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New Look for Ziptales

Ziptales has had a makeover! This fun and educational database now features Puppet Plays and Rhyme Time. ABC, Write Time and Puzzle Palace will be added soon. The Story Machine section is a wonderful element that will assist students in creating their own stories.

To access, go to 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* logo. Enter your library member code and you will be able to access the site for free.

Great Research Databases

Cairns Libraries subscribes to a number of authoritative research databases. All are free to access for library members:

- Australia/New Zealand Reference Centre – includes Australasian magazines and newspapers.
- Encyclopedia Britannica – includes sections aimed at primary and secondary students.
- Health & Wellness Resource Centre – health information from journals and reference titles.
- Literature Resource Centre – literary information from journals and reference titles.
- NewsBank – Articles from over 230 Australian and International newspapers.
- ProQuest Science Journals – journal articles that cover a wide variety of subjects in the sciences.

Tumblebooks

Tumblebooks is a fun and educational database that contains animated stories, games and puzzles. Go to www.cairnslibrary.com.au - Ask Librarians Online – Online Databases.

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. Cairns Libraries are holding two FREE workshops with Archimede at the City Library on Thursday 18th of October at 10.00am and 2.00pm. The workshops run for 1.5 hours each. To book, please phone 4044 3727.

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; *Ziptales*; Cairns Libraries online catalogue; databases – from *Encyclopedia Britannica* to *Tumblebooks*; and family history resources.

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

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.

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