



LIBRARY LOVERS' DAY 2019

# SHADOW PUPPET THEATRE

## HOW TO

To create an engaging and fun shadow puppet play you'll first need a few tools:

- Printed off and cut out characters from our website (make sure not to print double-sided) we recommend card paper
- scissors for cutting out the characters
- as many flat craft sticks as you have characters
- glue or sticky tape
- a white sheet or blank wall
- a bright light source, torch, lantern, or the sun (if you have an overhead projector hanging around that would be ideal)
- as many free hands as possible.

The theme to celebrate Library Lovers' Day 2019 is library love stories, and we want to encourage the creativity and inventiveness of libraries across Australia.

One of the great ways that your library can enjoy the day is by putting on a shadow puppet play. Cultures around the world have expressed themselves and entertained each other for hundreds of years with puppet shows.

We have six sets of characters that you can choose from, please feel free to stick to one genre or mix it up.

- Science fiction
- fairy-tale
- spooky
- everyday life
- animal kingdom
- library.

There's no perfect length for a story, but the longer the story the longer you must keep your hands up. We recommend less than two minutes, so you can tell a good story without becoming tired or losing your audience's attention.

The advantage of these characters is that they can be used for other activities, not just for Library Lovers' Day, and you can engage with your users as they can tell their own stories. Maybe leave a box in your children's or craft area so people can have a go.

To create the best effect, hold the puppets 30-35 cm away from the light source, and at least 30 cm away from the wall or sheet.

Please share any ideas or stories that you have created with us on social media, using the hashtags **#LibraryLoveStories** and **#LibraryLoversDay**.



