



School Library Association of New Zealand Aotearoa  
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# AOTEAROA NZ SCHOOL LIBRARY WEEK

## 7-11 AUGUST 2023

Activity Guide





## WHY ARE WE HOLDING A NATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARY WEEK?

Aotearoa NZ School Library Week was such a success last year that we thought we would do it again!

This activity guide has been put together to help Aotearoa NZ schools celebrate their library spaces and is filled with lots of fun resources and suggested activities. We hope you all have a great week.

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR AMAZING SCHOOL LIBRARIES TOGETHER!



## SCHOOL LIBRARIES TRANSFORM

We as school librarians know the transformative power our mahi accomplishes. We know library users have higher literacy rates. We know that because of our work students gain higher academic results in NCEA. We know our spaces provide manaakitanga. We know the community that a library provides for enables our students to flourish. We have multiple stories across Aotearoa where we have seen our libraries be a haven, a place of solace, but also a busy place of noisy learning, quiet reading and a supportive community. [Find out more.](#)

SLANZA believes ALL students should have access to a school library staffed by specialist school librarians and funded by the Ministry. [Please sign and share our petition.](#)

Ngā mihi,  
SLANZA National Executive

## LITERACY PROGRAMS

Literacy programs available for school librarians to book from Perform Education – as part of Library Week celebrations. [More info here.](#)

## SLANZA SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

**CREATE YOUR OWN COMIC STRIP ACTIVITY** - resources to support this activity can be found on our Aotearoa School Library Week Resources page

**BOOK DRAMA** - Adapt a well-known Aotearoa/NZ-themed text (such as Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Diary) into a short drama performance or a movie or a TikTok or Instagram reel. Use students as characters or extend roles to include stage crew and videographers.

**REVIEW GALLERY** - Create a gallery walk of book reviews that students have written about books in your collection.

**READ AND SHARE AROUND THE FIRE** - Create a campfire using paper towel rolls as the logs and cellophane as the fire with battery operated tea lights underneath. In groups, students sit around the campfire and read-aloud or share oral stories - maybe with a scary/mystery theme?



**BOOK AWARDS** - Allow students to create their own awards for books, including creating a medal design and explaining why their winner was chosen.

**FAVOURITE BOOK INTERVIEWS** - Have students interview staff members (with their permission) about their favourite childhood books.

## SLANZA SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES - continued

ART GALLERY - Ask students to draw/paint a picture inspired by their favourite book and display pictures in the library - like an Art Gallery with their names and which book picture is inspired by.

CELEBRITY VISIT - Ask an author or illustrator to visit your school and present about their writing/drawing.

READ ALOUD - Ask teachers to read a passage from a book every day to their class(es). Perhaps choose their favourite book or a book their kids love or from a book voted by class.

GET CAUGHT READING or THE PLACES WE READ - students submit a photo of them or someone they know reading a book in their favourite place or with their favourite pet/person. Display around school or in the library.

CHOOSE A BOOK FOR YOUR LIBRARY DAY - Ask a supplier to supply a range of books for your school on approx. Display these books in the library and ask students to come and choose books they think should be purchased for the library. You could use copies of the book covers if you'd prefer. Have a list prepared so they can mark or write down their choices.

BOOK QUIZ - set up a Quiz using Kahoot or another platform and invite students to come at lunchtime for a Quiz session.

BOOKMARKS - design a bookmark competition or get students to come in at lunchtime one day to design a bookmark for the library - every bookmark design gets a little gift/prize.

BOOK SALE (SUPPLIERS) - Ask a supplier(s) to come in and hold a book sale with % of profits being donated to library to buy new books.

PEER READ ALOUD - older students read to younger students in the library. Perhaps a session during class or in the library at breaktime.

BOOKNIC - Hold a picnic inside the library or outside with blankets, BYO food and drink, bunting, and books of course! Get teachers or older students in to read books aloud.

MOVIE TIME - watch movies/films/documentaries related to books and reading or a book that has been turned in to a movie. Use comfy chairs/cushions, darken the room and make sure it's warm and cosy.

BOOK TRAILERS - stream/screen book trailers in the library and encourage students to watch and choose a book they would like to read. If books not currently in the library - vote for your favourite book to buy.

EMOJI Pictionary/BOOK QUIZ - [Quiz Example](#)

DO DAILY "DEAR" TIME - "DEAR" stands for "Drop Everything And Read!" So fun, right?! Give students time during the day to just stop where they are, grab any book they want, and read! Make it extra fun by allowing students to sit and read ANYWHERE they want in the classroom or library.

A TOURNAMENT OF BOOKS or BOOK BATTLE - Start with 16 book choices, and as students read and vote for their favourites, watch the competition come down to the final two. [Read about one teacher's experience with Book Madness](#). Source: [Brown Bag Teacher](#)

CROSSWORDS & WORD FINDS - Use an internet-based tool to create book or library themed crosswords and word finds. Resources to support this activity can be found on our Aotearoa School Library Week Resources page.

MATHS WEEK - Did you know it is also Maths Week too? NZMaths has this [list of picture books](#) with maths in them and associated lesson plans. You can find out more about [Maths Week on their website](#)

[VISIT THE SLANZA WEBSITE TO DOWNLOAD THE ACTIVITIES](#) - ENJOY!



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