

STATE LIBRARY QUEENSLAND

MEDIA RELEASE

20 May 2026

Children take over State Library for Under Eights celebrations

Free family activities, performances and storytelling will take centre stage at State Library of Queensland this month, with an [Under Eights Celebration Day](#) (23 May) and a very special [National Simultaneous Storytime](#) (27 May).

The Under Eights Celebration Day invites families to explore The Corner's newly transformed spaces following a \$3.6 million redevelopment funded by donors and the Queensland Government.

This free drop-in event includes hands-on activities, performances and cultural experiences designed for children aged under eight and their families.

From art making and storytelling, to music, movement and quiet spaces to relax, the program encourages curiosity and participation. Families can move between The Corner, kuril dhagun, the Talking Circle and outdoor areas, discovering a range of experiences that celebrate early childhood creativity and community.

Highlights include:

- Make+Meld: wooden craft workshops
- The Buttery Music School: family karaoke choir experience
- Circa circus workshop
- Self-directed quiet space on State Library's relaxing River Decks

Activities will extend across the Queensland Cultural Centre including free entry to Queensland Museum's *Croc!* exhibition for under eights and interactive digital art making activities at QAGOMA's Children's Art Centre.

On Wednesday 27 May at 11:45am, families can join a reading of *Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller* in The Corner as part of National Simultaneous Storytime 2026. *Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller* follows the spirited kangaroo Luna and her friends as they chase their football dreams across the outback, blending action, teamwork and fun to inspire young readers.

Quotes from Minister for Education and the Arts John-Paul Langbroek:

“State Library of Queensland’s programs and spaces provide young children and their families with free arts and cultural activities year-round, with special activities planned for Under Eights Celebration Day on 23 May.

“The Crisafulli Government proudly invests in the library to deliver family-friendly events, including the First 5 Forever program, which enriches children’s learning and development through reading, play and creative activities.

“Our *Queensland’s Time to Shine* arts and culture strategy commits to arts for all Queenslanders, and the library’s children’s programs support our youngest Queenslanders to engage with vibrant experiences that celebrate stories and storytellers.”

Quotes from State Librarian and CEO Vicki McDonald AM:

“Under Eights Celebration Day will be a relaxed way for children and families to experience The Corner's new location – which is larger, livelier and more inviting than ever.

“From creative studios to quiet nooks and outdoor areas, there is something for every child to discover.

“We are also thrilled to be part of National Simultaneous Storytime 2026 and bringing *Luna Roo* to life for families.”

[Under Eights Celebration Day](#)

Saturday 23 May 10 am – 2 pm

[National Simultaneous Storytime](#)

Wednesday 27 May 11:45 am – 12:30 pm

[The Corner](#)

Open daily 9:30 am – 4 pm | Free entry
Level 2 | State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, South Bank
slq.qld.gov.au/visit/spaces/corner | [Media Kit](#)

Media enquiries

media@slq.qld.gov.au

(07) 3840 7897