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# Lifestyle InPrint

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## Changes, changes

They say that the only constant in life is change and that is certainly true about Cairns Libraries.

August and September have seen many wonderful changes to the library service.

### Stratford Library

To honour the old and celebrate the new Stratford Library patrons farewelled the old Stratford Library on its final day of service, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

With over 50 years of library services on the current site, the old Stratford Library will be demolished to make way for a new community centre and library. Anecdotal evidence suggests that originally a library operated from an old house on the site.

The current building was designed and built for the former Mulgrave Shire Council in 1969 by E.H.Oribin who was the architect who also designed the Cairns Civic Theatre.

The new Stratford Library and Community Centre will feature a light, tropical building with natural wood features.

In line with all the other branches of Cairns Libraries, Stratford Library will offer an increased number of PCs for internet and word processing, photocopying and printing facilities as well as a larger collection of books, talking books, CDs and DVDs, magazines and newspapers. The building will also feature state of the art community facilities.

The new Stratford Library will open in early 2009.

## Earlville Library

Earlville Library moved from the old Woree site in November 2003. At the time it was the first shopping centre library in North Queensland.

On Monday 8 September, Earlville Library opened at its new location; shop 128, at the southern end of Stockland Cairns, and it was wonderful to see so many of the library's regular users there to experience the new library for the first time.

This new larger library features many state of the art innovations which will make library use easier, more convenient and more enjoyable.

Designed with the latest colours and featuring a hand made library counter which is back lit with lead lighting, Earlville Library exudes an art deco ambience, which is both functional and restful.

Increased technology is evident in many areas of the library, with more computers for internet and word processing, a CD Select System which allows listeners to sample the latest CDs before borrowing, as well as a self checking system for those who want to borrow and return items themselves. To increase book return options, there is also a 24/7 electronic book return chute located near the Taxi rank.

To attract younger readers, dedicated Children's and Youth areas have been created with art work previously featured in the original library.

For avid readers the usual library materials are available: fiction, non fiction, audio books, large print, magazines, newspapers, reference materials as well as children's and young adult collections.

For ratepayer convenience, a Cairns Regional Council Office is once again located within the Earlville Library, and can process payments and handle general enquiries.

Earlville Library opening hours are: Monday – Friday 10am – 5.30pm and Saturday 9am – 5pm.

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The Earlville Library can now be contacted on 4044 3766.



**CAIRNS LIBRARIES  
CONTACT DETAILS AND OPENING HOURS**

| Library    | Address  | Phone     | Library Hours   | Council office hours                  |
|------------|--|-----------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Babinda    | 24 Munro St<br>Babinda                                   | 4067 1112 | Mon - Fri 9am - 12.30<br>& 1.30 - 5pm<br>Sat 9am -12noon                            | Mon - Fri 9am - 12.30<br>& 1.30 - 5pm |
| City       | 151 Abbott Street<br>Cairns                              | 4044 3720 | Mon - Fri 10am - 6pm<br>Sat, Sun 10am – 3pm   |                                       |
| Earlville  | Shop M128<br>Stockland Earlville                         | 4044 3766 | Mon-Fri 10am - 5.30pm<br>Sat 9am – 5pm  | Mon - Fri 10am - 5pm                  |
| Edmonton   | 175 Bruce Hwy<br>Edmonton                                | 4055 4121 | Mon - Fri 10 am - 12.30 &<br>1.30 - 6pm<br>Sat 9am -12noon                          |                                       |
| Gordonvale | 88 Norman Street<br>Gordonvale                           | 4056 1365 | Mon - Fri 10am - 6pm<br>Sat 9am – 12noon  | Mon - Fri 10am - 3pm                  |
| Manunda    | Raintrees Centre cnr<br>Alfred & Koch<br>Streets Manunda | 4044 3779 | Mon - Fri 10am-6pm<br>Sat 9am – 12noon  |                                       |
| Mossman    | 14 Mill Street<br>Mossman                                | 4099 9496 | Mon – Wed 10am – 5pm,<br>Thur 10am – 6pm,<br>Fri 10am – 4.30pm,<br>Sat 9am – 12noon |                                       |
| Smithfield | Cheviot Street<br>Smithfield                             | 4057 7755 | Mon - Fri 10am-6pm<br>Sat 9am – 12noon  | Mon - Fri 10am - 3pm                  |
| Stratford  | 11 Kamerunga Road<br>Stratford                           | 4055 1264 | Closed from 22 August<br>until early 2009   |                                       |



## Annual Library Booksale

Cairns Libraries held its annual library book sale at the Fred Moule Pavilion at the Cairns Showground from 1-3 August 2008. Well over 3100 people flocked to the sale and subsequently a high percentage of the books offered for sale were sold.

The next sale will be held in August 2009 again at the Fred Moule Pavilion.

Cairns Libraries would like to thank all the Friends of Cairns Libraries who help set up and work the sale. Cairns Libraries would not be able to offer all the wonderful services we do without the help of our Friends.



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## New Satellite Library



In a service unique to Cairns Libraries, five *satellite* libraries are now running from Aged Care Facilities in the Cairns Region. Called *satellite libraries* because they are small and revolve around our larger established libraries, these new facilities have proved to be very popular with residents.

