

1-31 AUGUST  
NEW BOOK DONATIONS

can be left at the following locations:

**Libraries ACT branches**

Belconnen, Civic, Dickson, Erindale, Gungahlin,  
Kingston, Kippax, Tuggeranong and Woden

**ALIA** ALIA House 9-11 Napier Close Deakin

**Dymocks** Belconnen, Canberra Centre and  
Tuggeranong

**Harry Hartog Bookseller**, Woden

**Little Sprout**, Phillip

**Queanbeyan City Council**



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# Christmas The BOOK APPEAL



**The Children's Book  
Council of Australia  
ACT Branch**

## 1600+ books to brighten the lives of 1600+ children.

1600+ books were given to disadvantaged children as Christmas gifts in 2016.

Charities and refuges that received books were;

- Barnardos
- Beryl Women
- Communities @ Work
- Doris Women's Refuge
- Care and Protection Services
- Kinship Care
- Lousia's Women's Centre
- Inanna Crisis Service
- Ronald MacDonald House
- Your Place Housing Support

Previous donors have included:

- Members of Libraries ACT
- Members of the community
- Canberra Girls Grammar School
- Majura Primary School
- Merci Collage
- Radford Collage
- Turner Primary School
- Yarralumla Primary School
- Kids Book Review staff
- ALIA Australian Library and Information Association
- Dymocks Belconnen, Canberra Centre and Tuggeranong
- Harry Hartog Bookseller, Woden

## BOOKS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

“My two year old daughter has completely fallen in love with a book called ‘10 Play Hide and Seek’ that was donated to Inanna at Christmas. She has almost memorised the whole story and reads it to me, instead of me to her.” Mary from Inanna Crisis Service

“Many (children) asked how much the books were and when they were told they were free to anyone who liked stories, we saw their little faces light up and hands were busy flicking through the chosen book!”

Patricia (Case Manager)

“Everyone I gave a book to really loved it.” Rachel (Case Manager)

“I have found that books are a fabulous bonding tool for families and a wonderful distraction for when things aren't going well.”

Patricia (Case Manager)

“A little girl in one family I support has been taking her book everywhere she has been. She is normally quite boisterous, but when she is reading she has become very focused and settled.”

Heidi (Case Manager)

## The History of the Christmas Book Appeal

In the 1960s six small children were orphaned in a road accident near Canberra. Provision was made for them to be cared for in a home just out of the city. Towards Christmas a small group of women, headed by Mrs Tom Corrigan, approached Mrs Lu Rees, Manager of Cheshire's Bookshop, with the idea of sending each of these children a book as a gift for Christmas.

The following year the home had been expanded. Other children were involved and there were eleven being cared for there. Again book gifts were sent, Cheshires contributing to the cost. This continued for several years.

The Children's Book Council (as it was known at the time) came into the picture in 1964-5. Mrs Eve Byrne, of the Welfare Section of the Dept. of the Interior, made it plain that there were many more children in Canberra whose family circumstance were such that they would be unlikely to receive Christmas presents. She thought that the gift of a book with a personal greeting would mean something.

For many years CBCA ACT members braved the winter cold at the open air markets at Fyshwick. They sold items to make money for new Christmas books to give to a range of disadvantaged children.

In recent years the CBCA ACT, along with generous individuals, donated funds or new books. They have met in people's houses and individually selected for children's specific needs and interests.