

BETWEEN THE PAGES



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How time flies - It's May already, but what a month March was for our Birthday!

We had an absolutely fantastic turn up for our very first youth concert, **Rock Off @ your library**. Over 130 youth turned up to listen and watch 4 local youth bands strut their stuff plus a couple even got up to play in the open mic session. Which was great! The **Official Birthday Celebrations** went off without a hitch. A few people took advantage of digging into their heritage with our **Family History** Open Afternoon and everybody was completely fascinated with our **'Fascinating Folks'** night, where we had 4 local people give us an overview of their experiences on living or working overseas. It's just amazing what some people have done in their life! We rounded out our Birthday Month of March by hosting the **Youth Achievement Awards** conducted by Homebase. It was great to see so many local youth getting recognised for their contributions to Academic, Arts, Sports and their Community. Well done to everyone!



And just to finish up on the 'events' front, we hosted a **Drug Forum** with Paul Dillon as the featured speaker. Paul has been working in the area of drug education for the past 25 years, so definitely generated some interest in the attendees. The forum was organised by CDAT (Community Drug Action Team).



\$200,000 grant for RFID!!

That's great but what on earth is RFID you're probably wondering. It stands for radio frequency identification and what it represents is an exciting new technology that will make our customer service even better. Over the next 12 months every item in the library's collection will be specially tagged and will become immediately trackable. We'll also be implementing new technology that will both speed up our lending processes and allow patrons at Forster Library to issue their own stock if they wish.

Just a note about the grant. It's a cooperative one with Greater Taree, which shows how well both libraries are working together to improve services across the two regions. And, this is the Great Lakes Library Service's 13th successful grant application in the past 10 years. In total we've attracted \$678,000 worth of grant funding in this time. Pretty cool.



Budget Challenges

Whilst the RFID funding is a wonderful gain for the library we're confronting monumental challenges with the library's bookstock budget. At present we've had our funding for the collection slashed by \$95,000. That's a cut of almost two thirds of funding allocation! The library's bookstock budget has never been worse and our library is certain to have suffered some of the worst collection cuts in NSW.

In a community like ours which has some of the highest stock turnover levels in NSW it is incredibly unfortunate that these funding cuts have occurred. The cuts will certainly impact right across the board on all collections. In particular, funding for expensive items such as talking books will be significantly reduced. Again, this is unfortunate but an unavoidable consequence of budgetary decisions Council felt it had to make.

Bear with us though. We will be doing our utmost to continue to provide the quality library service that so many in our community use and deserve.



Kids Stuff

THE TURTLE CLUB
 School Years Kinder - Year 6
 5 - 12 years of age
 Monday - 25 May 2009
 3:30 - 5:00pm
 Come along and have some fun.
 Games, activities, afternoon tea.

TURTLE TERRORS
 School Years 6 - 12
 12 - 18 years of age
 Thursday - 4 June 2009
 5:30pm - 7:00pm
 Come along bring your friends for some games, singing, dancing, activities.
AND OF COURSE THERE WILL BE FOOD!!!!

Please Note:
 All bookings open two weeks prior.



Don't forget - Weekly sessions of both Turtle Time and Tiny Turtles are conducted throughout the school term. Both sessions start at 10.30 am
Wednesdays for the **Turtle Timers** and **Thursdays** for the **Tiny Turtles**
 No bookings necessary for these sessions.

FOGLLS Dates for your Diary



May 23 - Trivia Night - 7 pm Tuncurry Memorial Hall -\$10 p/p
June 15 - Sharyn Munro - Author - 7 pm \$5
July - Souper Stories - Sailing adventures from around the world
August - Company of Voices will join us once again

NEW CD's

Bittersweet – Mark Isham & Kate Ceberano
Quiet nights – Dianna Krall
Fever Ray – Fever Ray
Kram mix tape - Kram
Underbelly : Tale of two cities soundtrack
Confessions of a shopaholic movie soundtrack
Prodigal son – Luke O'Shea
A thousand campfires – Dean Perrett
 Above is a selection of the New CD's added to the collection in the last Month



HOLIDAY FUN @ YOUR LIBRARY



JD'S WORLD OF MAGIC
 Wednesday - 15 July 2009
 2:00 - 3:00pm
 \$5.00 per ticket
 Limited spaces
 Bookings Essential



DIY WORKSHOP 'Build It'
 Wednesday 22 July 2009
 10:30 - 11:30am
 Limited Spaces
 Bookings Essential

Did you know that we have a number of Databases available for you that can be accessed from home as well as at the library? If you go to www.greatlakes.nsw.gov.au/library and click on the 'links' button at the top of the page then click 'Online Databases' it will take you to a page with a number of links to the databases we have available for you! Just use your Great Lakes Library Card Number to log into -

- Computer School - **NEW** - Tutorials on all things Computer & Internet
- Consumer Health Complete
- Literature Resource Center
- Standards Australia Online Public Library Service - Available in Forster Library Only.
- History & Reference Library
- World Book Database including World Book Student & Kids - **NEW**

You'll be amazed at the wealth of information that you can find through doing a bit of searching on these databases. And the good news is... as a library member these databases are provided to you free of charge!



Rate a Book

Rate a library book... let other readers know what you think is good and what's not. You can either write a little review and / or just give a star rating... Thanks for participating.

The secret river **Grenville, K** **F/GRE** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
 As I know the river at all the places mentioned , I was very moved by this story. How hard for both sides to understand each other.
 J Gee

The jigsaw maker **Dines, A** **LP/DIN** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
 Starts slowly, builds to shock climax. Well developed story - Good read.
 Bev Flynn

Title.....Rating (1-5 stars).....
 Author.....Call No.....
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