
Term 1, 2008

Teen Book Club

The Teen Book Club at Smithfield Library begins on Wed 27th of February at 4.00pm and will run every fourth Wednesday of the month. Young people from 12 to 16 years are welcome to join the group for books, chat and snacks. They will have the chance to borrow the latest fiction first, chat about books, have their say on what the libraries should offer, and help with Cairns Libraries' very first newsletter for young people!

National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime will be held on Wed 21st of May at 11.00pm. Amanda Graham's classic picture book *Arthur* will be heard by hundreds of children across Australia. Classes are welcome to book into storytimes at City Library, Earlville Library and Smithfield Library. Stories will be followed by a craft activity.

Dewey Lessons at your School

Cairns Libraries have 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 May and June this year. Please contact Kristie Jones (details below) for bookings.

Mark Svendsen Visits in June

Cairns Libraries will be hosting a visit in June from Mark Svendsen, highly acclaimed author for children and young adults. Many of Mark's junior and young adult fiction have been notable books in the Children's Book Council of Australia awards. He also writes poetry, plays, lyrics, reviews and adult novels. Mark will be available to visit your school on Tues 29th and Wed 30th of June. More details will be released soon. For information about Mark and his books, visit <http://www.marksvendsen.com/>.

Shakespeare at the City Library

As part of *Festival Cairns*, Cairns Libraries will be presenting ***Shakespeare in the Library*** at the Cairns City Library meeting room from Thurs 28th until Sat 30th August 2008.

Shake & Stir Theatre Company, the newest and one of the most popular youth theatre companies in South East Queensland, will be presenting a number of theatre workshops which aim to give participants a fresh approach to working with the works of William Shakespeare in a contemporary and creatively unrestricted manner. Shake & Stir workshop leaders will direct participants through a range of Shakespeare related activities and exercises including individual/group discussions and performances – both rehearsed and impromptu.

Year 8 to 12 classes are welcome to book into half day workshops on Thurs 28th and Fri 29th of August. More details will be released soon.

A fitting climax to the workshops will be a performance of many of Shakespeare's romantic scenes including excerpts from Romeo and Juliet. This performance will be held in the beautiful, historic Cairns City Library on Friday 29th August 2008 commencing at 7.30pm.

Phillip Gwynne Visits in October

Cairns Libraries will be hosting a visit in October from award winning author, Phillip Gwynne. Phillip's first young adult novel *Deadly Unna* has won a number of awards, including Book of the Year for Older Readers in the Children's Book Council of Australia awards. Philip has also written several books for younger readers and has completed a sequel to *Deadly Unna* called *Nukkin Ya* which has been published to great critical acclaim. Phillip is available to visit your school on Tues 14th and Wed 15th of October. More details will be released soon.

Free Online Tutoring for Students

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.

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