

MEDIA RELEASE

Illustration Challenge Inspiring Aussie Kids

A Picture Book Created For and By Children

Wombat Books has recognised 31 rising young illustrators to be featured in the upcoming title, *Yay! It's Library Day*, by multi-published children's author, Aleesah Darlison.

The Wombat Books Illustration Challenge was established to provide aspiring young artists with the opportunity to be published and introduce them to the world of illustrating.

It was an opportunity that students across Australia jumped on with well over 600 entries submitted.

"I'm all for engaging kids in writing and the arts and getting them to explore their imaginations and creativity," said Aleesah about the Illustration Challenge. "We're discovering there are so many talented child artists out there."

Yay! It's Library Day is a fun, rhyming story that follows siblings, Oliver and Ivy, as they explore the different worlds held in library books.

With their imaginations guiding them, Oliver and Ivy go on grand adventures through lion lairs and fairy realms, while meeting motley crews, princesses and a purple llama from Timbuctoo.

It was these adventures that allowed young entrants to use their imaginations to bring the wild and vivid scenes to life.

"It's been magical seeing the book come together with all the kids' beautiful illustrations, which allows you to discover something new on every page," said Aleesah.

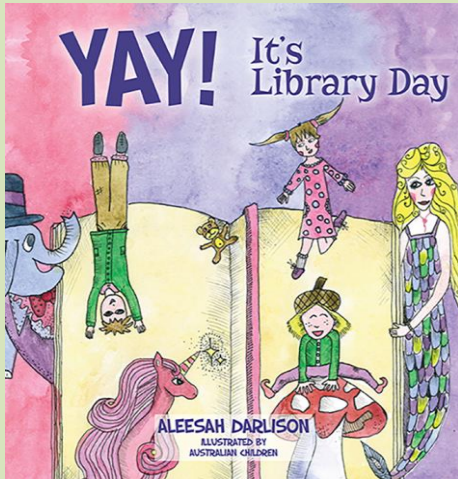
This is the second Illustration Challenge held by Wombat Books. The first competition was also a huge success and resulted in the book, *Zoo Ball*.

Aleesah Darlison is an award-winning Australian children's author whose much-loved work promotes courage, understanding and teamwork.

Aleesah will be conducting exciting *Yay! It's Library Day* launch events across Australia to celebrate the book's release.

Yay! It's Library Day is available at all good bookstores and at www.wombatbooks.com.au.

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