IMPACT REPORT
2018
Our Foundation

In all our work we strive to engage and collaborate closely with remote communities to deliver our best. 2018 was no exception. Our dedicated and passionate team which included staff, our Board, ambassadors and volunteers were inspirational in delivering an extraordinary range of programs, one of the largest and most exciting in our 13-year history.

We worked towards true reconciliation throughout the year but especially during NAIDOC Week in July and on Indigenous Literacy Day held annually early each September, when elders and school children from remote communities shared their stories, language and culture with young and old (at the Sydney Opera House and Federation Square in Melbourne). We thank them sincerely.

None of this would have been possible without the generous support of the Australian Book Industry, corporate and community partners, schools, libraries and other educational institutions, and donors (big and small). Contributions ensure we can continue to engage with remote communities and extend programs to many more.

Our year ended with the enormous honour of being nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, one of the most prestigious awards for children’s publishing.

Karen Williams
Executive Director
Our People

We are a proudly independent, not for profit charity that respects the unique place of Australia’s First Nations people and draws on the expertise and skills of the Australian Book Industry. Our hard-working team is supported by our Patron, Hon. Quentin Bryce AD CVO, our Founder Suzy Wilson, our ambassadors, Board members and volunteers.

In 2018 three staff joined us in programming, marketing and fundraising, delivering an exceptionally rich and busy program. Our program staff travelled out on 11 field trips from Warburton in Western Australia to Melville Island in Northern Territory; our marketing and fundraising team participated in and ran over 30 events, fundraisers and conferences.

In addition, ILF ran three major advocacy events: NAIDOC Week at the State Library New South Wales and Indigenous Literacy Day in Sydney and Melbourne with communities from Binjari and Katherine, and Worawa College students, along with hundreds of sponsors, schools, corporates and supporters.

The team are: Karen Williams (Executive Director); Tina Raye (Program Manager); Nicole Whiles (Early Literacy Supervisor); Cindy Manfong (Program Co-ordinator); Brad Gambetta (Office Administrator); Jonathan Chapman (Marketing Co-ordinator); Jane Crowley (Marketing Manager); Nigel Marsden (Relationship/Fundraising Manager); Peter Fitzgerald (Accounts). ILF was also supported by a wonderful team of volunteers and consultants including: Kathy Mossop (Publishing Consultant); Sandra Caves (Business Consultant); Debbie McInnes (Media Consultant) and Frances Kreamer (Finance Volunteer).
Our Board

ILF’s Board of Directors provide strategic, corporate and cultural governance, ensuring the Foundation delivers the best possible programs. In 2018 the Board comprised: Patricia Genat (Chair); Fraser Cargill (Secretary); Anna Low; Louise Sherwin-Stark; James Kellow; Glen Miller; Leitha Assan; Mark Rubbo and Sharon Galleguillos. In 2019, Alicia Stewart and Dr Marnie O’Bryan became Directors.

“A warm hello from the Board. It has been a delight to serve as Chairman of the Board this year and on behalf of myself and the ILF Board which includes: booksellers, publishers, artists, bankers and educators, we are incredibly grateful to Karen and the team for building on the great work from 2017.”

Patricia Genat
Chair of the Board
Our Patron, Founder and Ambassadors

Our 21 strong-team of volunteer ambassadors are inspirational, supporting our Foundation throughout the year. In 2018 they travelled out to communities to conduct workshops, fundraise, run marathons, speak to schools, attend corporate functions and were interviewed by the media. Current ambassadors include: Debra Dank; Dr Anita Heiss; Andy Griffiths; Alison Lester; Kate Grenville; David Malouf; Justine Clarke; Josh Pyke; Deborah Cheetham; Richard Flanagan; Jessica Mauboy; Dr Jared Thomas; Ursula Yovich; Natalie Ahmat; Andrew Daddo; Gregg Dreise; Ann James; Kim Scott; Shelley Ware and David Lawrence.

In 2018 ILF launched our Student Ambassador program and 15 young students were chosen for their exceptional social justice advocacy. They included Heidi Bakker; Naya Cook; Shantaae Cowan; Georgia Eastaughffe; Sidney Edwards; Deyana El-Kadoumi; Nayomi Goonaratne; Kiara Harris; Sapphire Khodr; Grace Lagan; Joshua Lam; Zoe Mavromatis; Ella Read; Charlie Russel and Akanisi Tuikaba.

“I am inspired by the way ILF continues to increase its reach to Indigenous children in communities that most Australians have never heard of, places where language, culture and country are everything.”

Hon. Quentin Bryce AD CVO, Patron
2018 Program Highlights

ILF’s constantly growing programs with a focus on early literacy and publishing in language, are gifted free to remote communities and organisations across Australia.

COMMUNITY LITERACY PROJECTS (CLP)

The CLP program has published and sponsored 88 books to date. This program publishes books written by the children and people of remote Indigenous Communities. In 2018, we worked with communities, translators, linguists, authors, illustrators, editors, artists, publishers and sponsors to create books in communities from Nhulunbuy in north-east Arnhem Land to Tjuntjuntjara in Spinifex country in Western Australia, and Alice Springs in the Northern Territory. More than seven projects were produced, from graphic novels to picture books, to humorous Young Adult novels.

