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It's time to celebrate our libraries

LIBRARIES across the Clarence Valley will celebrate Library and Information Week from May 21-27.

Library and Information Week puts the spotlight on our libraries and library staff, and showcases the range of resources and services they provide to the community.

This year's theme is Truth, Integrity, and Knowledge.

What's on:

Tuesday, May 21 – National Library and Information Technicians' Day – Stop in at your nearest library and give our library staff a high five. Last year they helped 202,167 in-person visits, and a further 145,600 visits online. They also processed almost a quarter of a million loans and oversaw more than 50,000 internet and wi-fi sessions.

Wednesday, May 22 – National Simultaneous Storytime – Come along to Grafton, Yamba and Iluka libraries at exactly 11am and join one million children across Australia and New Zealand to read *Alpacas with Maracas*, written and illustrated by Matt Cosgrove.

Thursday, May 23 – Biggest Morning Tea – See you at Grafton library for a cuppa and something sweet to eat, and help raise money for the Cancer Council from 10-11:30am.

Thursday, May 23 – Alpaca-themed Storytime – For anyone who can't make the official National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday, we're reading *Alpacas with Maracas* for storytime at Maclean Library at 10:30am, and on the road with the mobile library at Copmanhurst and Baryulgil.

Library and Information Week's theme, Truth, Integrity, Knowledge, is reflected in the vast resources Clarence Valley libraries provide to the community.

In 2018, 44% of the Clarence Valley population held a library card, giving them access to more than 133,000 library resources including books, ebooks, DVDs, audio books, and computers.

Library and Information Week's is organised by the Australian Library and Information Association to promote the value of reading and literacy, the importance of Australia's book industry and the role of libraries.



Caption: Staff at Grafton library are getting ready to celebrate Library and Information Week.

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