

Indigenous Literacy Project



Can you imagine a world without books & reading?



Riawunna is proud to announce its involvement in the Indigenous Literacy Day Fundraiser 2009. We are inviting you to attend this charity event which will take place over the course of the day*, where you will get the chance to chat with some outstanding Tasmanian authors who will give short presentations on their most recent books. You will also have an opportunity to purchase books supplied from the University Co-op Bookshop with a percentage of proceeds being donated to this great cause.

* please see attached program



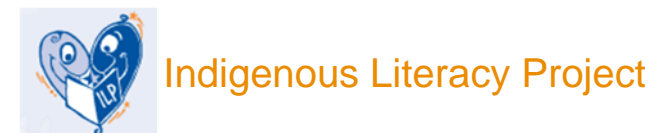
When: 11:30 am - 2:30 pm
Friday 11th September, 2009



Where: Riawunna, Room 107
Ground Floor, Hytten Hall
French Street, Sandy Bay



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The Indigenous Literacy Project

Imagine going through life with the literacy skills of a six year old. Sadly, this is a reality for many Indigenous Australians living in remote communities today.

The Indigenous Literacy Project (ILP) aims to improve the lives of remote indigenous Australians by raising literacy levels and bridging the gap between indigenous and non indigenous literacy. The ILP is a partnership between the Australian Book Industry & the Fred Hollows Foundation. It is also supported by the Australian Publishers' Association and the Australian Booksellers Association.



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11:30am to 12:15pm

Open Session

Andrea McMahon
(Literacy Coordinator)
Kingston LINC

Andrea McMahon is a Hobart fiction writer whose stories have appeared in literary journals and anthologies, including *Island* and *Famous Reporter*. Her first short story collection, *Skin Hunger*, was published by Ginninderra Press in 2008. She currently works as the Adult and Family Literacy Coordinator at the Kingston LINC.

<http://www.ginninderrapress.com.au/page2/fiction.html>

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12:30am to 1:30pm

Open Session

Indigenous Health Forum (Focusing on the intervention in the Northern Territory)

Guest speakers will include NT Intervention doctors, Dr Chris Henderson & Dr Sally Hildred.

As medical doctors who participated as part of the government intervention in the Northern Territory, they will talk about their work and experience including: why it happened, what health issues are currently facing the indigenous population, and has it been effective.

You will have an opportunity listen and learn, ask questions and express your opinion.



1:45pm to 2:30pm

Open Session

Dr Alison Alexander
(Research Fellow)

School of History and Classics (UTAS)

Dr Alison Alexander has written nineteen commissioned histories of Tasmanian institutions, ranging from a football club to several municipalities. She also edited *The Companion to Tasmanian History*, and has written three biographies, notably of Tasmanian novelist Marie Bjelke Petersen, and of early governors' wives and mistresses.