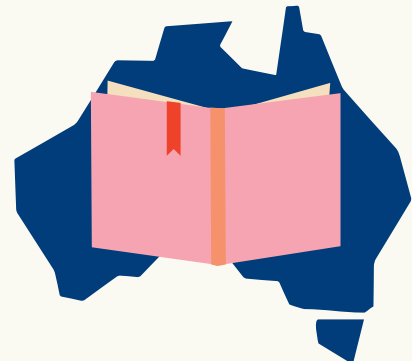


# Key statistics on reading

## The state of reading in Australia

- Australians want to read more – around half of Australians read less than they intend to.
- 44% of Australians have low or very low literacy.
- 29% of Australian secondary school students don't read for pleasure in their free time – rising to 52.6% in some States.
- Young men aged 15–24 are the least likely to read recreationally in Australia.



## Children & young people's reading

- 1 in 3 Australian children can't read proficiently.
- 25% of Australian parents rarely or never read with their children.
- 86% of Australian children enjoy having books read aloud at home because it is a special time with parents.
- 48% of Australian teens said that having more good books at their school library would help them read more.



## Reading, health and social connection

- Reading fiction for just five minutes can reduce stress by nearly 20%.
- Adults who read almost every day had a substantially lower risk of being diagnosed with depression.
- 43% of readers said reading helps them get a better night's sleep.
- Readers are 57% more likely to have a greater awareness of other cultures.

