

State Library of South Australia Media Release



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State Library helps Indigenous Literacy Foundation gift books to children in remote communities

The State Library of South Australia is again supporting the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) and hosting a Great Book Swap on **Wednesday 4 September 2024**. Starting at 10am until 4pm the event is part of Indigenous Literacy Day celebrations.

Everyone is invited to visit the Library on the day to browse the bookstall and take a book in exchange for a note or gold coin donation. All the money raised supports the Indigenous Literacy Foundation provide new, culturally relevant books to remote Indigenous Communities. Access to books in remote communities is challenging, as there are often no libraries or bookstores.

Director State Library of South Australia says, "We are proud to be part of the Great Book Swap again this year. This event not only promotes literacy but also bridges the gap for children in remote Indigenous Communities, ensuring they have access to the books and stories that can inspire and empower them."

"We'd love to see lots of people visit the Library and help us to beat last year's total of \$1700. Together, we can make a difference for a more inclusive future."

The ILF carefully chooses culturally relevant books with about 50% being by Indigenous authors or illustrators. This is important as it allows the children to see themselves and their culture reflected in the stories, helping to build a sense of connection, belonging and pride.

If people can't make it on the day, they can still help by making a donation on the State Library of South Australia's Great Book Swap donation page <https://go.greatbookswap.org.au/state-library-of-south-australias-gbs>.

Make a difference to children and families living in remote Australian communities by joining us on Indigenous Literacy Day.

Event details:

Event: [Our Great Book Swap on Indigenous Literacy Day](#)

When: Wednesday 4 September 2024

Time: 10am to 4pm

Where: State Library of South Australia, glass foyer, Cnr North Terrace and Kintore Avenue.

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ABOUT THE STATE LIBRARY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The State Library of South Australia is the largest public research library in the state and among the most iconic cultural institutions in South Australia. It is home to the historic Mortlock Wing which is consistently voted among the most beautiful libraries in the world.

As custodians of South Australian stories, the State Library of South Australia welcomes over half a million visitors a year and plays a significant role in collecting, preserving and making accessible the State's history for current and future generations to enjoy, experience and learn from.

Open 7 days a week, the State Library of South Australia provides 24/7 access that connects people to resources including research and information services. It also hosts events, exhibitions, and curated programs to enrich access to its collections.