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

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 bickies, 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.

In the Theatre
Lower Ground 1
How to Build a Better Story
Special Luncheon 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  **Who is Tom Bass?** (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 **Leonard French’s Stained Glass Screens** (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.

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
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### 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.

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### 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.

### Share your day with us on social media!

Instagram @national_library_of_australia and use the hashtags #NLADay and #NLA50

### Tours

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**Oral History & Folklore** (25 mins)

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  - 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.

**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, 12pm, 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.

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

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