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CELEBRATE OUR LIBRARIES AT LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WEEK

Help celebrate our libraries next week with Library and Information Week, held from Monday 19 May 2008 to Sunday 25 May 2008.

“Canberrans are encouraged to celebrate Library and Information Week with the ACT Public Library who are celebrating the occasion with some special activities,” said Vanessa Little, Director of the ACT Library and Information Service.

“Libraries all around Australia are taking part in the eighth National Simultaneous Story Time at 11am on Wednesday 21 May, when more than a quarter of a million children are expected to take part nation-wide.

“I encourage parents to bring their children along to the library for this year’s special event which will feature *Arthur*, the story of a lovable dog looking for a home.

“On Thursday 22 May, everyone is invited to take part in *Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea* at Belconnen, Dickson, Erindale, Kippax and Woden Libraries. It is a great opportunity to share a cuppa and conversation with friends old and new. Gold coin donations at the morning tea will be donated to the Cancer Council.

“There are nearly 12 million registered users of public libraries in Australia, and over 1700 public libraries. This includes the ACT Public Library which has over 1.8 million visitors each year.

“Drop into your local library during Library and Information Week, pick up a free library bag and borrow a book, CD or DVD. Free library bags are available while stocks last,” said Ms Little.

For more information about the ACT Public Library, phone 6205 9000, email library.customerinfo@act.gov.au or visit the library website www.library.act.gov.au

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