

July 2018 Quarterly Update

“Children who read succeed”. A simple statement which is reinforced consistently by international and national research. The first thousand days of a child’s life are a crucial learning period. Sharing stories with children from as early as possible helps to lay the foundation for future learning and the development of pre-literacy and numeracy skills. Want to know how children in your community are progressing? Visit www.aedc.gov.au to view results from the *Australian Early Development Census* and read case studies from your state/territory.

Sue Hill, CEO Raising Literacy Australia



Read to Me | Supporting Children in Out-of-Home Care (SA)

Over the past financial year, 15,000 books have been delivered to children living in out of home care in South Australia. The books and related activities encourage the child and their carer/s to spend time together, reading, playing, singing and talking and promote a rich home learning environment. We would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of *Variety SA – The Children’s Charity*, *Government of South Australia*, *Cochrane’s Transport* and *Origin Foundation* volunteers for their ongoing support of *Read to Me*.

“We loved the board game! It was fun to sit and play the game together and later read the book *Busy Little Creatures* – Thank you, thank you, thank you!”

NEW! Author and Illustrator Mentoring Initiative | James and Diana Ramsay Foundation

Raising Literacy Australia is delighted to announce a new, two-year partnership with the *James and Diana Ramsay Foundation* to establish a mentoring program for aspiring children’s authors and illustrators. The Author and Illustrator Mentoring Initiative will provide four emerging artists with professional mentoring support by well-regarded, established creators to hone the artists’ skills as well as exclusive, hands-on access to publishing practices such as editing, graphic design and pre-press production. The mentoring initiative is open to South Australian residents aged over 18 years.

Applications will open on Monday 6 August 2018 and close Friday 5 October 2018.



Little Book Press | New titles for November 2018 release

Little Book Press, the publishing house of *Raising Literacy Australia*, has just finalised four new titles for publication and inclusion in the Reading Pack program. They include “*Garden Stew*” by Carrie Gallasch and Zoe Ingram, “*Hush say the Stars*” by Margaret Spurling and Mandy Foot, “*Let’s Go Strolling*” by Katrina Germein and Danny Snell, and “*I Spy Food*” a collaboration from *Little Book Press* and *SA Health*.



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