

# Lifestyle InPrint

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## New Library @ Stratford

CAIRNS  
Libraries

is proud to announce that the Stratford Library is open.

We look forward to welcoming you to our newest library.

Remember the past ...



The transformation begins ...

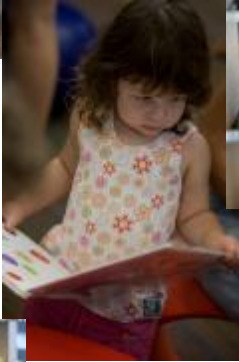


Almost there ....

And now the Stratford Community is very proud of its new Library....



Just the place to read,



Draw



Browse



Laugh and have fun!



Research,



Find a little light music,



## Did you know?

The long awaited Stratford Library shows Cairns Regional Council's commitment to minimising the building's environmental footprint in a tropical setting.

### Artwork by local artisan – Public Art feature

Visitors to the new Stratford Library will be delighted with the art features incorporated into the building. The distinctive gates were designed and installed by local artisan Gianni Sabaini. Sabaini's company *A touch of Iron* designs and creates unique, handcrafted wrought iron products. The gates depict a stylised open book overlaid with the Licuala Ramsayi palm which forms the basis of the Cairns Regional Council logo. Elements of the doors cleverly represent the creative thought processes inspired by utilising the library. These gates are unique to Stratford Library and create a distinctive entrance to the building.

### Meeting room

The new building also incorporates a state of the art public meeting facility with a small kitchen and equipment for use by hirers. Bookings and enquiries can be made at the Stratford library.

### More PCs

As well as the latest information and library technology the new Stratford Library will provide increased access to multifunctional PCs for public use. This will be teamed with a self booking system which is accessible via phone or in person.

### CD select listening station

A CD select listening station is also available enabling music lovers to listen to CDs before borrowing.

### Self Serve check out System and after hours book drop

No more waiting in queues...A user friendly touch screen assists customers to help themselves to library items and check them out. Items from any of the 9 branches of Cairns Libraries can be returned to the after

hours book drop which is located on the outside wall near the Library entrance. The automatic return chute registers the presence of library items as they are put into the chute.

### Storytimes

Regular story times have recommenced. Stratford story times are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Bookings are essential and can be made by calling Stratford Library on 4044 3733.

### Recharge station

Now all members of the community assisted by the use of motorised mobility devices can recharge batteries in the library whilst reading a favourite book or listening to a CD

### Other features

Dedicated spaces and collections for both youth and children have been incorporated into the library. The library also features regular library collections including large print and audio books, magazines and newspapers, CDs and DVDs as well as fiction and non fiction collections. Stratford Library will now house up to 10,000 library items for borrowing.

### Opening hours

Stratford Library will be open Monday – Friday 10am – 6pm and Saturday 9am - 12noon. For enquiries contact the library on 4044 3733.





## Stratford - Your Green Library

Situated on the site of the original library building that served the people of Stratford since 1956, the new Stratford Library features a number of elements which will minimise the environmental footprint of the building.

These features include:

- A north-east/south-west building orientation to pick up breezes and eliminate excessive sun on the glass. All large windows are east facing windows and shaded by large trees. Small north facing windows provide a



view of the Whitfield Ranges at the rear of the building

- The glass in all the windows has a low-emissivity coating applied to it in order to control heat transfer. This eliminates heat loss in winter and controls heat transfer to the building in summer
- The state of the art air conditioning system features ducts manufactured from fabric rather than steel. This is lighter and does not require welding during construction or insulation once installed. In bright red fabric, the air conditioning ducts form a visually appealing



statement across the ceiling

- Carpet tiles that can be recycled therefore eliminating wastage
- All lighting is high efficiency fluorescent T5 and electronically ballasted. These will use 30% less power.

