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CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA: STORY COUNTRY DURING BOOK WEEK

Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians develop activities, offer competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading.

The theme for this year is: Australia! Story country, which will explore Australia as a country of stories. The first stories in Australia came from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Other stories started to arrive on our shores with the first European settlers and they have been coming ever since. Our libraries are full of stories.

Bellingen Shire Librarian, Sharon Uthmann said, "This year from Monday 22 August until Saturday 27 August, Bellingen Shire Libraries will be joined by students from Mount St John's Primary School Dorrigo, Urunga Public School, St Mary's Primary School, Bellingen OSHC and Bellingen Preschool to celebrate Children's Book Week."

"The children will visit their local library and participate in book week themed activities and will also be encouraged to participate in a colouring competition", added Ms. Uthmann.

The short listed books will be on display in the week leading up to and following book week, so drop into your local library and check out the prize winning books.

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