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## HATS IN FASHION FOR NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign held in Library and Information Week that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 16th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades 1 to 6 and the pre-school Early Learning Years Framework.

This year the Bellingen Shire Branch Libraries will be participating with other libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes and bookshops around the country to read "**I got this Hat**" by Kate and Jol Temple.

Please visit Bellingen and Urunga Libraries on Wednesday 25 May at 11.00am to join in with the fun. Dorrigo Library staff will be visiting Dorrigo Community Preschool to read and facilitate activities with the children.

Bellingen Shire Mayor, Cr Mark Troy said "Library and Information Week is held between 23 and 29 May and aims to raise the profile of libraries and information service professionals in Australia. It gives libraries the opportunity to showcase their resources, facilities, events, contacts and services through different programs and events to the community."

"If you have not been to a library in a while I invite you to visit Dorrigo, Bellingen or Urunga Library and discover they have not only books but magazines, DVDs, ebooks, eAudio books, eMusic and eMagazines, computers and a place to sit and network, read or catch up with a friend," added the Mayor.

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