

Supporting school libraries



The School Library published an astonishing **221 reviews** to help schools curate their book collections.

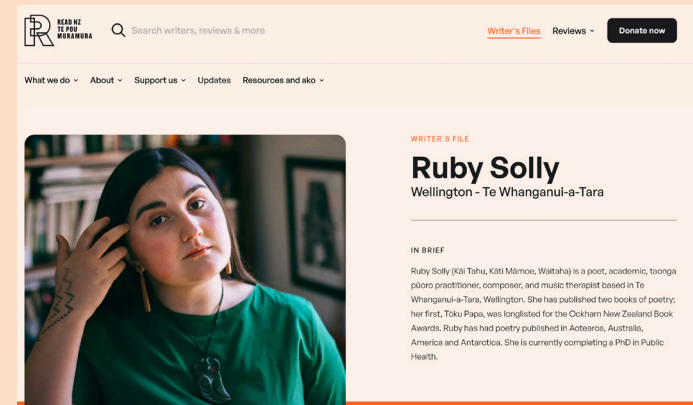
Telling a story out of her own mouth

Inimitable storyteller and inspiration to generations **Mona Williams** delivered the **2023 Pānui** to a packed-out National Library auditorium.



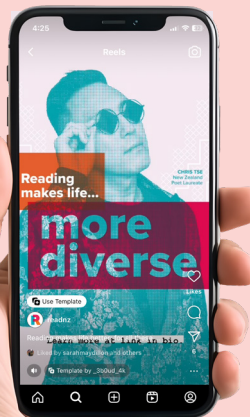
Shouting about our writers

We added to our impressive library of **700+ Writers Files**, a key source for data on Aotearoa’s authors and illustrators, with **eleven new entries**.



Making a splash

Our **brand new website** went live in May, and our **first ever marketing campaign**, ‘*Reading makes life...*’, hit hundreds of thousands of digital and out-of-home screens across Aotearoa in October.



We deliver programmes that incentivise reading and writing in schools and communities and champion New Zealand storytelling in all its forms.



We increase exposure to Aotearoa’s writers, illustrators, and stories, honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi by amplifying voices of te ao Māori and the use of te reo Māori.

Back reading in Aotearoa

Help our community of readers and writers grow by **becoming a Read NZ Te Pou Muramura member**.

We offer memberships for individuals, corporates, and schools. You’ll enable us to **keep delivering impactful programmes, resources and campaigns** for thousands of Kiwis, transforming lives through reading: and you’ll access some bonus **supporter perks** like our special membership pack.

read-nz.org/membership



www.read-nz.org



2023 Impact Statement

Our kaupapa

Reading makes life better. We exist to promote the joy of reading and the diversity and excitement of homegrown literature to everyone in Aotearoa New Zealand, growing generations of readers.

Reading has been proven to improve social, cultural, well-being and economic outcomes. We create opportunities for everyone in Aotearoa to share in these transformational benefits.

We run campaigns to encourage New Zealanders to read; research our reading habits and barriers to reading; and advocate for the importance of reading on a national level.



Transforming tamariki

Our **Writers in Schools** programme took **82 writers and illustrators** to schools in every corner of Aotearoa, reaching **56,587 students**.



Hastings Boys' High School students at David Riley's visit

Keeping teens hooked on books

Our **Hooked on Books He Ao Ano** programme expanded, with its very own coordinator, Natalya, working to make the scheme by and for teens.



Bringing a fresh challenge



1,051 school staff from **151 schools** joined us for the first ever **Teachers Reading Challenge**, reading over half a million pages together.

Image credit: Caitlin Funk

Providing rebel girls a creative outlet

We hosted twenty senior students from around Pōneke at the Katherine Mansfield House for the Rebel Girls of Aotearoa Literature workshop, a day of creative writing with rebel girls Ruby Solly, Joy Holley and Rose Lu.

"My friend and I felt like proper authors writing in the Katherine Mansfield House!"

STUDENT



Ria Hall reads I Roto i te Ngahere for NZSO Storytime

Supporting the sector

We supported a number of partners with important initiatives such as the **Te Awhi Rito Reading Ambassador**, the **New Zealand Symphony Orchestra's 'Storytime' series**, and literary events like the Featherston Booktown's Young Writers and Readers Programme and the Dunedin Writers and Readers Festival.

Ngā mihi nui

These amazing organisations enable our mahi:



The community trusts who support Writers in Schools in their regions