

FAQs

Does our school have to hold a Great Book Swap or can it be another event?

Although we do encourage you to try the **Great Book Swap** as it promotes literacy and is a lot of fun, you are welcome to organise any type of fundraiser you think will suit your students and be successful.

What are some other fundraiser ideas?

If the *Great Book Swap* idea doesn't work in your school you can hold another fundraiser. Some ideas are:

- Cake stall or sausage sizzle
- Beanie Day
- Skip class & read — students make a donation to spend a period reading instead of attending class
- If your library is clearing out books have a second hand book fair
- Have a “dress as your favourite character day” for a gold coin donation

When can our school hold the event?

We strongly recommend holding your Great Book Swap on **Indigenous Literacy Day Wednesday 7 September 2016**, however other relevant times we can recommend are:

- Reconciliation Week, 27 May– 3 June
- National Literacy and Numeracy Week 29 August–4 September
- NAIDOC Week, 5-12 July
- Children's Book Week, August 20-27

Does the ILF accept donations of books?

We don't accept donations of books, mainly because many books are not culturally appropriate for remote communities. Every year our selection committee, a group of teachers who have worked in remote communities and book industry experts, work with publishers across Australia to choose a number of titles.

We use the money donated by schools, businesses and individuals to buy these books brand new from publishers (at generous discounts) and then distribute them through a warehouse.

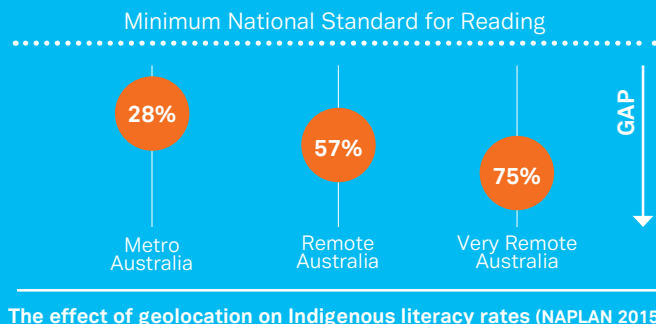
How does our school donate the money?

You can donate online through our website, make a direct deposit or send us a cheque. If you do make a direct deposit or EFT please send an email to accounts@ifl.org.au to ensure that you get a receipt. See our 'How to donate document'.

Where does our school's donation go?

Why we focus on remote communities

The literacy gap between Indigenous and non Indigenous children is significant, and persists in Australia—and the more remote the community, the larger the gap.



School donations help fund our national Book Supply Program (yellow on this map). This year we aim to send over 40,000 books to over 230 remote Indigenous communities and organisations across Australia. A vast web of organisations based in remote communities across Australia—schools, libraries, playgroups, womens centres, youth drop-in centres and service organisations register for our Book Supply program.

