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Kid's Fishing Hole News



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2009 is well underway and it's already been a big one for

Cairns Libraries! Just in the last month we've had fun at the 2009 Baby Expo, celebrated Manunda's 1st Birthday with the Bopstars, opened the new branch at Stratford, and visited our friends at Babinda for the Family Fun Day!

Fortunately Cairns Libraries is always planning more great fun free events for kids, and we've included what we have planned so far in this issue—but don't forget to check the website for updates.

In this issue we've also included some great new items we have for kids and teens that we think they'll love including some of the very latest DVDs ready for you to reserve online at www.cairnslibrary.com.au.

April 6– 19 Create a Monster Competition

Love the weird, wonderful, or perhaps...oozy? We do! That's why we're running a Create a Monster competition for kids this Easter—we want to see what weird, wonderful and oozy monsters our younger members can think up, and we've got a Family Movie Pass for Monsters Vs Aliens to give away!

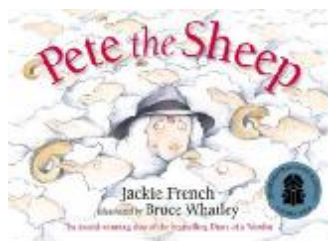
Pick up an entry form from any branch of Cairns Libraries. The first 50 to return an entry form will get a special poster, bookmark, door hanger or height chart, depending on availability.

April 18— Stratford Library Family Fun Day

The wait is over! The new Stratford Library is now open and to celebrate Cairns Libraries is holding a Family Fun Day on **April 18 from 9am-12noon**. The Bopstars will be there with plenty of games, dancing and face painting for the kids, and Dewey the Library Mascot will no doubt hop along too!

May 27— National Simultaneous Storytime

Have you heard of Pete the Sheep? Pete is not just any sheep; Pete has a special talent. Find out what it is—join us in the 2009 National Simultaneous Storytime, where children all over the country will sit down at the same time, **11am, on May 27**, and listen to the story of *Pete the Sheep*. From the incredible award-winning Australian team, Jackie French and Bruce Whatley (of *Diary of a Wombat* fame), this is a Storytime not to be missed!



Sessions will be held at Babinda, City, Earlville, Smithfield and Mossman Library and includes a craft activity afterwards. Bookings are essential. Please contact the branch direct, or the Children's Librarian on 4044 3785 for more information.



@ Manunda's 1st Birthday



The new Stratford Library

BaBy RhYmE TiME

Manunda Library
4th Thursday of
the month

Smithfield Library
2nd Thursday of
the month

Mossman Library
every Thursday

10.30-11.30am
Bookings essential

Storytimes every month @ Cairns libraries!



Babinda
3rd Wednesday

City
2nd Wednesday

Earlville
4th Thursday

Edmonton
1st Thursday

Gordonvale
1st Tuesday

Manunda
1st Wednesday

Mossman
every Thursday

Smithfield
3rd Tuesday

Stratford
2nd Tuesday

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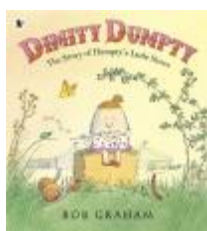
Baby Rhyme Time now at Smithfield Library:



Baby Rhyme Time @
Smithfield Library

Baby Rhyme Time is now held at Smithfield Library on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The sessions are lots of fun and provide a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to interact within babies, teaching them movement, coordination and early literacy skills in a supportive and friendly group environment. The sessions start at 10.30am and run for one hour. To book in at Smithfield, Manunda, or Mossman Library Baby Rhyme Time sessions, please contact the branch direct.

Great New Picture Books:



Dimity Dumpty by Bob Graham

Everyone knows the story of Humpty, but do you know the story of his sister, Dimity? A lovely read-aloud book about a shy child who remains true to herself and realises that everyone has special gifts and talents, and all you need to see it is a little faith in yourself. Beautiful pictures compliment another great work from outstanding author/illustrator, Bob Graham.

A Child's Garden: a story of hope by Michael Foreman

A little boy's home has been reduced to ruin and rubble, and now a wire fence and soldiers separate him from the streams and hills he once visited with his father. But the boy sees a tiny speck of green peeping up toward the sunlight, and he quietly begins to coax it with water and care. What sort of promise can a vine's spreading tendrils bring to a bleak landscape? A beautifully illustrated tale of healing and renewal from a world-acclaimed children's book creator, *A Child's Garden* pays gentle tribute to the human spirit.



What's new in Junior Fiction:



Goosebumps Horrorland 1-5 by R.L. Stine

The master is back! R.L. Stine took a ten year break from writing the mega-popular Goosebumps series but he's back with more spine-tingling and funny-bone-tickling adventures than ever before with the release of the much anticipated new Horrorland series. Books 1-5 are available right now, books 6-12 are yet to be released. Titles to search are: *Revenge of the Living Dummy*, *Creep from the Deep*, *Monster Blood for Breakfast*, *Screams of the Haunted Mask*, and *Dr Maniac Vs Robby Schwartz*.



