

# Celebrating Indigenous Literacy Day

## 7th September



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Indigenous Literacy Day is presented by the [Indigenous Literacy Foundation](#). The Indigenous Literacy Foundation was founded in 2011 and has since worked with remote communities and playgroups, gifted over 630,000 books and published books reflecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages.

The foundation provides access to reading materials and resources with the aim of supporting remote communities to engage in literacy in the way that they wish to.

Indigenous Literacy Day aims to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stories and language. It is an opportunity to advocate for remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to have equal access to culturally appropriate literacy resources. The event enlightens and engages early learners in song, stories and language.

There is a resource available [here](#) with ideas on how you can celebrate Indigenous Literacy Day at your service. There is a National Digital Event on the day, more information can be found here: [Indigenous Literacy Day \(indigenouliteracyfoundation.org.au\)](#).

Remember to work with local Aboriginal people to ensure the following activities (or others) are authentic and meaningful.

### **Activity 1: Once Upon a Time Walk**

Explore your local area by going for a walk. Along the way, create a story incorporating things that the children observe along the way. See here for further instructions: [Once upon a time walk.pdf \(victoriawalks.org.au\)](#). Incorporate words from the local Aboriginal language. If you are not sure where to begin with this, [First Languages Australia](#) is a good place to start.

### **Activity 2: Good for Kids resource**

This resource was developed for Indigenous Literacy Day 2021. The activities, which provide ideas on how to incorporate literacy and numeracy into Munch & Move work, are still relevant to this years Indigenous Literacy Day. Find the resource here: [Using Aboriginal perspectives to embed healthy eating and physical activity ideas into ECEC curriculum. \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)



Artwork: 'Heart of a child'  
Worimi Artist Lara Went