



# Around the Library

All day from 10am to 4pm, enjoy **family fun**, discover the Library and make new friends:

**Welcome to the Friends**  
**Friends Lounge, Level 4**

Hear more about the work of the Friends of the National Library over free tea and bikkies, while enjoying the spectacular view from the Friends Lounge. Drop in at either 10.30am or 2.30pm for a short reading and discussion of the Trove book of the month, *The Storyteller*, taken from *The Prahran Telegraph* newspaper dated Saturday 5 April 1890.

**Trove Treasure Hunt**  
**Ground Floor**

Discover some of Trove's favourite things and win a prize! Collect a map from the foyer, follow the clues around the building and name all the items to complete your hunt. Suitable for children aged 5+, their families and friends.

**For the Kids: B is for Book**  
**Brindabella Room & Conference Room, Level 4**

Activities for kids of all ages with craft, colouring in, and storytelling from both the ACT Storytellers Guild and NLA Publishing's children's authors.

**Reading Room Discovery**  
**Main Reading Room, Ground Floor**

The Main Reading Room and Newspaper and Family History Zone are open from 10am to 5pm to highlight the range of services available and provide visitor orientation.

# In the Theatre

Lower Ground 1

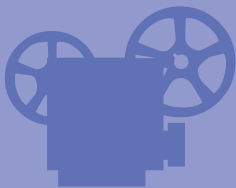
**How to Build a Better Story**  
**Special Lunchtime Talk | 1pm**

Author, illustrator and National Library Ambassador Kaz Cooke talks about using unique objects, documents and photos in State and National Library Collections to add reality and depth to writing fiction as well as non-fiction, family history and memoir.

**Film Screenings**

Enjoy fascinating documentaries about the Library building.

11am, 2.30pm	<b>Who is Tom Bass?</b> (2016, 35 mins) Explore the power of Tom Bass's enduring public sculptures, including the lintel sculpture above the National Library's entrance.
11.35am, 3.35pm	<b>Leonard French's Stained Glass Screens</b> (1969, 8 mins) This film reveals French's process of creating the 12 beautiful coloured glass windows that have become such a recognisable feature of the Library building.



# Collection Discoveries

A veritable **feast of national treasures** awaits your discovery, with expert staff on hand to guide you.

**1968 Collection Display**  
**Special Collections Reading Room, Level 1**

Step back in time to 1968, exploring fascinating materials relating to the opening of the Library building.

**Special Collections Showcase**  
**Rex Nan Kivell Room, Level 2**

Feast your eyes on rare and unique materials from across our collections, including Indigenous material, rare books and Pictures and Manuscripts treasures.

**Asian Treasures**  
**Asian Collections, Level 3**

The Library holds a huge collection of Asian-language material, with a fabulous selection on display including cartoons, political ephemera from Thailand and Myanmar, Sugoroku, *kuchi-e* prints, Pith paintings and much more.



# NATIONAL LIBRARY open day program

SUNDAY 12 AUGUST | 10AM–4PM



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opening our doors  
creating the future

Thanks for joining us  
to celebrate 50 years  
of the Library's building.

# Party on the Podium

Party like it's 1968 with fabulous activities outside the Library building.

Navigate the obstacle course, enjoy roving performers, get your face painted and groove to a live DJ. Looking for a bite to eat? You're spoilt for choice with these local favourites.

**Slowbeans&bones | Sly Fox Coffee | Cracking Corn**  
**Gyoza Guy | Cannoli Brothers | Super Bao**  
**The Hungry Brown Cow | Amanda Eats Cake**  
**Bookplate | Paperplate**

Then, head inside where a world of discovery awaits.



DON'T MISS

## Happy Birthday to the Library

3pm | Ground Floor

Join in a rousing chorus of 'Happy Birthday' as author Kaz Cooke and Library Director-General Dr Marie-Louise Ayres cut a cake to celebrate the birthday of the Library building.

## Lightning Talks

**Ferguson Room, Level 1**

**Our passionate staff share insights about their work at the Library.**

Bookings aren't required, but seating is limited.

10.15am	A Half-hour History of the National Library
10.45am	What's So Special About Special Collections?
11.15am	Library Facelift: Replacing Our Marble Facade
11.45pm	Treasures in Trove
12.15pm	Zines & Artists' Books Unearthed
12.45pm	Saving Your Digital Memories
1.15pm	eBooks Wanted, Dead or Alive!
1.45pm	Digital Discoveries: Digital Resources for Research
2.15pm	The Journey of a Manuscript
2.45pm	The Pantainos Stone: The Library's Oldest Item
3.15pm	Treasures in Trove
3.45pm	Scaling Trove: High Performance Computing at the National Library

Share your day with us on social media! Instagram @national\_library\_of\_australia and use the hashtags #NLAOpenDay and #NLA50

## Tours



### Explore Our Building (45 mins)

11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm  
 Our experts will take you on a journey through the Library, pointing out architectural, art and design features.

### Discover Your Inner Map Nerd (30 mins)

10.15am, 11.15am, 12.15pm, 1.15pm, 2.15pm, 3.15pm  
 Follow us to where 'X' marks the spot to discover stories about the working lives of our maps, atlases, globes and other cartographic oddities.

### Oral History & Folklore (25 mins)

10.15am, 11.15am, 12.15pm, 1.15pm, 2.15pm, 3.15pm  
 Get an insider's view of our sound studios, witness technical demonstrations and hear audio highlights from our 50,000-hour oral history and folklore collection.

**Delve deep behind the scenes—it's access all areas!**  
**Places are limited, so book your tour spot in the foyer.**

### Stacks of Stories Family Tour (30 mins)

10.15am, 11.15am, 12.15pm, 1.15pm, 2.15pm, 3.15pm  
 This is your chance to meet the robots! Explore deep within the Library's enormous stacks, filled with books, magazines and newspapers.



### Preserving the Nation's History (45 mins)

10.30am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2pm  
 Our expert conservators show how they use traditional skills to treat and preserve our collections and the technology they use to preserve physical and digital material.

### Explore the Treasures Gallery (30 mins)

On the hour and half-hour from 10.30am  
 Learn about some of our most valued collection items, including the rare and precious Blaeu Map, with our fabulous volunteer guides.

### Metamorphosis: Digitising Collections (30 mins)

10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm  
 Follow the journey of a book as it is transformed from the printed page to a digital image. Includes a sneak peek of our digital work areas and computer room.

### 1968: Changing Times Exhibition Tour (30 mins)

10.15am, 10.45am, 11.15am, 11.45am, 12.15pm  
**Volunteer Guide Tour:** Our lively volunteer guides take you back to the sixties with a groovy tour of the exhibition.

12.45pm, 1.45pm, 2.45pm  
**Curator Tour:** Lead exhibition curator Dr Guy Hansen gives you an expert's take on the year that was 1968.