

NYR Project - Randwick Readers

Frequently asked questions

1. What is the National Year of Reading 2012?

The National Year of Reading 2012 is a collaborative project joining public libraries, government, community groups, media and commercial partners, and of course the public who share a passion for reading.

The year is about children learning to read and keen readers finding new sources of inspiration. It's about supporting reading initiatives while respecting the oral tradition of storytelling. It's about helping people discover and rediscover the magic of books. And most of all, it's about Australians becoming a nation of readers — all Australians, including those in marginalised communities.

2. Why does the Library get involved?

Randwick City Library supports the goal of NYR 2012 - to turn Australia into a nation of readers, promote literacy and encourage a reading culture in every home. The Library is a community asset with resources in all formats to suit the reading needs and interests of everybody

Randwick City Library facilitates a local reading community with fun and innovative activities for people of all ages and from different backgrounds to discover and rediscover the joy of reading.

3. What is this project about?

The Library sets a goal of 20,000 books read in 2012 by library members and invites the community to help achieve the goal together by registering in the **Randwick Readers** project.

This city-wide project is to unite all Randwick Readers together; the Library provides **recommended reading lists** to suit the interests of different readers. Readers register in February 2012 to commence their reading journey which is to conclude in November. The Library is the focal point of the Randwick Readers community. Members are encouraged to share their discussion/views on books read by participating in book clubs, online forum and readers' blogs.

The collective effort of **Randwick Readers** also contributes to two worthy causes:

1. For every 5 books read, participants will receive a voucher to collect a seedling at Council's Nursery to offset the carbon footprint.
2. For every 5 books read, one dollar will be donated to the Wall of Hands Program administered by the Australian

Literacy and Numeracy Foundation to help people in Australia's most marginalised communities gain literacy skills (<https://wallofhands.com.au>)

4. Why do we choose the tree-planting initiative?

Australia's per capita consumption of paper = 200 kg's p.a., equating to 72 kg's CO₂.

It was estimated carbon emissions at 4kg of carbon dioxide per book (2006 figure from the US printing and publishing industry). The Australian pulp and paper industry claimed 5.4 kg of CO₂ is released into the atmosphere in producing 1 ream of paper (500 sheets A4 size). One ream of paper = 6% of a tree and 3 sheets of A4 paper require 1 litre of water to produce.

Patrick Moore, the founder of Greenpeace declared – "the easiest way to reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is to increase forests and increase the harvesting of them."

Trees have a natural ability to concentrate and store carbon. Through photosynthesis, trees absorb carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere. Forests are an important sink for carbon in this cycle because they help to offset carbon dioxide emissions and other greenhouse gases that would otherwise contribute to climate change.

5. Why do we choose the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation as the charity partner?

For every five kids living in remote Indigenous communities, only one will be able to read at the minimum standard.

The Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation (ALNF) is working with Indigenous communities and schools around Australia with the aim that 5 out of 5 kids will learn to read - the vital first step to a satisfying and successful life. More information can be found in the official website <https://wallofhands.com.au> and <http://www.love2read.org.au/partners.cfm>

6. Who are "Randwick Readers"?

Randwick Readers are people who live, work and study or with a connection to Randwick City; who share a passion of reading and want to take an active part to support National Year of Reading 2012 activities led by Randwick City Library. All participants need to register and become a Library member.

7. How can I register?

Randwick City Library will launch **Randwick Readers** on 14 February 2012 at Bowen Library to mark the beginning of year-long activities

celebrating the National Year of Reading. People are invited to attend the launch and register in the project.

Randwick Readers will be issued a passport which details how to keep track of their reading and activities they can participate.

8. Is this project only for adults?

Everyone who likes reading can become a member of **Randwick Readers**. We welcome school aged members who can record titles they read for the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge as books read for this project.

9. Can I read any type of books? Where do I find books to read?

Books here refer to both print and digital format, including audio books as well. Fiction and non-fiction titles are accepted. Such reading resources need to be either borrowed from Randwick City Library or for student members, from their respective school libraries.

10. Can I get advice if I am not sure what type of books to read?

Randwick City Library provides a wealth of resources to help you get started on your reading journey. The **Randwick Readers passport** includes recommended reading resources, websites and organisations to inspire you to seek out new books and authors. You can use these pages for inspiration.

Library staff with specialist knowledge can also advise you on authors, books and genres that appeal to your reading interest. You can 'book' a reader advisory session to explore your reading journey.

11. What do I do after reading my books?

Readers need to record books they read in the Reading Logs provided in the Passport. Reading logs can be returned at Bowen Library, Randwick and Malabar Branch Libraries. For every 5 books read, a 'hand' will be put up on the 'Wall of Hands' at Bowen Library. This is the visual representation indicating the collective reading effort of **Randwick Readers** and the money we raise for the charity partner. Library staff will keep track of the titles read by Randwick Readers.

Readers can share their thoughts by sending us reviews of books they read. We will put these reviews on our Newsletters, library website, posters and other promotional channels.

Readers can also participate in the NYR online forum. Details are included in the **passport**.

12. What are the benefits of joining "Randwick Readers"?

Randwick City Library provides activities and programs to make reading a fun community event in 2012. **Randwick Readers** will be invited to participate in

- Author talks
- Book Clubs
- Writing workshops
- Writing competitions
- Request for free reserve / ILL item
- Learning how to download our EBooks and audio books
- Learning how to participate in online forum for sharing their passion of reading
- A wider reading community
- End of year celebration of reaching or exceeding the reading target

13. How will I be informed of all these activities?

News and information of NYR activities will be publicised in Council's website, Library's website, Library's what's on event calendar, posters, flyers. And all **Randwick Readers** will receive event updates, newsletters in the mail or by email.