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ACTIVITY GUIDE



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Kia Ora SCHOOL LIBRARY ENTHUSIASTS,

WELCOME TO 2025 AOTEAROA SCHOOL LIBRARY WEEK!

We are excited to celebrate library joy across the motu again in 2025. The last year has been a minefield of structured literacy and draft English curricula, so it's time to bring the focus back to School Libraries and how they transform the lives of our ākonga. With the Aotearoa School Libraries Research foremost in our minds, how can what we see everyday in our kura translate to what the rest of the school staff see. We are excited to bring you another StoryWalk® from Scholastic NZ, this time with the generosity of Annelies Judson and Nikki Slade Robinson.

The SLANZA ASLW Ohu Mahi have put this year's activity guide together with you in mind. We are hopeful you can find inspiration here to create an atmosphere of excitement in your libraries this week. Some activities will need to be adapted to better suit the year levels of your ākonga; we trust you know your community and what will work best for them.

We encourage you to share photos of your activities and events online, using the #ASLW25 hashtag, so that as a community, we can all whakanui together.

We know that *School Libraries Transform* our students in so many ways. Let this week be the celebration of all the mahi your library does.

Ngā mihi nui

ASLW Ohu Mahi



AOTEAROA SCHOOL LIBRARY WEEK STORYWALK® IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SCHOLASTIC NZ

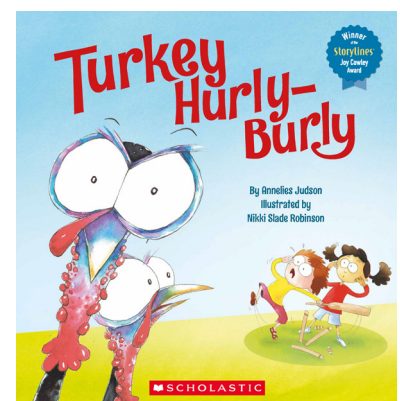
Scholastic New Zealand is proud to provide *Turkey Hurly-Burly* by Annelies Judson and Nikki Slade Robinson as a StoryWalk® title for Library Week. Annelies's manuscript was the winner of the 2024 Storylines Joy Cowley Award.

Miss Burton's class is on the hunt for the perfect classroom pet—something quirky, fun, and definitely better than their past choices. When they finally convince their teacher to bring in turkeys, chaos quickly takes flight! What starts as a simple schoolyard experiment turns into a hilarious, feather-filled frenzy as a runaway flock causes mayhem on the playground. Can the students restore order before lunchtime is gobbled up?

You can download all the files to print your StoryWalk® [here](#). This link is active from 14 July to 12 August for library kaimahi to download resources.

- Front cover (flat and 3D)
- Comprehensive Teacher Notes
- Internal spreads (PDF)
- Information sheet about the book
- Internal spreads (JPEG)

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SLANZA ASLW SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

BOOK REVIEWS - run a review competition, have the students write reviews via your catalogue if it permits them. An easy way to get them using your catalogue, and they like seeing their names online! Give a prize for each review.

BOOK TRAILERS - Make a Youtube playlist of Book trailers to play on your library screen, there are some great ones online. Or make it into a competition - get your students to create their own and play on the last day of ASLW and have audience choose the winner/s.

BOOKS WE LOVE - Make a poster with the words 'Books We Love', put it somewhere visible such as the library entrance. Cut out paper hearts and have students write their favourite book titles and stick them around the poster.

PHOTOBOOTH - Make a book-themed backdrop include 'ASLW25' and props. Take pictures to display in library or in school newsletter article about ASLW.

GUESS HOW MANY BOOKS IN YOUR LIBRARY - Make a sign, add an answer box, provide slips of paper, students guess how many books in the library. Winner gets a prize.

WHO IS THE BIGGEST READER? - Display the borrowing stats for each class or individual readers. This generates a lot of discussion and encourages more reading.

DAILY NOTICES LIBRARY QUIZ - Add a question to the daily notices each day of School Library Week, draw winners on Friday. You could also add library facts or trivia.

POSTER COMPETITION - Have students design a welcome poster for your library. The winning design can be used as your official signage.

LOVE LETTER/POSTCARD TO YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK - 'Dear.....' or 'To the book I love'.... (the possibilities are endless). Students can then write about what they love about their favourite books.

[Use this Canva template.](#)

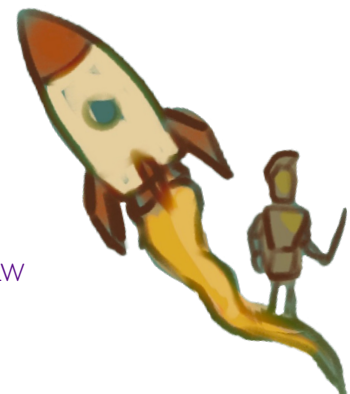
ASLW ACTIVITIES WITH PRINTABLE ASSETS

Download them from our [Aotearoa SLW Resources 2025 page.](#)

Crosswords and Wordfinds

ASLW Reading bingo - at the beginning of the week give students an ASLW bingo card, see if they can make a line by the end of the week.

Bookmarks and Bunting



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