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Reading is My Secret Power Children's Book Week 17 – 23 August

Children's Book Week 2019 runs from 17 to 23 August, and this year Libraries Tasmania is celebrating in many ways, from book character parades, to colourful displays and activities for all ages, including published authors reading at local book week events.

“Reading books really brings imagination to life, and encourages a love for learning and exploring new ideas and concepts,” Elizabeth Jack, Executive Director Libraries Tasmania said.

“This year's theme is ‘Reading is my secret power’, and our libraries are the perfect place to find everything from picture books, to teenage reads, to eBooks and even eComics.

“We are committed to creating open spaces, for families and the community to relax, learn and spend time.

“Have you visited us lately?”

Children's Book Week and the annual book awards was started by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) to promote children's books of high literary and artistic quality.

The winners of this year's Children's Book Week Awards include the following:

Book of the Year, Older Readers: Clare Atkins, *Between Us* (Black Inc)
The *Nona & Me* author's second novel is about a friendship between two teenagers: Anahita, an Iranian asylum seeker in detention in Australia, and Jono, whose Vietnamese single father Kenny works as a guard at the facility.

Book of the Year, Younger Readers: Emily Rodda, *His Name Was Walter* (HarperCollins)

The much-loved author's handwritten, illustrated book follows a school excursion during which four students and their teacher discover a mysterious book, about Walter and a girl named Sparrow, in an old house. A story within a story, with a touch of mystery, history and the fantastic.

Book of the Year, Early Childhood: Alison Lester, *Tricky's Bad Day* (Affirm Press)

Tricky's having one of those days when nothing is going right (we can all relate to the spilt milk and problematic pyjama buttons) – lucky Dad has a plan for an outdoor adventure up his sleeve!

To view or register with Libraries Tasmania's event listings, go to www.eventbrite.com and search 'Children's Book Week', or head to your local library's Facebook page.

For the full list of the CBCA Book of the Year Winners and Honour Books, please visit the CBCA website at <https://cbca.org.au/>.

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