



Issue 3

What's on

International Dance Day- 29 April



Get on your feet, snap your fingers and dance your way to joy.

The theme for this week is celebrating all kinds of dance from all parts of the world for International Dance Day. So, read books about dance or try a

different dance style.

We'd love to share your story on the website and social media so take a photo of you reading and email it through with a short book review to cmrc.doe@education.nt.gov.au.

CMRC book tally

Thank you to all our young readers for your continued enthusiasm in participating in the 2024 Chief Minister's Reading Challenge!



To help us keep track of the number of books you are reading, on Friday mornings scan the QR code to enter the number of books you have read each week.

Family Dance Party Time

Let's Dance! To celebrate International Dance Day, why not try a different style of dance. Perhaps have a family party this weekend or even shake a leg in your classroom.

Take a look at these international dance forms – how many of these have you heard of?

Flamenco, from Spain

Adumu, from Kenya and Tanzania

Bhangra, from India

Ballet, from Russia

Kabuki, from Japan

Sufi Whirling, from Turkey

Samba, from Brazil

Breakdancing, from the USA

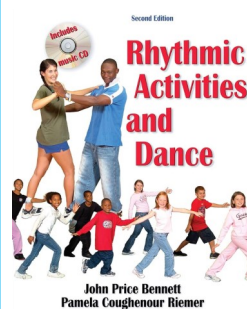
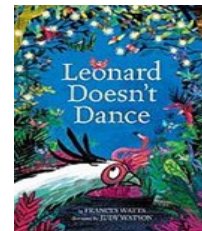
Or better yet create your own dance.

Books of the Week

Here are two books you can read for International Dance Day.

These books are available at your local library.

First you may like to read about Leonard's adventures while learning how to dance in *Leonard doesn't dance* written by Frances Watts and illustrated by Judy Watson. Leonard is helped by his friends so that he can attend the Big Beaky Bird Ball and show off his dance moves. This is a story about dancing to the beat of your own rhythm and being proud of one's individual talents and accepting our unique differences. This book is great for readers aged 4 years and above.



Next up is *Rhythmic activities and dance* by John Price Bennett and Pamela Coughenour Riemer. Teachers or parents can use this book to get children active and moving with fun activities. It is a useful resource to promote fit, joyful lifelong movers and learners. With its built-in progression, its wide array of selections, and its flexibility in creating a dance program, this book is a must if you want to turn children into dance machines.

You may also like to look at the booklists on our website to find a book to read for this theme.

Bonus Activity

Take a photo of you dancing in a chosen style, then please send it to us so that we can share it on our socials and website.

Details of what you have done or a book review of your reading during the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge can be sent through to cmrc.doe@education.nt.gov.au

Calendar of Events

International Dance Day	29 April
May the Fourth be with you	4 May
World Laughter Day	5 May