

Cairns Libraries

Library News for Schools



Term 4, 2008

Colouring-in competition

We're running another colouring in competition this year because we know how kids love to colour-in and win stuff!

We have FIVE FAMILY passes as prizes this time to see South Australia's Patch Theatre's *Emily Loves to Bounce* at the Cairns Civic Theatre on Thursday 28th October at 6 pm. Children can pick up an *Emily* colouring in competition form from any of the Cairns Libraries during October with the competition closing on Tuesday October 14.

If you'd like to print these out for your kids to do in class, just email Tanya at Cairns Libraries: t.curtis@cairns.qld.gov.au so she can email you the forms to print.

A big thank you once again to our wonderful friends at the Cairns Civic Theatre for their generosity and support.

Author Phillip Gwynne visits Cairns Libraries

Cairns Libraries will be hosting a visit very soon from award-winning author, Phillip Gwynne with a series of school visits and public talks.

Although Phillip's school visits are booked out, we have arranged several public talks at three of the Cairns Libraries. These are:

Babinda Library on Tues 14 Oct 3-5pm
Mossman Library Wed 15 Oct 3.30-5pm
City Library Thurs 16 Oct 6-8pm

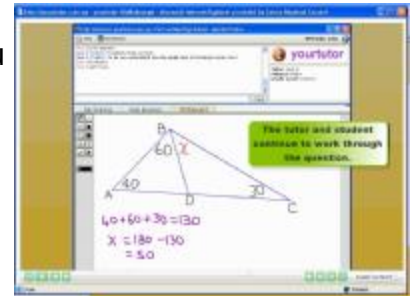
Please book on 4044 3727 or email t.curtis@cairns.qld.gov.au

Phillip's first young adult novel *Deadly Unna* was praised by critics and has won a number of literary awards, including the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year for Older Readers award. Philip has written several books for younger readers including the popular *The Worst Team Ever* from the *Aussie Bites Series*, and recently completed a sequel to *Deadly Unna* called *Nukkin Ya* which, like the prequel, has received great critical acclaim.

Did you know kids can get FREE tutoring?

Thanks to a grant from the State Library of Queensland and Central Queensland University, the Cairns Libraries subscription to the online tutoring service, *yourtutor*, can now help more kids and teens in the Cairns region. In fact, thanks to this financial help, our subscription has nearly doubled!

We believe *yourtutor* is a wonderful service for children and teenagers; they can get help with homework, assignments, exam preparation and study skills, they can visit websites, draw on a white board, share files and talk to a qualified tutor (somewhere in *Australia*) from 4-8pm Monday to Friday - and all they need to do is log in using their Cairns Libraries membership card. For FREE! You can't get much better than that!



Visit www.yourtutor.com.au, watch the demo and see how it works. We think it's a fantastic service and we are very glad to be able to bring *yourtutor* to the region and help in the academic growth of young people in the far north.

Teen Book Club

Our Teen Book Club may have been created for teenagers but it definitely isn't limited to this age group. If you know of any children that are into reading and learning – about anything - and want to meet other kids who enjoy reading too, we meet on the last Wednesday of every month at the Smithfield Library at 4pm. We bring all of the new Youth Fiction books that we get for the month so these kids have first pick of the bunch. Oh, and we have cookies too!

Two great websites for kids to read learn and play

Don't forget to tell your kids about *TumbleBooks* and *Ziptales*. These are great databases that feature interactive stories, games, puzzles, jokes, puppet plays, and rhymes - all the things kids love in one safe place! You need a Cairns Libraries membership number to access *Ziptales* at www.ziptales.com and *TumbleBooks* is available through the State Library of Queensland's website <http://jabberwock.slg.qld.gov.au/TumbleBooks/>.



Christmas Holiday Activities

As many of you know Cairns Libraries always run some free fun things for kids to do over the Christmas holidays. This year is no different and we are working on various things at the moment and will keep you posted as the school year draws to an end.

For information on Cairns Libraries, children's events or services, please contact Tanya Curtis the A/Children's Librarian on 4044 3785 or t.curtis@cairns.qld.gov.au

We hope you have a great holiday and enjoy the final school term for 2008!