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Celebrating achievements

A sincere thank to you all for helping us make 2015 a wonderful year of major achievements. At our end of year celebration held in late November, at the University of Canberra, Emeritus Professor Belle Alderman AM reminded us of some of the highlights.

Of particular note was our events and exhibitions program which featured Colin Thiele, Pixie O'Harris, Hazel Edwards and Bob Graham. The Cultural Gift donations were received from Bob Graham, Warwick Reeder, Helen Maxwell (Pamela Lofts artwork), Dianne Bates and Bill Condon. Donations to our unique book collection came from 34 publishers, 23 authors and illustrators and 29 individuals. The book collection now stands at 28,860 items.

We formalised an agreement with the University of Canberra enabling us to continue having our base on their wonderful campus. Excellent progress was made on creating a guide to the Omnibus Books Publisher Archive. We added significant research material to Trove and Research Data Australia. Meanwhile some 39 volunteers donated 4,599 hours of their time to the collection and to providing 419 hours of specialised service to 658 clients who visited the Centre.

Our Facebook, Twitter and e-newsletter all turned 1 year old and kept thousands of you in touch with our activities. And to round it off, our strategic plan and a business plan were created with the clarion call vision statement that reads:

Our literary past, present and future are preserved in the Centre, through the stories that touched our hearts and stirred our imaginations as children. It documents and shares the creative process, and inspires the next generation of readers with research collections, exhibitions and outreach activities.

By the end of December we anticipate that our Annual Report will be available on our website [here](#).

Below top left Dr Belle Alderman AM being congratulated for a magnificent year of activities by the National Centre Board Chair, His Honour, Deputy Chief Justice John Faulks.

Below top right volunteer Pat Dickson enjoys the company of Mrs Dorothy Collings our most loyal sponsor over many, many years.

Middle right Isabel Brown and Gaynor Evans volunteers who manage our social events.

Middle left Max Brown talking about the recently donated art work of Graeme Base and Dee Huxley at the end of year celebration.

Below Bottom left Belle Alderman, Anna and Sarah Carstens

Below bottom left Jane and Andrew Carstens. Jane is the editor of our Facebook pages.





On learning of our name change Jane Coverton said...

"Congratulations on this development and the new name. That is great news, and much to your credit and hard work. A national body for children's literature collection is to be cherished." Jane Coverton, Working Title Press

Libby Hathorn visited in October, read what she had to say about her visit on her [blogspot](#).



On learning of our name change Mike Shuttleworth said:

"Well there's some exciting and wonderful news! That's great that you have taken the challenge to change the organisation's name and to shout from the rooftops what the organisation does. I've always been super impressed by what your centre achieves, especially given the scarce resources. I do hope the renaming - let's avoid the term rebranding (!) - leads to greater recognition and support for what you do."

Eagerly sought after duplicate translations of Australian children's books find new homes

From time to time the National Centre is very fortunate and acquires spare copies of rare translations. Volunteers check if the National Library of Australia or Libraries ACT have a copy in their collections. If they don't, they are offered the book as we always ensure such sought after titles have a good home.

Recently we received two books, the Italian edition of D M Cornish's **Monster Book Tattoo: Book 1 The Foundling** and **Lucy Goosey (LilliGans)** by Margaret Wild and Ann James that were held by both libraries. Belle Alderman sent out a message to the University of Canberra staff, who are great supporters and she was overwhelmed by the interest shown.

Seven people across campus were keen to have the book. We gave the book to Daniela Pressina, whose 13-year-old son is studying Italian. Both parents speak Italian at home. The lucky new owner of the second spare translation is Faith Maddalena who is giving the book to her grandson, who lives in Turkey, but whose father speaks German, so it gives him a very special introduction to German.

Below Left Belinda Gamlen and Faith Maddalena with **Lucy Goosey (LilliGans)**. Bottom Right Belle Alderman and Dianne Wolfer presenting the Japanese translation of **Photographs in the Mud** to the Centre on her recent visit. Dianne's holdings and profile will be the subject of an article in 2016.





Heather Monro-Allison tells all... about her internship as part of her Cultural Studies at the ANU

I spent twenty weeks interning at the Lu Rees Archives – or as it became in the final weeks of my internship, the National Centre for Australian Children’s Literature. During this time, I was introduced to the range of the Archive’s collections, and the scope of their activities, such as organising material for visiting researchers. I worked on a project arranging and describing Mary Steele’s manuscript collection – this collection was originally about one archival box of material, but we were lucky enough to have Mary donate the rest of her archives, making the collection four or five times as large!

The internship was such a rewarding experience for me, as I had never worked in an archive before and, the National Centre for Australian Children’s Literature is definitely absorbing.

Best wishes from the National Centre

Below Top Left Angela Brown and Heike Elvers

Below Top Right from the left Belle Alderman, Pat Dickson, Isabel Brown, Max Brown, Rose Howes, Lynn Fletcher and Belinda Gamlen.

Below Bottom Left Board Members Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) Professor Nick Klomp and His Honour, Deputy Chief Justice John Faulks.

Below Bottom Right Rose Howes and Ann-Marie Miller from the University of Canberra Library



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