

LETTER TO THE CHILDREN OF AUSTRALIA FROM  
Australian Children's Laureate 2020-2021  
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**D**ear children and readers everywhere,

My name is Ursula Dubosarsky and I write books for children. I'm also the Australian Children's Laureate for 2020-2021, which means my job is to do EVERYTHING I can to encourage children to love reading. My trusty friend the Laureate Magpie, is here to help me. (Aren't you, Magpie?)

Did you know that the one best places that you can find as many books as you could ever want to read – for free – is the library? If you're lucky, you may have a great school library where you can borrow books. But you can also join your local public library, and get your very own special library card, with YOUR name on it. Then you can go to the shelves and pick any books you want and take them home to read. And bring them back and borrow some more! Even when the library is closed, you can still join online. You can even borrow books online!

In fact, you will "Read For Your Life" – that's my own special Laureate slogan!

Ah, how wonderful, to think of all the stories that are waiting in the library for children like you, all over the world...

Until soon, your friend,

*Ursula* (and Magpie)



Ursula says  
join the library!

*Together, with hundreds, thousands of books,  
Millions of shining lights, like stars in the sky*

From *Midnight at the Library*

