



ACT Bilingual
Education Alliance

ACT Bilingual Education Alliance (ACTBEA)

Update February 2019

1. Languages at the Multicultural Festival

Have fun with free language related activities at the Multicultural Festival in Civic

Saturday 16 February

- Bilingual story times and language activities, Civic Library, 10am-3pm
- Languages Showcase on Stage 2: multilingual poets and singers, 2pm–5pm,
- Free bilingual tours of CMAG art exhibition, in German at 2pm and Spanish at 3pm

Sunday 17 February

- Fun languages activities in CMAG as part of the Children's Sanctuary, 11am-3pm
- Multilingual Canberra and other language-related stalls in Civic Square 11am-4pm
- Free bilingual tours of CMAG art exhibition in Italian at 2pm

'Say G'Day Competition' (Saturday and Sunday)

- Collect information about some of the many languages being spoken at the festival over the weekend to go into a draw for a Major prize of \$250!
- Small gift for participants under 12 who drop off their completed entries at CMAG
- Pick up an Entry form from the Children's Sanctuary, Festival Information Stalls, ANU stall on Saturday or language stalls in Civic Square on Sunday. More info at https://actbilingual.weebly.com/uploads/4/4/9/1/4491774/say_g_poster_web_final.pdf

For full Children's Sanctuary Program:

https://www.multiculturalfestival.com.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0016/1315132/National-Multicultural-Festival-CHILDRENS-SANCTUARY-Program.pdf

For more Festival information: <https://www.multiculturalfestival.com.au/>

2. Lantern Festival

Celebrate the end of the Chinese New Year celebrations at the popular and colourful Lantern Festival organised by the Canberra Branch of the Australia China Friendship Society (ACFS). Bring your own picnic (water and snacks for sale) and your own lantern, or buy one there. Prizes for the best hand-made lanterns.

- Saturday February 23, 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm
- Canberra Beijing Garden
- Free entry

Please note: in the event of rain, the Festival will be CANCELLED. For more information: <http://acfs.org.au/events/>, email: acfsevent@gmail.com, or ring Carol on 6247 8231

Lantern Making Workshop

Want to make you own lantern? Come along to the ACFS Lantern Making Workshop,

- 1.30 – 3.30pm Sunday 10 February 2019
- Cook Community Hub, 41 Templeton St.

For adults and children (young children will need to be accompanied by adults). Cost \$3 per person. Bring a cutting board, scissors, ruler and pencil.

Bookings essential to acfsevent@gmail.com or phone Jean 6254 7732

3. International Mother Language Day celebration

A family-friendly walk across Kings Avenue Bridge to celebrate International Mother Language Day and the many languages spoken in the ACT area.

Wear something traditional or colourful, carry a banner or poster to celebrate your language identity, sing in your language as you walk, and hear a recital of music and songs from around the world from the National Carillion.

Bring a picnic and continue the celebration at the end of the walk in King's Park.

- Sunday 24 February
- 10.30am for 11am start
- Meet at International Flags Display behind Questacon
- Free All welcome

More details from Ziaul at imlm.21feb@gmail.com or 0411 031 942

For promotional poster:

https://actbilingual.weebly.com/uploads/4/4/9/1/4491774/language_walk_poster_2019.pdf

International Mother Language Day (21 February) is observed worldwide to raise awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and to promote multilingualism. It is particularly significant this year, which has been declared the International Year of Indigenous Languages (IY2019).

For information about

- International Mother Language Day and the local group organising the walk: <http://imlm21.org.au/>
- the International Year of Indigenous Languages: <https://en.iyl2019.org/>

4. Bilingual books and story times at ACT Libraries

Bilingual picture books

Look for Bilingual picture books in each branch. You can also find language books for children in the different language collections. Ask a librarian for more help.

Bilingual Story Times

ACT Libraries invite you to celebrate and share the languages and cultures that make Canberra so rich and diverse. These sessions are for everyone, both for families who speak languages other than English, and for those who speak only English and want to expose their children to other languages and cultures.

For details: <https://www.library.act.gov.au/whats-on/programs-for-families/story-time>

The International Digital Children's Library

This has many children's books from other countries, cultures and languages in digital format. Visit <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/> for more information

5. The benefits of bilingualism and how to maintain your heritage language

ACTBEA and the Hellenic Club are planning this presentation for families

- Saturday 23 March 3pm
- Hellenic Club, Matilda Street, Woden
- FREE entry

We will discuss the benefits to children of learning more than one language as well as how, why and when to encourage children to develop their skills in a heritage language or a language spoken in the family. Questions and input from audience members are encouraged.

For further details and to book, contact Canberrabilingual@gmail.com

6. Canberra Region Languages Forum

Formed in 2007 to facilitate discussion among the many stakeholders in Canberra and the surrounding region who are interested in promoting languages and language learning.

The major aim of the forum is to share information and ideas in order to build on local resources and strengths to improve languages education in the ACT region. You can subscribe to an free occasional Forum Update.

For more information see: <https://canberralanguages.blogspot.com/>

7. Follow ACTBEA on Facebook

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