On Indigenous Literacy Day 2018, we were thrilled to launch the Binjari Buk series, nine books in Kriol, at the Sydney Opera House and Deadly Sisters of Worawa at Federation Square. The launch united diverse audiences from corporates to students residing in both inner-city and remote communities.
BOOK SUPPLY

Our Book Supply program is all about fostering a love of and, most importantly, engagement in reading for all ages of Indigenous children.

The program has been a huge success in providing children access to a wider variety of reading materials, creating opportunities for parents to engage in reading with their children, encouraging excellence at school and, in some cases, introducing books into homes for the very first time.

The Principal at Kururrungku Catholic Education Centre at Billiluna, Western Australia rated ILF’s program as having the highest (scoring) impact on literacy in their community – keeping the students and parents interested in learning through books.

“Our community would have five or less books in their homes and three languages are spoken here. We can never have enough books.”

Kururrungku Catholic Education Centre Principal
BOOK BUZZ

Partnering with playgroups, Book Buzz has become an increasingly popular early literacy program. Implementing a dedicated daily storytime session and providing developmentally appropriate books and resources, Book Buzz supports parents and carers in enjoying books with children in their home language. A Book Buzz highlight of 2018 was the production and launch of our first board books, in language, with Alison Lester and community members in Warburton, Western Australia and Amata, South Australia.

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| 2010 | Book Buzz sites:  
- Warburton (WA)  
- Wilcannia (NSW)  
- Manyallaluk (NT) |
| 2015 | Book Buzz evaluation in one community |
| 2017 | Book Buzz evaluation in five communities  
- Launch of first enhanced eBook in home language  
- Publication of first board books in Ngaanyatjarra language |
| 2018 | New Early Literacy Supervisor  
- New Storytime session resources  
- New board books in Pitjantjatjara language (Amata APY Lands)  
- 57 Book Buzz Playgroup and Healthcare Centre sites in NT, WA, QLD, SA |
| 2019 | Employ three part time Community Consultants  
- Grow partnerships with playgroups and Centres by 20% |

2,430
Book Buzz children reached
Launch of Pitjantjatjara board books at Amata Playgroup, APY Lands
20,000 Students swapped a book in The Great Book Swap Fundraising Campaign

$2.6 million 25% increase in revenue from 2017

350,000 Books gifted to remote communities in ILF’s lifetime

$1.8 million Used to deliver more programs to more communities across Australia

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ILF Milestones
Our Vision 2019+

The next 12 months is an exciting period as we approach our 10th Anniversary as a Foundation. In 2019 our focus is on evaluation; acquiring new staff and building our expertise in areas where it’s needed most. This means we recruit an additional three program staff (making it a total of seven), including our first part-time community employees in remote Australia. This investment in people will see our program expand its reach to 300+ communities with a particular focus on the Torres Strait Islands in Queensland as well as an increase in the implementation of the Book Buzz program in the Northern Territory through our valued partnerships.

2019 also marks UNESCO’s International Year of Indigenous Languages. This focus on Indigenous languages is paramount to preserving Australia’s heritage where only 250 Indigenous Australian languages remain compared to 800 dialectal varieties at the time of European settlement in 1788¹. ILF will continue to work with remote Indigenous communities to preserve those languages to produce first books for babies and toddlers as well as bi-lingual stories.

Pamela Lofts Mentorship program will also see a number of talented young authors being given the opportunity to develop their skills in a variety of workshops with ambassadors, authors, illustrators, designers and publishers. We aim to gift more than 92,000 books to communities from Far North Queensland to the APY Lands in South Australia, hitting a record target since inception of the Book Supply program. We will also publish and work with communities on nine projects and engage with more than 50 playgroups to deliver our highly effective literacy program.

Lastly, ILF is undergoing a transformation and to do that we will be undertaking an evaluation of our programs. This will help us assess our future strategic direction, and identify the support we need from corporate and donor sponsors to see our vision realised.

¹SOURCE:https://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/articles/indigenous-australian-languages
ILF could not have delivered its 2018 programs without the engagement of our communities across Australia and the continued support of our corporate sponsors, workplace and individual giving, grants and fundraising events, in-kind sponsorship and community partnerships. We thank each and every one for enabling us to make a real difference in the communities where we work. Without confining our supporters to this list, below are particular special mentions for outstanding dedication and commitment – thank you.

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The Social Research Centre
Tiwi College
Tjuntjuntjara Remote School
Viva Energy Australia
Vivienne Court Trading
Walker Books
Wendy Brooks Consulting
Westpac
Wood Dragon Trust
Worawa College
“Writing this book has changed my life; it is the first time my grandchildren have read a story in their own language (Kriol).”

Karen Manbulloo
Author of Moli det bigibigi, from the Binjari Buk series. Nominated for Australian Reading Hour 2019
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