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## Term 2, 2007

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### Leonie Norrington Visits in May

Cairns Libraries are hosting a visit from Leonie Norrington, highly acclaimed author of *The Burrumbi* series and *The Last Muster*, notable books for the Children's Book Council awards. Leonie is available to come to your school to talk to Year 6, 7 and 8 students for 45 minute sessions on **Tues 8<sup>th</sup> of May**. Writing workshops for school groups will also be held in *Cairns City Library* on the morning of **Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> of May**. Leonie will be launching her latest book *Leaving Barrumbi* at the Cairns City Library on **Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> of May** at 7pm. All events are FREE and teachers notes on *The Burrumbi* series are available. Bookings by April 30.

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### Free Online Tutoring for Students

Cairns school students can now receive free tutoring help online at their library or home, through an innovative new service just introduced by Cairns Libraries. *Yourtutor* connects Year 4 to 12 students to qualified, expert tutors online for one-to-one help with homework, assignments, and exam preparation in core subjects.

The service is available **4pm-8pm, Monday to Friday** from either library or home computers. For secure and free access, library members simply log on to Cairns Libraries website [www.cairnslibrary.com.au](http://www.cairnslibrary.com.au), click on the link Yourtutor link and enter their library card number to access. If accessing from home, please be aware that you may need to download the necessary free software.

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### New Kid's Database - Ziptales!

*Ziptales* is a fun Australian database for kids, now available from the Cairns Libraries website. The 'Main Library' contains fun e-books organised under subjects with worksheets. Other sections include 'Children in History', 'Story Maker' and 'Classics Graphics'. A great resource to use with your class! To access, go to [www.cairnslibrary.com.au](http://www.cairnslibrary.com.au), click on 'The Kid's Fishing Hole', click on the crab to go to the 'Links' page and look for the *Ziptales* dragonfly. Enter your library member code and you will be able to access the site!

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### Resources for Students!

Cairns Libraries offers exciting resources for students including a large range of junior non fiction, junior fiction, young adult fiction, picture books and DVDs. Schools can join as organisational members and double their borrowing limit to 20 items at once. Items can be searched, reserved and sent to your closest library branch all via the Cairns Libraries online catalogue.

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## Dewey at your School or Child Care Centre

Have your students met Dewey, the white lipped green tree frog? Dewey is the Cairns Libraries mascot and is available to meet your students and share information about books and libraries in May and July this year. A Dewey visit can include a storytime or a fun lesson. 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.

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## Gabrielle Wang Visits in July

Cairns Libraries are hosting a visit from children's author Gabrielle Wang. Gabrielle is available to come to your school for FREE 1 hour workshops with Year 3 to 7 students on **Tues 24<sup>th</sup> of July** and **Thurs afternoon 26<sup>th</sup> of July**. Information on Gabrielle and teacher notes for her books are available via [www.gabriellewang.com](http://www.gabriellewang.com).

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## Science Exhibition at Cairns Libraries

Cairns Libraries will be hosting *Earth Quest – Outer Space to Inner Earth* from **Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> July** until **Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> 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. Teacher resources and curriculum links are available from: [http://www.questacon.edu.au/html/earth\\_quest.html](http://www.questacon.edu.au/html/earth_quest.html).

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## Information Sessions

Cairns Libraries can provide information sessions for your staff and/or students at your school or any branch of Cairns Libraries. This can include information on Cairns Libraries' services as well as a demonstration of the online resources accessible via [www.cairnslibrary.com.au](http://www.cairnslibrary.com.au).

Online resources include:

- Online tutoring service – *yourtutor*
  - The Kid's Fishing Hole – including *Ziptales*
  - Cairns Libraries online catalogue
  - Databases – from *Encyclopedia Britannica* to *Tumblebooks*
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