

## Community Libraries Initiative

As a result of Raising Literacy Australia's yearly fundraising activities, community organisation's across South Australia can apply for a "Community Library" to support families they are working with. The libraries consist of an IKEA bookcase, over 350 quality picture and board books and a folder of educational resources to promote early literacy development.

Organisation's can [apply online](#) and the libraries are currently allocated on a quarterly basis. Each library is valued at \$1000 and provides young children with additional access to quality books outside of the home environment to encourage regular play, conversations, singing and reading.

### Community Library Recipients

#### 2016/2017

- Darlington Children's Centre
- Balaklava Community Children's Centre
- Inner North Community Health Service, Barossa Hills Fleurieu Region
- Parafield Gardens Children's Centre
- St Josephs – OLSH
- Mypolonga Primary School
- Parks Children's Centre (Uniting Care Wesley & Paint the Parks READ)
- Centacare Catholic Services, Mt Gambier

#### 2017/2018

- Relationships Australia (SA) Port Adelaide
- Ngura Yadurim Children Centre, Ceduna
- Gawler & District College B-12 Children's Centre
- Strong Start, Noarlunga

Smaller libraries have also been donated to the Anglicare Staying Connected Program, Junction Community Centre and the Zahra Foundation to support their programs.

### Testimonial

*"The library provides positive role modelling and highlights the importance of reading books to children as well as fostering a genuine love of books to enhance future engagement in education. Our aim is that this library will continue to grow and become a sustainable part of our program". - Centacare Family Connections Program, Mount Gambier, South Australia*

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