

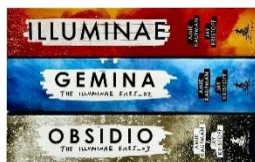
THE LIBRARY MINI PAGE

UPDATES ON NEW BOOKS, AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT, PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE AND more...

AUSTRALIAN AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT

Amie Kaufman is New York Times bestselling and international Bestselling Australian Author of science fiction and fantasy for young adults.

The Illuminae files were co-authored with Jay Kirstoff. Her books have been published in over 35 countries.



Check out Amie's books in the ASMS collection

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENT FOR TERM 3



Book Week theme for 2026
Symphony of stories
22nd - 28th August

Stay tuned for more info



FUN FACTS ABOUT JUNE

- **The Solstice:** The Earth is tilted on its axis. On June 20 or 21, this tilt reaches its maximum. The Northern Hemisphere has the longest day of the year, while the Southern Hemisphere experiences the shortest day (the Winter Solstice).
- **The Midnight Sun:** Cities above the Arctic Circle (like Tromsø, Norway) experience 24 hours of daylight. The sun never sets!
- **Expanding Eiffel Tower:** Because metal expands in the heat, the Eiffel Tower can grow up to 15 centimetres' taller during the hot summer months.
- **The iPhone Era:** The first Apple iPhone was officially released on June 29, 2007, changing the world forever.
- **Best Friends Day:** June 8th is celebrated as National Best Friends Day.
- **First Woman in Space:** On **June 16, 1963**, Soviet cosmonaut **Valentina Tereshkova** launched into space aboard Vostok 6. She circled the Earth **48 times** and remains the only woman to complete a solo space mission.

Few tips on fact checking 😊

How to Fact-Check Like a Pro

Sick and tired of seeing misinformation? Never know who or what to trust? Can't figure out if what you've heard is true? Feel duped? Want better tools to sort truth from fiction? Here's a quick guide to sorting out facts, weighing information and being knowledgeable online and off.



Check Credentials

Is the author specialized in the field that the article is concerned with? Does s/he currently work in that field? Check LinkedIn or do a quick Google search to see if the author can speak about the subject with authority and accuracy.



Look for Bias

Does the article seem to lean toward a particular point of view? Does it link to sites, files or images that seem to skew left or right? Biased articles may not be giving you the whole story.



Check the Dates

Like eggs and milk, information can have an expiration date. In many cases, use the most up-to-date information you can find.



Check the Sources

When an article cites sources, it's good to check them out. Sometimes, official-sounding associations are really biased think tanks or represent only a fringe view of a large group of people. If you can't find sources, read as much about the topic as you can to get a feel for what's already out there and decide for yourself if the article is accurate or not.



Judge Hard

If what you're reading seems too good to be true, or too weird, or too reactionary, it probably is.



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2026 Premier's Reading Challenge --- SAY YES to the challenge!!



Year 10, 11 or 12

Students in year 10, 11 or 12 need to read 12 books of their own choice at an appropriate literacy level.

55 Schools with outstanding Premier's Reading Challenge completion records are invited to the **Premier's Reception** each year and awarded a certificate...

Say YES and start the PRC Challenge

Visit the Premiers Reading challenge site for more info and to download your entry form or speak with Sam G in the library.

Completed forms back to Sam G, please.

<https://premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/students/student-reading-records/>

Student details

Given name(s) _____

Last name _____ Gender _____

School _____

Teacher _____ Roll Class _____

Year Level _____ Date of Birth _____

Please enter the year you last completed the Challenge _____

Last school you completed the Challenge _____

The award I am reading for this year (Please tick)

☐ Mid-Year Intake Certificate - End of 1st Year ☐ Reader for Life 8 - End of 8th Year

☐ Certificate - End of 1st Year ☐ Reader for Life 9 - End of 9th Year

☐ Bronze Medal - End of 2nd Year ☐ Reader for Life 10 - End of 10th Year

☐ Silver Medal - End of 3rd Year ☐ Reader for Life 11 - End of 11th Year

☐ Gold Medal - End of 4th Year ☐ Reader for Life 12 - End of 12th Year

☐ Champion Medal - End of 5th Year ☐ Reader for Life 13 - End of 13th Year

☐ Legend Medal - End of 6th Year ☐ Reader for Life 14 - End of 14th Year

☐ Hall of Fame Medal - End of 7th Year

Hall of Fame Honour Roll consent

This student has permission for their first and last name only to be printed on the Challenge website in the Hall of Fame Honour Roll when they achieve that award.

☐ Yes ☐ No Parent/Guardian Signature _____

When completed, please give this form to your Premier's Reading Challenge school contact person so that your record can be entered. Due 4 September 2026. You will receive your award in Term 4.

PREMIER'S READING Challenge

2026 READING RECORD

Name _____

Reading for this Challenge finishes on 4 September 2026.

Government of South Australia

Year 10-12

12 own choice books = 12 books total

Title

Author

Adult Initials

Ask a teacher, parent, carer or librarian to initial each of the 12 books you have read to endorse that the books are at an appropriate level for you and that the author and title are correct.



New titles to our collection



Evidence reading is good for you!



The science says it's time to pick up a book!

The research has linked reading with:

- ♥ **Reduced stress** - Reading for as little as six minutes has been shown to help lower stress levels and promote relaxation.
- ♥ **Greater empathy** - Reading, particularly fiction, can help us better understand the thoughts, feelings and experiences of others.
- ♥ **Better memory** - Reading engages multiple parts of the brain, helping to strengthen memory and cognitive function.
- ♥ **Better brain health as we age** - Studies suggest that regular reading may help keep our brains active and support cognitive health later in life.
- ♥ **A longer life** - Research from Yale University found that people who read books regularly were more likely to live longer than non-readers.

References on article & website <https://www.brotherhoodbooks.org.au/>

Mental Health First Aid England

Australia Reads

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PubMed Central - National Library of Medicine - Cognitive Function study

Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation

PubMed Central - Association of Book Reading with Longevity