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Dear Reader,

I'm delighted to be part of the Together We Read program to promote libraries in Australia. As a young girl growing up in Tamworth the local library was my place of refuge (and constant air-conditioning!)

Librarians fed my love of reading and expanded my world. From a bean-bag on the floor, I could travel to mid-winter Russia, walk the Yorkshire Dales and be pulled through the wardrobe into the magical world of Narnia.

Books with a strong sense of place gave me a yearning for my own travel and fed my love of history and literature. Hobbies that would lead to a degree and eventual career as a writer. Now, when I write I always try to create vivid settings for my readers so that wherever they are curled up they too can travel to different times and places.

Happy reading,

Kirsty Manning