6 ways you can get involved this NAIDOC Week

The State Library is celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture with a series of events, exhibitions and activities for NAIDOC Week 2020.

Under the theme *Always Was, Always Will Be*, [NAIDOC Week 2020](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au) will be held nationally from 8 November to 15 November.

This year’s celebration recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

Here are some ways to get involved this NAIDOC Week:

1. Read books written by First Nations authors

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• [Indigenous](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au)
From fiction to poetry, memoir to historical nonfiction – broaden your bookshelf by adding some titles from leading and emerging First Nations authors.

Browse our selection [3]

2. Listen to First Nations voices

Join Gamilaroi artist, writer, podcaster and producer Travis De Vries for online panels with First Nations writers and artists who will explore how their creative work imagines futures (or reimagines the past/present).

Creators' panel: Saturday 14 November 2020 at 2 pm [4]
3. Learn about First Contact from a Gweagal perspective

In April 1770 strangers onboard the *Endeavour* appeared off the shores of Kamay (Botany Bay). Our award-winning exhibition *Eight Days in Kamay* [5] explores the events that followed and their continuing legacy.

[View the online exhibition][6]
4. Support language revitalisation by transcribing wordlists

Transcribing Aboriginal wordlists makes cultural material more accessible to communities for language reclamation. Help us transcribe an early Arrernte wordlist [7] gathered from communities in Alice Springs. No specialist skills are required.

Start transcribing [7]
5. Help make Aboriginal oral histories more accessible

We need your help to preserve important oral histories for future generations. Join the dedicated community on our Amplify website and transcribe a collection of interviews about the repatriation of Mungo Man.

Become a digital volunteer [9]
6. Register for a virtual excursion

We’re hosting free online excursions for school students, including homeschoolers, with our Indigenous collections specialist Melissa Jackson. Students will be immersed in fascinating stories from the Library's collection as they learn about Aboriginal history.

Tuesday 10 November 2020 at 1 pm [10]
Thursday 12 November 2020 at 1 pm [11]

Looking for more things to do? You can always explore the Library’s online stories [12], blogs [13] and digital collections [14], or head to the official NAIDOC Week [15] website to see what’s on across the country.

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