

MID-WEST EARLY YEARS GENDER EQUALITY



DAYS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Celebrating days of acknowledgement is a great way to promote diversity inclusion. An example Storytime Book is listed for each day, but there are many different books to celebrate these themes in a way that suits your children and your context.

International Day of Education (24 January)

Introduce the idea that some girls are not given access to education.

Storytime Book: *Beatrice's Goat* by Paige McBrier



International Day of Women and Girls in Science (11 February)

Celebrate female scientists and encourage participation in STEM activities.

Storytime Book: *Ada Twist, Scientist* by Andrea Beaty



International Women's Day (08 March)

Celebrate women from around the world and locally.

Storytime Book: *The Heartbeat of the Land* by Cathy Freeman



Harmony Week (15-21 March)

Celebrate the cultural diversity found in Western Australia and more specifically within your setting. Harmony Day is the final day - 21 March.

Storytime Book: *Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox



National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence (20 March)

Explore what bullying is and why it's not OK.

Storytime Book: *Llama Llama and the Bully Goat* by Anna Dewdney



Transgender Day of Visibility (31 March)

Build awareness of trans and gender diverse people.

Storytime Book: *Introducing Teddy* by Jessica Walton



International Day of Human Space Flight (12 April)

Celebrate the achievements of space exploration and promote women in space.

Storytime Book: *Mae Among the Stars* by Roda Ahmed



International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia - IDAHOBIT (17 May)

Raise awareness of trans and gender diverse people and promote kindness.

Storytime Book: *I am Jazz* by Jessica Herthel



National Sorry Day (26 May)

Acknowledge the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families, communities and Country and the importance of saying sorry - and meaning it.

Storytime Book: *I'm Sorry!* by Barry Timms



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Reconciliation Week (27 May - 03 June)

Explore how connecting with people that are different to you can make life better for you and for them.

Storytime Book: *The Wall in the Middle of the Book* by Jon Agee



Pride Month (June)

Promote inclusion and celebrate the different shapes and sizes of families.

Storytime Book: *And Tango Makes Three* by Justin Richardson



Global Day of Parents (01 June)

Celebrate the different families in your setting, invite parents to come and share a story about their family.

Storytime Book: *The Family Book* by Todd Parr



NAIDOC Week (1st week July)

Celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Storytime Book: *Welcome to Country* by Aunty Joy Murphy



Malala Day (12 July)

Celebrate Malala's advocacy for girls' education worldwide - one person can make a difference.

Storytime Book: *The Magic Pencil* by Malala Yousafzai



International Men's Day (19 November)

Celebrate the many different ways men can look, behave and be.

Storytime Book: *Some Daddies* by Carol Gordon Ekster



International Day of People with Disability (03 December)

Promote the inclusion of people with disability in your setting.

Storytime Book: *Included* by Jayneen Sanders



Human Rights Day (10 December)

Celebrate the rights and freedoms we should all enjoy, no matter our gender, race, age or who is in our family.

Storytime Book: *The Right to Be Me* by Allison Paterson

REMEMBER

You don't need a particular day, week or month to celebrate diversity, challenge gendered stereotypes and build an inclusive educational setting. Every moment of every day can turn into a teachable moment or is otherwise an opportunity to show everyone in your setting that they are welcome just as they are.