**Cairns Libraries invites you to visit to the new Stratford Library for an enjoyable library lifestyle experience.**

## Why Libraries??

### Some interesting facts, figures and quotable quotes about Australian public libraries

Information adapted from the ALIA website [www.alia.org.au](http://www.alia.org.au)

From 25 – 29 May Cairns Libraries, along with many libraries across Australia, will be celebrating Australian Library and Information Week.

This year's theme – *Libraries: your passport to discovery* - highlights the self-directed discovery element of libraries and celebrates libraries as the place to access, communicate, connect, educate, entertain and inform.

Libraries connect people to ideas. It's a vital part of our commitment to promoting the free flow of information and facilitating all Australians' access to recorded knowledge, information, and creative works.

Australians are supported in their development of literacy and reading, education, business, community and digital access through a network of approximately 1,600 national, state and public library service points.

#### Did you know?

- § There are approximately 12 million registered users of public libraries in Australia – almost half of Australia's total population
- § There are over 1,500 public libraries in Australia with approximately 108 million visits to public libraries each year
- § Each year Australia's public libraries lend over 178 million items
- § There are over 6,400 internet computers in public libraries in Australia and a further 1,600 computers for word processing etc.

- § In 2007- 08, 7.7 million people visited Australian and New Zealand national and state libraries and 132 million people visited their websites.
- § It was found that for each dollar expended on public libraries \$4.24 of economic benefit is generated. Economic benefit is the financial amount saved relative to the cost of purchasing materials. And for each dollar expended on public libraries \$2.82 of real economic activity is generated. Economic activity measures the contribution of public libraries to the economy. Enriching communities: the value of public libraries in New South Wales, Library Council of New South Wales, March 2008. p i. [http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/services/public\\_libraries/publications/docs/enriching\\_communities.pdf](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/services/public_libraries/publications/docs/enriching_communities.pdf)
- § Unlike some other cultural institutions, public libraries regularly attract repeat visitors.
  - Almost three quarters (71%) who had visited libraries in the past 12 months had gone more than 5 times
  - This can be compared to museum attendance where 11% had been to visit more than 5 times, and art galleries where 17% had visited more than 5 times. ABS 4172.0 - Arts and Culture in Australia: A Statistical Overview, 2008 (First Edition) Australian Bureau of Statistics <http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/mf/4172.0>
- § With an attendance rate of 34% of people aged 15 years and over national, state and local libraries were the third most attended cultural venue or event in 2005-6 (after cinemas and zoos/aquariums). ABS 4114.0 - Attendance at Selected Cultural Venues and Events, Australia, 2005-06 Australian Bureau of Statistics <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4114.0>

## Quotable quotes – would you believe?

- § “...there are more public library outlets than there are McDonalds”.  
Parliament of Australia: Senate Committee 2003, Libraries in the online environment [http://www.aph.gov.au/senate\\_communications/completed\\_inquiries/2002-04/online\\_libraries/report/c01.pdf](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate_communications/completed_inquiries/2002-04/online_libraries/report/c01.pdf)
- § “My guess is [it will be] about 300 years until computers are as good as, say, your local reference library in doing search.”  
Craig Silverstein, Director of Technology, Google.com <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2004/03/25/sunday/main608672.shtml>

## Australian Library and Information Week @ Cairns Libraries



The theme for Australian Library and Information Week 2009 is “Libraries: Your Passport to Discovery.”

The focus of Australian Library and Information Week at Cairns Libraries this year will be National Simultaneous Storytime. Along with 830 Libraries across Australia children at the City, Earlville, Mossman and Smithfield Libraries will be listening to Pete the Sheep, written by Jackie French and illustrated by Bruce Whatley on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of May at 11am. ABC radio host Kier Shorey will be the guest storyteller at the City Library. Bookings are essential and can be made at any branch of Cairns Libraries.



See the Treasures of the John Oxley Library from the State Library of Queensland - Coming in June!!!

