



# Indigenous Literacy Day

## Background:

Indigenous Literacy Day is presented by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, which was founded in 2011. They have since worked with remote communities and playgroups, gifted over 630,000 books and published books reflecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages. |

Indigenous Literacy Day aims to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stories and language. It is an opportunity to advocate for remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to have equal access to culturally appropriate literacy resources. The event enlightens and engages early learners in song, stories, and language.

For more information visits: [Indigenous literacy day](http://www.indigenousliteracyday.com.au)



**Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

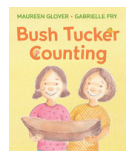
The theme and date for Indigenous Literacy Day changes each year. Add this year's theme above. Below are activity ideas to recognise Indigenous Literacy Day, or you may like to adapt the activity inline with this years theme.

## Physical Activity: Burrulaa Balabalaa (many butterflies)

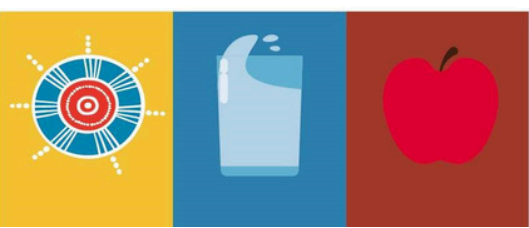
Use songs made in language and add physical activities. For example, the following song in Gamilaraay language, **Burrulaa Balabalaa (Many Butterflies)**, can easily engage children in physical activities by getting them to act like the animals in the song.

## Healthy Eating: Bush tucker counting

Use books developed by Aboriginal people such as 'Bush Tucker Counting' to provide an opportunity to engage children in a healthy eating learning experiences.



Refer to the [accompanying guide](#) for guidance on how to implement these activities in your service.



Worimi artist, Lara Went  
"The heart of a child"

**Good for kids**  
Good for life

