

Host your own event for Australian Reading Hour

Getting involved in Australian Reading Hour is simple! Arrange your own event to be held on **Thursday 9 March 2023** and [register your event](#) – whether it is a private or a public event. Once your event details are finalised we'll list it on our [national calendar](#) of Australian Reading Hour events, if your event is open to the public to attend.

There are lots of ideas to help inspire you to create your own event and we'd love you to invite your community to participate and share in the celebrations. Here are some tips and further information to help you plan a great Australian Reading Hour event!

What is Australian Reading Hour?

Australian Reading Hour was launched as part of the 2012 National Year of Reading and is now a much-loved highlight on Australia's literary calendar.

For 2023, the Australian Reading Hour will bring together an inspiring program of reading events hosted by booksellers, libraries and schools across the country – anyone can host their own event!

We'll also celebrate Australian Reading Hour with a special real-time, live-streamed event on **Thursday 9 March 2023**.

[Sign up for updates](#) from Australia Reads to receive news of our special events.

Why run an Australian Reading Hour event?

The next Australian Reading Hour 2023 has a short and sweet message: **read, share, and enjoy** some time together with books!

We're asking all Australians across the nation to spend an hour on **Thursday 9 March 2023** reading and sharing the stories they love with others. A whole day, where the whole country talks about books together.

For Australian Reading Hour we invite you to:

- **Read** something new or revisit an old favourite!
- **Share** the experience and joy of reading with others – in your community, your school, with your family and friends.
- **Enjoy** the wellbeing benefits that come with reading for pleasure and connecting with new ideas, perspectives and people.

Books – in whatever shape, size, or form – are a great way to unwind, learn new things, discover new stories, and feel all kinds of emotions.

Whether you're reading fiction or non-fiction, periodicals or poetry, journals or joke-books, memoir or magical fantasies...your body, heart and brain all know you're onto something special. That's why Australia Reads is encouraging everyone to read a little bit more (or even a lot more!)