

LIW STUFF FOR EVERYONE AT BAYSWATER, WA

From drums to quartets, storytime to an animal petting farm, this library service had something for everyone during Library and Information Week.

The City of Bayswater Library Service celebrated Library and Information Week (LIW) with a variety of events for all ages. Celebrations commenced in the week preceding the official launch with a Parenting Workshop and special storytime featuring African drumming group *Rhythm Fix*. The drumming workshop set the tempo for the week which wound down appropriately with the soothing sounds from the *Nebula String Quartet*.

In all, our three libraries hosted thirteen adult and young people's events over a week and a half. Our brief was simple: entertain and inform. Events organised for adults included a cooking demonstration by chef Emmanuel Mollois, a meet-the-author with local crime author David Whish-Wilson, an *Ancestry.com* workshop and a guitar performance and workshop.

An exciting array of events was presented for children. Most notable was an activity held at our Bayswater Branch. The activity was held in a park behind the library and was structured around National Simultaneous Storytime. To give the event a higher profile, an animal petting farm was included on the program. Bayswater Library's Assistant Librarian Carolyn Wynn read this year's book *Feathers for Phoebe* to over 100 children and 60 adults. Fortunately, Carolyn has, when required, a voice that projects well. It was a fantastic NSS with the sun shining as only it can in Perth.

Other events for young people held included the Drippy Dragon Show for pre-schoolers and two after-school activities: the ever popular SciTech science after school workshop *Horton Hears a Who* and a meet-the-author event with young adult and children's author Julia Lawrinson.

In all the week went well. Attendee feedback was very positive but although we ramped up our promotional activities, numbers at some adult events were lower than we'd have liked. Plans are already being laid to improve our promotional activities for next year's events. We think we have the programming mix right - getting the message out is the next challenge. But isn't it always?

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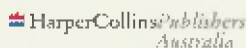
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A "DEADSET WINNER" FOR LIW IN QUEENSLAND

Clients and non-library staff members mingled with the library staff at a High Morning Tea to celebrate Library and Information Week at the Tropical North Queensland TAFE Library.

The TAFE's hospitality students served excellently prepared refreshments appropriate to the occasion, with cucumber and other sandwiches and a selection of premium teas on offer. We were truly privileged to have the services of two terrific and talented student performers who provided all sorts of music throughout the function.

Reference Librarian Dr Brian Stevenson spoke briefly to guests about the history of libraries, noting that Cleopatra received the world's second largest library as a wedding present from her beau, Mark Antony, and that Casanova spent some of his later working years as a librarian – and some of his time in the library working on his fast-paced autobiography.

Other activities included a trivia quiz featuring many – well, quizzical – looks from contestants trying to determine whether or not broccoli had a measurable IQ and if a German scientist had really made a playable record out of chocolate over 100 years ago (true, on both counts).

For the Library Treasure Hunt, we took the liberty of adapting the ALIA theme for LIW, *We find stuff!* and set the clients to finding 'stuff' – sorry, 'treasures' in the library with the clues embedded in library items. All participants agreed that the function had been successful. Client Stephen Johnstone congratulated us on providing "a wonderfully thought-out luncheon [that had] a sense of culture that modern society lacks, a warm and welcome reception, and lovely music," and "a dead set winner in terms of delivering an underlying message that libraries can be lots of fun."

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On Wednesday 25 May, at 1,102 locations - ranging from small outback libraries and schools to Immigration Detention Centres and Parliament House Day Care in Canberra - 170,548 children shared a reading of *Feathers for Phoebe* by Rod Clement, a wonderfully illustrated Australian tale about self-acceptance and learning that appearances aren't everything.