

Carnivale 2004 at Willoughby City Library

Carnivale is an annual cultural celebration in Willoughby. It provides opportunities for the community to learn about and appreciate other people's cultures. This year, 'Enjoy yourself at Carnivale 2004 at Willoughby Library' was held during the school holidays, from 27 September to 8 October. Carnivale 2004 was a great success. Events were booked out early and enjoyed by all. The library has since received numerous complements from customers on the activities and displays.

It has been our tradition to feature a different ethnic group each year at Carnivale. This year Willoughby Library featured Filipino culture, with Filipino clothes, accessories and woven grass baskets displayed in a glass cabinet near the library entrance to welcome customers during the Carnivale period. Two sets of Filipino national dress — the 'Balintawak' and the 'Maranao' were hung in the centre of the information and circulation desk area with a decorated Filipino umbrella. Filipino wreaths of flowers, hats, mats, the national flag and pictures of the beautiful scenery were on display in the library.

The Filipino cultural atmosphere also extended to the Children's Library. One of

the famous sightseeing destinations in the Philippines is called 'Chocolate Hills'. A large poster of 'Chocolate Hills' and a lot of chocolate pictures were displayed in the Children's Library. Our young customers were also attracted to the colourful display in the main library.

Highlights of Carnivale 2004

The StreetFair: Every year the library's Carnivale coincides with Willoughby's Spring Festival. As usual, the library ran an art and craft stall on the Council's Spring StreetFair Day. Many Children enjoyed the library stall where they made headbands, and had a temporary tattoo applied.

'Harlequin to the rescue': The award-winning puppeteer, Dennis Murphy entertained our young clients by performing an Italian puppet show, 'Harlequin to the Rescue'. Both children and adults gathered together 'bravely' in the Children's Library to help Harlequin rescue the princess.

Needlepoint workshop: Carnivale 2004 included a special activity for adults. Award-winning needlepoint artist Clare Muzzatti was invited to run a needlepoint workshop at the library. Clare patiently taught the participants one of

her beautiful designs — 'gum blossom'. Attendees enjoyed the workshop and were proud of the pieces they made themselves

'Wild and woolly tales': During 'Wild and Woolly World Tales' children were invited to travel the world with Anne Jarrett through stories and music. Anne sang 'hello' in different languages then told us stories from different parts of the world. She used a lot of musical instruments from different countries to create the atmosphere for her stories. The children were very excited with these sound effects, especially the sound of sea. Children were also interested in participating in Anne's story telling by playing the large drum and singing with her.

'An audience with Miaow': Our last activity was 'An audience with Miaow', a puppet show presented by Bronwyn Vaughan. Bronwyn brought Miaow, a fluffy Chinese puppet cat, to the library to tell children stories from and about China. The show also included the two pocket dogs 'Yam' and 'Cha' and the children were taught Chinese Lion dancing. The audience was fascinated with the Chinese traditional costume that Bronwyn wore, not to mention the cat 'Miaow'. ■



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