As well as the libraries at Glenmead Aged Care Facility, Masonic Care Queensland at Whitfield, Bethlehem Home at Manunda, and Coral Sea Gardens also at Manunda, a new library has opened at Village Life Smithfield Community. Each of the libraries offers a slightly different service which is dependent on the amount of care required by the residents.

In the more independent Coral Sea Gardens and Village Life the libraries are operated by volunteer residents and are accessible at all hours. At Bethlehem the nursing staff assist the residents to use the library and at Glenmead and Masonic Care members of Friends of Cairns Libraries operate the libraries.



With the establishment of these libraries for residents who are unable to travel to one of the nine libraries in the Cairns Regional Council area, Cairns Libraries has been able to expand services to those in our community who have long cherished libraries and reading. Avid readers and library users would understand the frustration and sadness that our older residents must feel when they can no longer access a library and select reading material as they wish, or worse when they have nothing suitable

to read. By providing this service to residents of Aged Care Facilities Cairns Libraries is fulfilling its mission to build and enrich community capacity across the region, by providing access to resources in all formats, in a manner which promotes and supports quality lifestyle and leisure choices.



Cairns Libraries would not be able to offer these enhanced library services were it not for the selfless and enthusiastic assistance of the members of Friends of Cairns Libraries. The Friends, who work at the satellite libraries, offer unstinting aid to the readers and help to search for just the right book. There is so much laughter and enjoyment and it is a great, fun place to be when a bevy of walking frames and wheelchairs head to the library!



## Hot Speed Reads

Cairns Libraries was the first library in Queensland to introduce **Hot Speed Reads**. These titles are the latest titles, often best sellers, which are available for \$4 for up to 10 days. If you wish to avoid long queues waiting for your favourite author's latest title then this collection may be for you. **Hot Speed Reads** are available from City, Earlville, Manunda, and Smithfield branches. You will see them in the bright display cases close to the circulation desk.



## Shakespeare at Cairns Libraries

As part of Festival Cairns, Cairns Regional Council, Cairns Libraries and the Shake & Stir Theatre Company proudly presented the *Will to Shake* workshops and *Statespeare* a performance at the Cairns City Library.

Over 100 students participated in the workshops where they learnt to understand and relate to the language and works of William Shakespeare in an atmosphere full of fun and hilarity. The members of the professional theatre company, Shake & Stir encouraged and entertained the students for two hours during each session. The students learnt the many and various ways to curse in a Shakespearean tongue and how to interact on the stage, with kings and paupers all in good fun. It is certain that many of the participants will now approach Shakespeare and the study of his plays with more understanding and amusement.

The performance of *Statespeare* on Friday 29 August in the City Library was a vital and exhilarating experience for the audience of ninety who laughed and cheered throughout the show. The actors: Nick, Ross, Nelle and Frankie kept the audience fully entertained throughout. The story is about four students who have a drama assignment about the relevance of Shakespeare for today's students. Two of the students are Shakespeare nerds and two know nothing about the Bard. The ensuing play is captivating and enlightening, encapsulating an understanding of teenagers today and their reaction to the classic drama of Shakespeare.

**One drama teacher summed it up:** *"I'm sorry that it has taken me so long to write but I just wanted to congratulate you on your foresight to have Shakespeare in the Library. It was a superb show with lots of laughs. A tremendous idea. I am always looking for new ways to put together Shakespeare's scenes for when I take the students down to Sydney to perform at the Shakespeare Festival. I thought there was good attendance and it was heartening to see so many drama teachers – well the people that are involved with NQADA that attended that evening show.*

*I look forward to other shows that you do in the library.*

*Regards*

*Maggie Shephard"*



**Students at the *Will to Shake* workshops**



**Cairns Library staff prior to the *Statespeare* performance**



**Shake and Stir Theatre  
Company in *Statespeare***



## **Author tour**

Cairns Libraries is pleased to welcome Australian author Phillip Gwynne from 14-16 October. Phillip has a full program of school and public workshops and discussions.

As well as visiting schools at Babinda, Gordonvale, Trinity Bay, Kewarra, Yorkey's Knob, Holy Cross and Parramatta, Phillip will be conducting discussions with readers and prospective writers each afternoon during his visit.

**Phillip will be at:**

**Babinda Library on Tuesday 14 October from 3-5pm; at Mossman Library on Wednesday 16 October from 3.30-5.30pm and in the City Library on Thursday 17 October from 6-8pm. Bookings are essential and can be made by ringing 4044 3727.**

**Copies of all Phillip's titles will be available for sale**



Phillip Gwynne

## ***Postscript***

Cairns Libraries often receives requests for information about our beautiful City Library, however recently we received a very interesting request. The Library Museum in Heemstede (Netherlands) collects promotional cards and postcards depicting libraries, featuring both the internal and external architecture. Currently they have 12,000 from all over the world. Hans Krol, the Curator emailed to asked if Cairns Libraries had any such cards. As we do have a post card depicting the City Library we sent him two copies. It seems also that Sjoerd Koopman of the International Federation of Library Associations in The Hague is a collector of library postcards so now Cairns City Library features at both these sites.