

# Indigenous Literacy Day

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Indigenous Literacy Day aims to raise awareness of the need to support literacy in remote and isolated indigenous communities of Australia. The day also serves as a fundraiser to gather sufficient funds to purchase books and literary resources for kids living in the remotest parts of the country. The books and literary resources help improve the lives and opportunities for Indigenous Australians who live in isolated communities.

Indigenous Literacy Day is hosted by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, an Australian charity founded by members of the Australian Book Industry in 2005. Indigenous Literacy Day is celebrated annually on the first Wednesday of September.

Some facts about Indigenous Literacy Day:

- School attendance rates are as low as 14% in very remote areas of Australia.
- There is about a 2.5-year gap between non-Indigenous and Indigenous literacy rates in Australia.
- According to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, as of 2021, an estimated 537,000 books were collected and donated to over 400 Indigenous communities.
- Only 24 % of children in remote Australian communities have a school that goes up to Year 12

**The 2022 theme:** A celebration of the diversity of First Nations Peoples' Stories, Cultures and Languages.

## **What is the Great Book Swap?**

The Great Book Swap is a fantastic way to celebrate reading locally, learn more about Indigenous Languages and culture, while raising funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Schools, libraries, universities, book clubs and individuals can host a Great Book Swap. The idea is to swap a favourite book in exchange for a gold coin donation.

This year, we are aiming to raise \$150,000! By registering to host a Great Book Swap at your school or library, you will be actively helping us gift 15,000 new, carefully chosen books to children in remote Communities across the country.

Find out more about the Great Book Swap here: <https://edu.greatbookswap.org.au/>

Limited spaces are available so get in quick to join Jess and build your cultural confidence and capacity.

**Please note:** the webinars will be live and not recorded.

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**Are you looking to build your cultural confidence?**

**Our range of live webinars has been designed to be budget-friendly professional development for early years educators.**

**Based on various topics, these live sessions will support educators through challenges, practical examples and guided reflections to build cultural confidence.**

**With all professional development booked out until 2023 with Koori Curriculum, this is your only chance to participate in training this year.**