

June 2013

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Monday : 8.30am to 5.00pm
Tuesday: 8.30am to 5.00pm
Wednesday: 8.30am to 5.00pm
Thursday: 8.30am to 5.00pm
Friday: 8.30am to 5.00pm
Saturday 10.00am–12.30pm

Scientwist—July school holiday program



Scientwists will amaze us all with the science behind slime, rainbows and bubbles when they tour across our region for the **July school holidays**. Make sure you keep your eye on this space so you don't miss out because seats will be HOT! HOT! HOT! Don't forget you are welcome at ALL of our libraries for any of our events! If you are visiting family and friends in another town check out the library! Contact library staff on Tel: 6029 8588 for further details.

Libraries can help you save power

There has been a lot in the news lately about the rise in the cost of electricity. Borrow a Save Power kit from the Culcairn or Henty Libraries. The kits provide useful tools and information which will help you to understand and measure how you use power in your home. The user guide explains how you can identify the biggest users of electricity in your home and provides simple actions for saving power, saving money and reducing your impact on the environment.

Book Borrowing Extravaganza

Greater Hume Shire libraries in Culcairn and Henty recently initiated an innovative literacy programme called **Library Book Borrowing Extravaganza**. Due to its success, the libraries of the Riverina Regional Library network would like to expand the programme to reach more schools in our communities.

The programme was originally devised by visiting Charles Sturt University Speech Pathology students to the schools of the Greater Hume Shire. As we all know, reading expands a person's vocabulary and the students saw an opportunity for schools to partner with their public libraries to expand their students' access to books.

Your libraries are inviting you to make regular trips to the library during Term 2 to participate in the Library Book Borrowing Extravaganza. Each loan made by your students will be tracked on the School Star Chart visible to the whole community.

Students and their families can see their school's progress as the stars increase. Our staff will provide you with regular updates so you can encourage and congratulate your students on their progress.

This is not a competition. It is a way for students to see progress – a way for your students to increase their determination to succeed.

We hope also, that the programme will encourage parents to visit public libraries more often, expand their own reading experiences and, by example, increase their visibility as a reading role model for their child.



*"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more you learn, the more places you'll go."
- Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"*

After School Study Club 2013

Culcairn Library every Tuesday during school term from 3.45pm to 4.45pm

Henty Library every Wednesday during school term from 4.00pm to 5.00pm

Afternoon tea provided – Cost \$2.00 per session.

The After School Study Club (ASSC) aims to provide the following:

- To assist and support students from primary and high school students
- Provide access to modern technology and resources
- Provide a quiet and safe place to study away from home distractions

Contact staff at the Culcairn Library Tel: 6029 8588 or Henty Library Tel: 6929 3770 or for further details.

Knit—In at the Culcairn Library

Join members of the community each fortnight to knit squares for the Wrap with Love Organisation. Wrap with Love is a non-profit organization which provides warm wraps for people in need throughout the world including Australia.

Come along and enjoy a morning of knitting. Morning tea is provided. Contact staff at the Culcairn Library on PH: 6029 8588 for further details



Libraries: a better investment than gold

Some people still think of libraries as depositories of old books, but that is far removed from the reality of today's public libraries! Libraries are about so much more than books and their importance to local communities is only growing.

A new report from an independent firm of economists has found that NSW's public libraries deliver benefits that are worth at least three times the cost of running them – a fact that will come as no surprise to NSW's 3.34 million registered library users. If you put \$100 into gold last year, it would be worth around \$110 today. Compare that with the \$320 return on every \$100 invested in NSW public libraries.

The report, produced by SGS Economics, looked into the value of Australian public libraries. Surveys of library users and non-users showed that residents valued library services, borrowing books, ebooks, DVDs and other items; library programs, including children's story-times, author talks, book clubs, computer training, and other informal courses.

People liked the sense of place created by their local library and the fact that it was a useful civic space. They also liked the fact that borrowing and sharing things is environmentally-friendly. Support for reading, help with computers, eReaders and other technology as well as access to job, health and legal information are also greatly appreciated.

There are many benefits associated with libraries, not least the opportunity to connect with other people. Friendly staff and programs such as book clubs give people the opportunities for social interaction that they need in these busy times.

Libraries are just as important in the age of the ebook as they have been in the age of the print book. They are places where people can connect with each other, find out information and explore new ideas. Whether you are eight or 80, there's plenty to experience at the library, and there is no doubt libraries improve the quality of life of everyone who uses them.

A few facts about Australian public libraries in 2010-2011:

- There were 1,491 public library service points across Australia
- Over 182 million items were lent to more than 10 million members of public libraries.
- Over 114 million customer visits, or more than 9 million per month.

Download the full report on the *Contribution of Australian Public Libraries* <http://www.alia.org.au/publiclibraries/>.



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receive complimentary email notifications

Online! @rrl.nsw.gov.au



Log into Member Services using your library member number and password. Select Member Details from the left side menu and make any necessary changes. If you have an email address please include it so that you can receive complimentary email notifications.

Computers for Seniors at the Culcairn Library

Computers for Seniors is a FREE program which is aimed at instructing senior members of the community in the use of computers and the internet. The computer course will be held for one hour, once a week for a period of four weeks on a continuing basis throughout the year. Students from Billabong High School provide the free training as part of the NSW Premier's Volunteer Program.

For more information contact the Culcairn Library Tel: 6029 8588

Culcairn Library Storytime

Storytime at the Culcarin Library is held on the first Friday of each month (excluding school holiday periods) from 10.00am to 11.00am

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>
Friday - 7 June 2013	Sheep/Lambs
Friday - 2 August 2013	Grandparents
Friday - 6 September 2013	Fathers
Friday - 1 November 2013	Mice
Friday - 6 December 2013	Christmas