
Term 3, 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. Teacher resources and curriculum links are available from: http://www.questacon.edu.au/html/earth_quest.html.

The launch of the exhibition will be held on Monday the 16th of July at 4.00pm. Please RSVP on 4044 3727.

Special Storytimes - Festival Cairns

Cairns Libraries will be holding special storytime sessions in six library branches during Festival Cairns. Local personalities will read the stories, including Taipan stars. Dewey, the white-lipped green tree frog will visit most of the storytimes. Class groups are welcome at the following sessions:

- Smithfield Library – Tuesday 28th August, 10.30 – 11.30am
- Babinda Library – Wednesday 29th August, 10.30 – 11.30am
- Earlville Library – Thursday 13th September, 10.30 – 11.30am
- Gordonvale Library – Thursday 4th September, 10.30 – 11.30am
- City Library – Wednesday 12th September, 10.30 – 11.30am

Bookings are essential.

Archimede Fusillo Visits in October

Cairns Libraries are hosting a visit from author Archimede Fusillo who has won several awards for his work, including the Alan Marshall Award and the Mary Grant Bruce Award for Children's Literature. Archie is available to come to your school to talk to Year 6, 7, 8 and 9 students for 1 hour sessions on **Tuesday 16th October** and **Wednesday 17th of October**. Please register your interest by Monday 8th of October.

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, click on the 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.

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.

Online resources include:

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

Dewey, the white-lipped green tree frog, may also be available to visit your class when requested.

For bookings or further information on any article in this newsletter, please contact Kristie Jones on 4057 2214 or k.jones@ Cairns.qld.gov.au.