Ideas & Info for activities
Book Night 2017
Tuesday 23 May

How do we join in Book Night?

Book Night is a fun nationwide reading event for people of all ages, run by Book Discussion Scheme. Individuals can join in from home, the office, wherever...or come together to participate in an activity. We encourage you to organise a fun activity for your community, workplace or school.

Register your community/school activity NOW! Go to **bds.org.nz/booknight** and tell us what, where, when and who! (Click on 'Register community event' button).

On the night of 23 May: individuals **read for 15 minutes or more** then **register their participation** at **bds.org.nz/booknight** to go into a prize draw. So easy! They can write a message & upload a photo (optional).

Results from the inaugural event in 2016

* Watch the interactive NZ map on Book Night, 23 May. See messages & pics appear from readers around NZ

What next? ...

- As early as possible, decide on an activity & book the venue or space (eg. school hall, library space, community centre, cafe).
- Register your event at bds.org.nz/booknight (indicating whether or not your event is open to the public). Click on the 'Register community event' button.
- Tell everyone! Notify your networks & begin to raise awareness of your Book Night event. Promote through (e)newsletters, websites, notice-boards, blogs & social media channels.

  Free Digital Posters (pdf files) and the Book Night logo are available for

Be inspired to develop your own event!

Suggestions overleaf ...

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Literary Treasure Hunt

Set book-related clues on a quest around the school library or hall. Add a 'dark dimension': turn the lights off and make torches mandatory!

Book-related Quiz Night—for adults or children

Google questions (eg. http://www.kidslitquiz.com/new-zealand.php)

Meet a real-life Author

Contact a local poet or writer to come along and inspire budding writers! The regional branch of New Zealand Society of Authors & other writing groups may be able to help.

Reading with Dad/Grandad ...or Fido

Ask kids to pick a book to read to a significant person or animal in their life...or invite the local pet therapy dog or cat!

Indoor picnic

Families can bring a rug, snacks/dinner and a sense of adventure.

Book Swap

Everyone brings along books they no longer want and receives a token that can be used to 'buy' other books. Set up a table where books can be sorted by, for example, age range or genre.
It might even lead to:

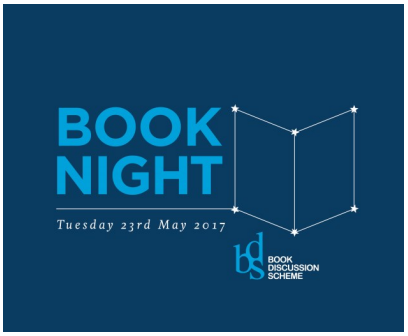
Launch a Swappa Library

Use Book Night to launch a 'little library' (construct your own or upcycle a fridge/waterproof box/other container) of donated preloved books. Families and/or individuals can swap books.

Marshmallows with that?

Offer comfy chairs & hot chocolates (with tasty marshmallows) to adult readers at your library

OR: Wine & words, Pyjama or onesie storytime, Indoor camping (recreate childhood camping in the lounge! sheets or tents!), Come as your favourite character (dress ups),
or any another fantastic idea you come up with ...



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