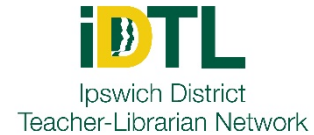


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Our Ipswich District Teacher-Librarian network runs a free literature festival for children every two years catering for over 6000 children and employing an average of 35 authors and illustrators from all over Australia. We began in 1995 but we are struggling to keep this festival going as the number of teacher-librarians in schools declines and Australia Council funding difficult to obtain.

Authors are at the heart of our national culture but are struggling to make a basic living and without qualified teacher-librarians in schools with fair budgets, schools don't have expertise or funds to acquire and promote quality books and Australian authors in their schools.

We would like to see the Australian Government

- support the appointment of teacher-librarians in all schools
- provide funding to schools to develop and maintain collections to a minimum standard
- support an 'authors and illustrators in schools' program
- establish centres for story in each state that can deliver programs to regional areas and provide world class venues for cultural tourism
- provide more funding to run story-based festivals for schools

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Yours sincerely,
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