

National Simultaneous Storytime

Wrap up

Casey-Cardinia Library Corporation

Rub-a-dub-dub three Storytime readers in a tub, the butcher, the baker and the ice-cream maker! That's what the enchanted audience was served when they joined in the fun of National Simultaneous Storytime at Centro shopping centre.



The Butcher, the Baker, the Ice-cream maker

The butcher, Adam from GK Meats, baker Gavin, from Baker's Delight, and the ice-cream maker, Tracey from Wendy's, couldn't wait to get in the mix and read the ever-popular *Arthur*, the story of a not so ordinary brown dog, by Amanda Graham.

This year's partnership with local retailers helped spread the value of literacy to hundreds of shoppers. It was fantastic to have not one but two guys reading to the children and promoting the Cranbourne Library and Storytime.

This promotion was funded by the Cranbourne Library and Communities for Children, a federally funded partnership to encourage literacy in the early years to the local Cranbourne community.



Brett the Policeman

Brett the Policeman read, sang and danced his way through Cranbourne Library, while the Mayor of Casey, Cr. Janet Halsall and the Mayor of Cardinia, Cr. Bill Ronald, read simultaneously at the Hampton Park and Pakenham Libraries. Cr.

Ronald even brought his very own stumpy tail lizard along for the show!

Hundreds of children, parents and carers participated in another highly successful event.

Cranbourne Library



Mayor Halsall at Hampton Park Library



Mayor Ronald at Pakenham Library

Arthur in Tasmania

Latrobe Primary School in rural North-West Tasmania celebrated as a whole school event, with all 270 students sharing the wonderful story of *Arthur* by Amanda Graham and illustrated by Donna Gynell.

The book was read in three locations, with the school welcoming guest readers Mrs Jeni Gardner (retired Latrobe Primary Teacher), Mrs Adele Rist (Latrobe Council Youth Development Officer) and Mr Philip McKenzie (Principal at Latrobe High School). All the students appreciated the enthusiasm and expressive reading of our guests. Mrs Rist surprised us all with a beautiful *Arthur* costume to enhance her reading performance! Many of the students also made and wore ears to look like *Arthur*, who wasn't just an ordinary dog after all!



A canine with literacy skills? AKA Adele Rist



Guest reader Jeni Gardner at Latrobe Primary School

Recipe for Fun Yarra Plenty

Method:

1. Mix together one CEO, a Mayor, and a dog.
2. Put them in a public library
3. Combine with a group of children.

Combine the above for 45 minutes and you get smiling faces, reading and paper gluing.

Local City of Whittlesea Mayor Elizabeth Nealy dazzled a group of local parents, caregivers and children as we joined libraries Australia-wide in a special reading of this year's book *Arthur* by Amanda Graham.

YPRL CEO Christine Mackenzie brought along a special guest, Sam the Tibetan Terrier. The local newspapers arrived - with flashing light bulbs and flickering camera shutters.

Yarra Plenty Regional Library



Arthur
Amanda Graham • Donna Gynell

MRS HUMBER'S PET SHOP

Arthur reads *Arthur*

Semaphore Library in South Australia invited Arthur Mortimer, retired Librarian and long time campaigner for federal funding for public libraries, to read *Arthur* by Amanda Graham to children from the Largs Bay Primary School.



Arthur Mortimer reads 'Arthur' to the children at Semaphore Library

Despite rainy, cool conditions 50 children walked to the library to participate in the event. They heard Arthur read the story while his wife Libby showed the illustrations from the big book copy. Ruth Carson, Children's Services Technician then read the other books in the series, introducing the Era Publications finger puppet, before a great flurry of activity as the children set about making their own Arthur finger puppets from the template available in the ALIA website.

Semaphoria, South Australia



Geraldton-Greenough Regional Library WA

In the news

In keeping with their philosophy of promoting language and literacy in the early years of a child's development, St Peters Child Care Centre in Tusmore, South Australia, was excited to host an event as part of National Simultaneous Storytime. Local Channel 10 news personality Jane Reilly visited the centre to read *Arthur* to the toddlers. The event was featured later that evening on the local news.



Jane Reilly, a local Chanel 10 news personality reads 'Arthur' to children at St Peters Child Care Centre

Tusmore, South Australia

Campbell Primary School - Carringvale WA

We invited our Mums to listen to the story. Afterwards we painted pictures of Arthur, the ordinary brown dog who eventually found a home to chew old slippers.



The mums enjoy 'Arthur' as much as the kids at Campbell Primary School WA



Artist's impression of 'Arthur'



Groups Liaison Officer Anna-Maria Sviatko and Executive Support Officer Helen Wheeldon discuss the artistic merit of their creations at ALIA National Office



ALIA National Office Membership Officer Tania Keath on the cutting edge



Terrilisa Southon TafeSA Elizabeth SA



Melissa Esler and Karen Johnson at Leichhardt Public Library NSW



Reading 'Arthur' in the Northern Territory