From 15 – 19 June 2009 Cairns Libraries will be hosting a tour of Treasures from the John Oxley Library (Brisbane) as part of a tour of regional Queensland. The tours form part of the John Oxley Library's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Watch the Cairns Libraries website [www.cairnslibrary.com.au](http://www.cairnslibrary.com.au) for details.

## Recession Buster Book Sale

Cairns Libraries will once again be holding its Annual Library Book sale. With the current economic climate a library book sale is a great way to find gifts for friends or relatives; those rare titles you may be looking for or just some extra reading material. The Recession Buster Book sale will be held:

From Friday 15 to Sunday 17 August 2009  
at the Fred Moule Pavilion 9am – 5pm



Don't miss out!!

## Highlights @ Cairns Libraries

### Babinda Library

12 people (& one baby) attended the Community Chat with the SES on March 24 @ **Babinda Library**. Babinda SES volunteers Don, Pauline & Dulcie shared tips about cyclone preparation, flood safety and how to keep your family safe in an emergency situation. The participants learnt a great deal from this Chat and more are planned for the future – thanks to the Babinda SES.

As usual **Babinda Library** will be decorated for the Lions Babinda Harvest Festival from 23-30 May. Check out the displays and decorations. Meet Cairns Libraries' staff at the park after the parade on Saturday 30 May.

### City Library

During April the **City Library** created a poignant ANZAC display to promote the *Mapping our ANZAC* database from the National Archives of Australia. The display also included interesting memorabilia from the Queensland Museum.

7 – 11 May is National Volunteers Week and the City Library would like to take this opportunity to thank the member of Friends of Cairns Libraries – Ann Sutherland who volunteers from the City Library, Ann takes books to Homebound Library members who are unable to come into the library, thanks Ann.

### Earlville Library

**Earlville Library** recently added four internet/word processing computers between the Junior and Young Adult areas. These PCs are specifically for use by these age groups and are being well utilised.

### Edmonton Library

**Edmonton Storytimes** are now very popular – it is necessary to book if you want to be involved – for bookings ring 4055 4121.

### Gordonvale Library

The ClimateSmart Living competition hosted at **Gordonvale Library** closed recently. Forty-three entries were judged for the Colouring-in Competition and thirty-seven entries were received from Gordonvale State Primary School for the Home of the Future Award. Program partners, Ergon, CRC and EPA were very impressed by the quality of entries.

### Manunda Library

Beth met with a representative from Vision Australia in relation to increasing the usage and awareness of the adaptive technology equipment and resources held at **Manunda Library**.

### Mossman Library

Soil nutrition for the home garden (healthy soils means health plants) is the subject of **Mossman Library's** gardening and sustainability talk on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June from 5-6pm. Everyone is welcome, green thumb or beginner. For further information please contact Mossman Library on 4099 9496

### Smithfield Library

**Smithfield Library** has commenced Baby Rhyme Time for babies and parents – to book ring 4057 7755 – bookings are essential. We bounce babies on our knees; reconnect with them, recite the rhymes from our childhood.

The DPI will be presenting a public awareness program focusing on invasive pests such as electric ants followed by the FREE screening of *A Bug's life* on Saturday June 13 at 7pm in the park adjacent to the **Smithfield Library**.

### Stratford Library

**Stratford's** new library rule – *having fun is mandatory*, the staff at Stratford are thrilled to see all their old customers enjoying the new library.

### And did you know?

“When you search the Internet, you engage key centres of your brain that control decision-making and complex reasoning – and these few clicks may be more mentally stimulating than reading, say UCLA scientists. Their studies found that Internet searching uses neural circuitry that's not activated during reading – but only in people with prior Internet experience. MRI results show almost 3 times more brain activity in regular Internet searchers than in first-timers, suggesting that repeated Googling can be a great way to build cognitive strength over time.

**TIP** Spend around 20 minutes a few days a week searching topics you've always wanted to learn more about – regardless of how seemingly frivolous. Whether you're researching a celebrity's latest pratfalls or musical harmony, the benefits to your brain are the same.”

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