
Term 1, 2007

Science Exhibition at Cairns Libraries

Cairns Libraries will be hosting *Earth Quest – Outer Space to Inner Earth* from **Monday the 16th July** until **Friday the 28th September** in the Cairns City Library. *Earth Quest* is a travelling exhibition from Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre in Canberra that takes the visitor on a journey from the Milky Way to the Earth's inner core. There are 30 interactive exhibits divided into the four themes of astronomy, Earth's atmosphere, Earth's surface, and Earth's sub-surface.

School groups and the general public are welcome to visit the exhibition at any time during the open period at no cost. For group bookings or more information, contact Kristie Jones on 4057 2214 or k.jones@cairns.qld.gov.au. Teacher resources and curriculum links are available from: http://www.questacon.edu.au/html/earth_quest.html.

FREE School Workshops in June

Cairns Libraries will be hosting FREE workshops with Dr Cameron Stelzer from Monday 18th June until Friday 22nd June. Schools can choose from a range of illustration and writing workshops suitable from Prep to Year 7. Dr Stelzer is qualified with a Doctorate of Visual Art, Bachelor of Fine Arts (Hons), Graduate Diploma in Education and has a blue suitability card. For his community involvement with local governments, he was awarded a 2006 Australia Day Cultural Achievement Award. The fun interactive *Stroogle* site contains further information about Dr Stelzer as well as games, activities and resources for parents and teachers: <http://www.thestroogle.com>.

The workshops are available to come to you on the following days:

- Gordonvale to Babinda - **Monday 18th June**
- Woree to Edmonton – **Tuesday 19th June**
- Cairns North to Mooroolbool – **Wednesday 20th June**
- Whitfield to Kamerunga – **Thursday 21st June**
- Caravonica to Kewarra Beach – **Friday 22nd June**

For more information about the workshops, please contact Kristie Jones via k.jones@cairns.qld.gov.au or 4057 2214. **Bookings close Friday 18th May.**

Dewey Lessons at your School

Cairns Libraries have developed a fun educational 45 minute program for years 3 to 6. Students will learn all about Cairns Libraries, the Kid's Fishing Hole website and the Dewey Decimal System. To reinforce all they have learned, they will meet Cairns Libraries' mascot Dewey, a white lipped green tree frog. Dewey lessons are available to come to your school in April and May this year. For bookings, please contact Kristie Jones at k.jones@cairns.qld.gov.au or 4057 2214.

Library Visits

School groups are welcome to visit any branch of Cairns Libraries throughout the year. Students can take part in a customised session that includes or combines the following services: guided tour and library information sessions; research lessons; and storytimes.

To book, please contact Kristie Jones on 4057 2214 or k.jones@cairns.qld.gov.au .

Online Resources for Students

Cairns Libraries has a number of online resources for students accessible from the library website <http://www.cairnslibrary.com.au> :

- The Kid's Fishing Hole – educational links by subject.
- Cairns Libraries online catalogue – Search the library collection, make reservations and renew items online.
- *Tumblebooks* – fun e-books for kids.
- Databases – become a library member and access a range of databases from *Encyclopedia Britannica* to *Literature Resource Centre*.
- Coming soon – *Your Tutor*: an online tutoring service for library members.

For more information on any of the resources or to arrange a lesson for your class, please contact Kristie Jones on 4057 2214 or k.jones@cairns.qld.gov.au .

Library Membership for Schools

Schools can join Cairns Libraries as organisational members and borrow up to 20 items, *twice* the allowed items on an individual membership, for a period of three weeks. Resources to be borrowed include the following: junior non fiction; junior and young adult fiction; CD ROMs including educational games; and videos and DVDs on a range of topics. Please visit your local library branch to become a member.

Library Membership for Children

When children become members of Cairns Libraries, they become members of the Kid's Fishing Hole Club! Every child receives their own special Library card and a free pack that includes a Dewey key ring or badge. More information on the Club is available from the Kid's Fishing Hole website, accessible from the Cairns Libraries website <http://www.cairnslibrary.com.au> .