Award	Title/Project	Council	Summary	
Multicultural Excellence Award – Population Under 35,000	Job Ready and Digital Skills Night Classes for Pacifica Australia Labour Mobility (PALM)	Mareeba Shire Council	Mareeba Shire Council Libraries partnered with TAFE Queensland, local employers and community organisations to deliver evening classes supporting Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) workers. The program focuses on building digital literacy, workplace readiness, English language confidence and community connection. Through access to training, technology and local support networks, participants have gained recognised skills, increased employment opportunities and developed stronger connections with the Mareeba community. The initiative demonstrates how libraries can play a vital role in supporting social inclusion and economic participation for culturally diverse populations.	Prin Stroppe Library Programs & Outreach Officer prins@msc.qld.gov.au
	National Reconciliation Week 2026 "All In"	Mount Isa Regional Council	Mount Isa City Library's National Reconciliation Week program brought together community members, local organisations and First Nations representatives to promote understanding, learning and meaningful engagement with reconciliation. Through educational displays, storytelling, cultural activities, music and interactive community participation, the project increased awareness of Australia's reconciliation journey and encouraged conversations that foster respect, inclusion and cultural understanding. The initiative strengthened community connections while highlighting the library as a welcoming and inclusive place for all residents.	S Segun Ashaka Library Coordinator segun.ashaka@mountisa.qld.gov.au
Multicultural Excellence Award – Population Over 35,000	Yarning with our Mob Anniversary celebration	Logan City Council	For more than 15 years, Logan Libraries' *Yarning with our Mob* program has provided opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and community members to share culture, stories and lived experiences with the broader community. Delivered in partnership with local Elders, the program supports cultural awareness, reconciliation and lifelong learning through regular events, presentations and discussions. The 15 year Anniversary celebrated how this longstanding initiative continues to strengthen relationships, celebrate First Nations voices and build a more inclusive and culturally connected community.	Shelly Lausberg Manager Library Client Services ShellyLausberg@logan.qld.gov.au

	Burrunga on Country project, led by BLACCSWAN	Western Downs Regional Council	Developed in partnership with Indigenous organisation BLACCSWAN, *Burrunga on Country* brought together Elders, students, schools and a professional author and illustrator to create a locally inspired children's picture book. The project celebrates local language, culture, flora and fauna while fostering learning and cultural connection across generations. Outcomes included publication of the community-created book and the installation of a permanent Storywalk in Chinchilla Botanic Parklands, ensuring ongoing access to local stories and Indigenous knowledge for residents and visitors alike.	Jacinta Ward Library Services Coordinator Jacinta.Ward@wdrc.qld.gov.au