE through your library and information service'.

The week aims to raise the profile of LIS professionals in Australia by providing an opportunity to showcase resources, facilities, events, contacts and services through different programs and events.

Start planning now for the events during the week:

- Monday 23 May – we'll announce the 10 things you never knew you could find in a library
- Tuesday 24 May – National Library Technicians' Day provides the opportunity for library technicians to promote ALIA, the profession, and their role in libraries
- Wednesday 25 May – National Simultaneous Storytime
- Thursday 26 May – Libraries celebrate the Cancer Council's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
- Friday 27 May – ALIA Day.

Merchandise to promote the week – such as posters, stickers, bookmarks, drink bottles and key rings – is available for purchase from the ALIA online shop.

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is a highlight of the week. This is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes. It addresses key learning areas of the national curriculum for Grades 1 to 6 and the pre-school Early Learning Years Framework.

## ALIA BOARD ELECTION

**D**on't forget to vote in the ALIA Board election! This year, Members have the opportunity to vote for Directors in three categories:

- Vice-President (President elect)
- Two general Board members
- One Board member elected by Institutional ALIA Members.

The successful candidates will take office at the Board meeting following our Annual General Meeting in May 2016 and serve on the Board for two years.

In practical terms, the role of the two general Board members and the Board member elected by Institutional ALIA Members are the same – to provide representation for all ALIA Members. However, our Constitution requires us to provide Institutional Members with the opportunity to vote for a Director as a discrete element of the election.

Read more on page 35 or head to the ALIA website ([alia.org.au/elections](http://alia.org.au/elections)) to read about the nominees and about how to vote.

## ALMOST 600 NOMINATIONS FOR THE GREAT SCHOOL LIBRARIES CAMPAIGN!

**A**LIA and its school library association partners have been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm for the Great School Libraries campaign, run through FAIR (Freedom of Access to Information and Resources – [fair.alia.org.au](http://fair.alia.org.au)).

This campaign sought libraries that help children and young people to find reliable information, use the information effectively, think critically, make informed decisions, work productively with others, build knowledge and understanding of the world, safely navigate the internet, share ideas, and find great reads to match personal interests and abilities.

As the almost 600 nominations received for this campaign demonstrate, there's no shortage of pride, praise and admiration from students for their school libraries.

Stay tuned, because we will be making an announcement in late March and listing the Great School Libraries on a website honours board.

## 2015 CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY PRIZES FOR LIBRARY STUDIES

**C**harles Darwin University awards prizes to recognise the exceptional standard of work undertaken by students in its Library Studies course.

The recipients were Lara Kershaw, ALIA Achievement Award; Irene McGee, ALIA NT Achievement Award, sponsored by CDU Bookshop; and Noriana Anderson, LIS Encouragement Award, sponsored by CDU Library.



(left to right) Noriana Anderson, Irene McGee, Jayshree Mamtara (ALIA NT Manager), Kathy White (LIS lecturer), Lara Kershaw

