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INDIGENOUS LITERACY FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH THE HAWTHORN FOOTBALL CLUB

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation is pleased to announce a special partnership with the Hawthorn Football Club today at Darwin City Library.

The partnership of the Hawthorn Indigenous Program proudly supported by the Epic Good Foundation will mean that early literacy resources are delivered to remote communities where they are needed the most.

To kick off the year Hawthorn players Jermaine Miller-Lewis and Liam Shiels will present *Book Buzz* early literacy sets to a group of five year old students and their teachers from Milikapiti School on Melville Island (the Tiwi Islands).

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) is a national charity that aims to raise children's literacy levels in remote Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island communities. In 2016 ILF aims to gift over 45,000 books through its free book supply program which goes to more than 200 remote communities. ILF also aims to deliver its early literacy program *Book Buzz* to 35 communities and organisations and to publish six books with remote communities. In May ILF will bring a team of its ambassadors to Melville Island to deliver writing and reading workshops and to launch a community book called *Tiwi Girl*.

Karen Williams, Executive Director of ILF said that the partnership was a wonderful opportunity of developing and encouraging literacy at many levels with remote communities.

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