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Change your world at Libraries Tasmania

During 26TEN Week, 26 to 31 October 2020, Libraries Tasmania is celebrating those who change their world by improving their reading, writing or maths skills. Across the state, we are taking a moment to acknowledge the courage of the thousands of adults who have come forward to seek help through our literacy service and put in the hard yards to learn new skills. You may have already seen the faces of many of them on the 26TEN Facebook site, as their achievements are celebrated.

Some of our libraries are also running special events. **George Town Library** will once again be celebrating their committed and inspirational literacy learners with a display of photos and learning stories. This year, the display will be themed around the 26TEN emoji campaign, encouraging young adults to get help to improve their reading, writing and maths, and open up the opportunities available to them. We will share videos and messages on Facebook and encourage clients to add their own stories to the display.

George Town, Exeter and Beaconsfield Libraries will also highlight the importance of numeracy skills in everyday life, by hosting an annual, 'Guess the Price of the Groceries competition'. The closest estimate to the actual cost wins a hamper of useful items (and a few yummy treats).

Our **George Town Library** Literacy Coordinator will visit George Town Council to share the 26TEN literacy awareness and 26TEN Chat workshop, furthering a conversation around promoting literacy in the town.

On Wednesday, 28 October, **Kingston Library** will hold a free Plain English Workshop from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm to help clients learn simple ways to make written communication easier for others to understand. This includes newsletters, flyers and online communication. The workshop is suitable for participants from the community and business.

On Monday, 26 October, **Bridgewater Library** will be talking with families about story bags for loan, each containing a book and a toy, with ideas on how to use them to build their skills through talking, reading and playing with their children. Trees will also be given

away to encourage outdoor play and talk, creating little moments that can make a big difference in developing talking and reading skills.

For more information check your local [library](#) or visit [Eventbrite](#). Also visit <https://26ten.tas.gov.au/whats-happening/Pages/26TENWeek2020.aspx>.

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