Arachnid: the Spider King by Adam Blade

In the caves of Avantia lurks Arachnid the Spider King. Massive and terrifying, Arachnid preys on the local townspeople and guards a piece of the magical golden armor. Can Tom defeat the Beast and save the kingdom from destruction?

Spiros the Ghost Phoenix by Adam Blade

The evil wizard Malvel no longer wants to simply defeat Tom; he's determined to crush him! Tom's only hope to save his family is to summon the lost seventh Beast of Avantia, Spiros the Ghost Phoenix, but this legendary Beast disappeared years ago . . . and tracking her down could make this Tom's most dangerous quest yet!



Reserve these online at www.cairnslibrary.com.au and check out the cool websites www.rlstine.com and www.beastquest.co.uk for more information and lots of fun games and activities!



3 pcs now available in the Youth areas @ Manunda and Earlville Library—just for teens!



In the Youth room @ **Manunda Library**

Hey kids! Want the NEW stuff? Here's how to find it:

Open the online Catalogue, click Advanced Search, type Young Adult, Junior Fiction, Children's stories or Children's films, then select the year as 2008 to 2009, and voila!



Coming soon on DVD!



Dragon Ball hits the big screen

The ultimate sci-fi / martial arts manga and international best seller is now a major motion picture hitting cinemas across Australia this April. The film tells the adventures of Goku, a young warrior, as he sets out to find the lost Dragon Balls, objects that give the possessor ultimate power, in a thrilling race against time and evil.

The *Dragon Ball* series has lasted more than two decades and is one of the most popular manga franchises in history. The series is split in two; *Dragon Ball*, which follows the story of Goku as a young boy, and *Dragon Ball Z*, Goku's adventures as a teenager. Cairns Libraries has copies from both series which can be reserved online or in person at any branch, but get in quick, the release of the film has stirred up plenty of new interest!



What's HOT in Youth Fiction

The Luxe, Rumours, and Envy by Anna Godbersen

Beautiful girls in beautiful dresses, partying until dawn, irresistible boys with mischievous smiles and dangerous intentions, white lies, dark secrets, and scandalous hook-ups: this is Manhattan, 1899, this is the *Luxe* series. If you like the OC and Gossip Girls, this delicious romantic drama series about two socialites living in New York a hundred years ago will be a great read for you!



Vampire Diaries by L.J. Smith

Calling all *Twilight* fans! Check out the *Vampire Diaries* series by L.J. Smith and the *Blue Bloods* series by Melissa de la Cruz! Give the *House of Night Series* by P.C. Cast a go too, it's part Buffy part Gossip Girl—perfect for teenage girls or anyone who loves romantic vampire fiction!

More vampire titles like *Twilight* are listed on the Youth page of our website.



Young Bond: by Royal Command by Charlie Higson

Forced to flee from Eton to Austria, James is trapped in a deadly war of secrets and lies, as a nightmare reunion with a bitter enemy plunges him once more into the face of death. The fifth heart-stopping adventure in this phenomenal series by the brilliant, multi-talented Charlie Higson, this latest title doesn't disappoint! A great series for boys who say reading is 'boring'!

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button by F. Scott Fitzgerald

To think, a remark by author Mark Twain saying that it was a pity that the best part of life came at the beginning and the worst part at the end inspired this strange and haunting story of Benjamin Button, the man who was born as an old man who ages backwards. No need to tell you how good the book is—Cate and Brad both signed up for the film version!

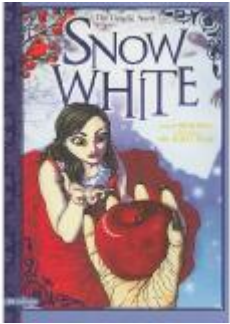


Librarian's Pick: *Then* by Morris Gleitzman

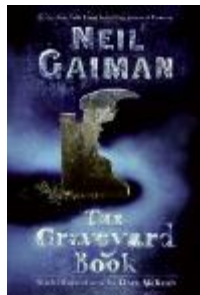
Then is the breathtaking sequel to Morris Gleitzman's critically acclaimed Holocaust novel, *Once*. *Then* continues the story of Felix, a young Jewish boy, and Zelda, a young Polish girl, as they fight to survive in Nazi-occupied Poland. Felix and Zelda have escaped the Nazi death train but how long can they remain hidden when there are so many people ready to hand them over for a reward? Both heart rendering and unforgettable, teens worldwide are saying *this* is the book to read this year! Another great compliment for one of Australia's best children's writers!

Visit www.spinebreakers.co.uk for more great reads for teens.

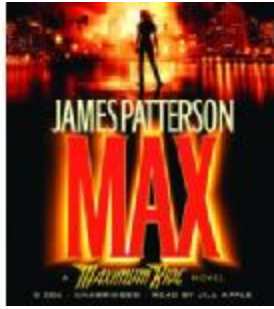
Hot items coming soon....



From the author of Coraline...



A classic goes graphic!



Maximum Ride continues

One for Twilight fans...



Before it was a movie...
it was a great book!

Look what's new in DVDs for kids!

