

# Fifty years collecting Australian children's books and so much more...

## When were we established?

The National Centre for Australian Children's Literature (formerly the Lu Rees Archives) was established in 1974 by agreement with all the branches of The Children's Book Council of Australia.

## How did we begin and where are we now?

Lu Rees, then President of the Children's Book Council of Australia, ACT Branch, was a bookseller, historian and passionate about Australian children's literature. She proposed Australia should have a national collection like other countries worldwide. All CBCA Branches agreed. The collection moved from private homes to the University of Canberra in 1980 where it remains today. We look after and have exhibited the CBCA Book Week artwork dating from 1984. In 2024, the Centre will be celebrating 50 years of operation.

## What is our vision?

To have a place and the resources to continuously promote, celebrate and share our literary past, present and future, through the stories that touched our hearts and stirred our imaginations as children. We document and share the creative process and inspire present and future generations with our research collections, exhibitions and outreach activities.

## Who do we wish to reach?

- parents
- educators working with young people
- researchers
- creators of Australian stories for young people in all mediums
- future generations fascinated by the creative process
- world community interested in literature for young people



NATIONAL CENTRE for  
**AUSTRALIAN  
CHILDREN'S  
LITERATURE**<sup>Inc</sup>

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/>

## What does the Centre currently offer?

- Over 1,200 books for young people featured in 4 free online databases
- Over 4,500 free online teaching resources in these databases
- over 57,000 Australian books for young people including 5,800 in 79 languages
- artworks by gems like Bob Graham and Alison Lester
- authors papers like much-loved Emily Rodda and Jackie French
- publishers and organisations archives
- research material about 580+ Australian authors and illustrators

In brief, the Centre holds the art and endeavours of Australian children's book creators.

## Making donations

The Centre is endorsed as a deductible gift recipient (DGR) by the Australian Taxation Office under Subdivision 20-BA of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. This entitles donors to make monetary gifts of \$2 or more and receive a deduction on the donor's income tax returns in the year of donation.

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# Databases and resources

## Cultural diversity database

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/resources/databases/welcome-to-the-ncacl-cultural-diversity-database/>

**Flyer:** [https://www.ncacl.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/NCACL\\_CulturalDiversitiDatabase\\_A4\\_flyer.pdf](https://www.ncacl.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/NCACL_CulturalDiversitiDatabase_A4_flyer.pdf)

## Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander Peoples Resource

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/resources/databases/welcome-to-the-aboriginal-and-or-torres-strait-islander-resource/>

**Flyer:** [https://www.ncacl.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/NCACL\\_ResourceDatabase\\_A4\\_flyer\\_October20\\_D01.pdf](https://www.ncacl.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/NCACL_ResourceDatabase_A4_flyer_October20_D01.pdf)

## Picture Books for Older Readers database

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/resources/databases/welcome-to-the-picture-books-for-older-readers-database/>

**Flyer:** <https://www.ncacl.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Champions-Picture-Books-for-Older-Readers.pdf>

## Australian verse novels resource

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/resources/bibliographies/australian-verse-novels-resource/>

**Flyer:** <https://www.ncacl.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/NCACL-Verse-Novels-Resource-Flyer-20211001-v1-r1-A4.pdf>

## NCACL Catalogue

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/research-support/>

## Artists artworks

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/collections-2/artists-artwork/>

## Authors papers and manuscripts

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/resources/finding-aids/>

## Research files (material about authors and illustrators works)

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/collections-2/author-and-illustrator-research-files/>

## Children's Book Council of Australia artwork for the annual book awards

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/collections-2/cbca-childrens-book-week-artwork-collection/>

## Visit these sites for the Centre's latest endeavours



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<https://twitter.com/NatCentAusChLit>



<https://www.ncacl.org.au/blog/blogspace/>



<https://www.ncacl.org.au/publications/ncacl-newsletters/>

## NCACL Behind the Imagined e-journal

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/publications/behind-the-imagined/>

## NCACL Annual reports

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/publications/ncacl-annual-reports/>



## You are invited!

Take a tour through the Centre via a 5-minute film produced by the University of Canberra, plus an accompanying PowerPoint presentation, Sharing Treasures, created for the nation-wide Foundation for Learning and Literacy Symposium 23 Nov 2022. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNgwQwyQ-8o>