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Pete the Sheep

It was a case of a "baa baa" here and "baa baa" there at the Yea Library on Wednesday as Timmy Lamb joined in as part of National Simultaneous Storytime 2009. Now in its ninth year this visionary initiative of the Australian Library and Information Association saw around 100,000 children nationwide united in the reading of Jackie French's colorful tale of "Pete the Sheep".

Read at Yea by Library Coordinator Jan Smith, with Bruce Whatley's beautiful illustrations of Pete and all his mates enthralling the gathered children. But it was Timmy Lamb, a stand in for Pete, who stole the show. Timmy, a rescued orphan lamb who calls Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary home, gently stood as children patted, cuddled and explored the affable fellow.

"I was delighted to be invited here today" said Timmy's guardian and founder of Edgar's Mission, Pam Ahern. "Teaching children the importance of reading and its associated literary skills is so important, as is teaching the value of kindness to all beings. I believe Timmy's presence here today marries the two most admirably"

And if the beaming smiles of the children is anything to go by Timmy, aka Pete certainly left his mark.

Photos attached for media use, large file photos and names available upon request.

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"If we could live happy and healthy lives without harming others... why wouldn't we?"