

# STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

## National Alliance for Libraries and the Early Years



On 21 and 22 May 2025, State Library of Queensland and the Queensland Brain Institute hosted an alliance of libraries and their partners, united to make a powerful commitment: to ensure every child in every community has access to everything they need to thrive.

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## Our vision

The National Alliance for Libraries and the Early Years, working within a national movement, recognises the critical role and responsibility libraries and their partners play in the early years' ecosystem. Together, we commit to ensuring that families across the network of over 1,400 public libraries have access to services designed to enable:

- nurturing and secure relationships
- experiences and environments that foster health and wellbeing
- opportunities for play and discovery
- participation in positive and inclusive communities
- a sense of belonging through identity and culture
- access to material basics and essential services.

## Our approach

We recognise that not all children have equitable access to the resources, relationships, and environments they need. As trusted community hubs, libraries, with their partners, are uniquely placed to deliver positive, place-based prevention work with families every day.

We achieve this through a collaborative framework built on:

- people: empowering library staff and community leaders to champion early years development
- partners: building strong, inter-agency partnerships to deliver evidenced based programs and holistic support
- places: libraries are living services reaching into their communities creating welcoming, inclusive, and resource-rich environments and experiences for families.

## Our actions

To deliver on this commitment, the National Alliance for Libraries and the Early Years will develop library-led multiagency working groups to:

- develop a *Working together* agreement to enable resource and knowledge sharing across the alliance
- collate, and where required undertake, data, research, and impact measurement to inform and improve our services
- advocate for recognition of, and sustained investment in, libraries as a foundation in place-based early years support.

## Join us

We invite libraries, organisations and businesses to pledge their commitment. Investing in libraries means strengthening a national network of 1,400 public libraries and their partners working in positive, proactive frontline service delivery, to benefit the lives of 6 million children across the nation.



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**A library for every community  
and every child. Together,  
we can ensure every child  
can thrive no matter where  
they live.**

### Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their continuing connection to land and as custodians of stories for millennia. We are inspired by this tradition in our work to share and preserve Queensland's memory for future generations.

Cover image: *Some children are at the computer and some are reading* by Jada McAvoy (no date). Dr Barbara Piscitelli AM Children's Art archive 1986-2016; 2020. (1986).

