

SUMMERTIME, AND THE READING IS EASY



*It's that time of year
again – the Summer
Reading Club is back.
And already more than*

1000 public libraries are registered to take part.

From the top end to the snow fields, from the outback to the beach, children all over Australia are about to take part in *The Amazing Read*, this year's Summer Reading Club program.

Already confirmed for this year's program are three outstanding authors who will be delivering online chats – Andy Griffiths, Morris Gleitzman and Oliver Phommavanh. Other authors who have committed to this year's Summer Reading Club include Paul Jennings, Sally Rippin, Phil Kettle, Pat Flynn, Kerry Brown, and Deb Abela.

Developed and hosted by the State Library of Queensland in partnership with ALIA Public Libraries Advisory Committee and other State Libraries, The Summer Reading Club is about discovering great authors and illustrators of picture books, junior and young adult fiction and non-fiction. Literary and creative activities, both online and in public libraries, aim to encourage a love of reading and ongoing multi-literacy skills development amongst children, young people and their families.

The Amazing Read promises to be bigger and better than ever. Public libraries from all over Australia will be participating and it will be exciting to see children and families connecting with other avid readers and writers across the nation. The program is free for libraries, children and their families.

The Amazing Read is designed to take participants on a journey both throughout Australia and also into the magical world of books. Children will be encouraged to share their favourite places to read. They will also wonder at the many different places stories can take them – from the deepest depths of the ocean into far outer space.

The Summer Reading Club consists of two elements – a library-based program of fun hands-on activities and an

interactive website providing engaging online activities. Ideally, libraries participating in the Summer Reading Club will incorporate both elements of the program.

Designed to be a flexible, fun and practical program that can be adapted to suit individual library's requirements, the program can be as simple as registering young readers and providing them with activity booklets and incentive prizes, to conducting a full-blown program with regular in-house activities and parties.

Libraries are encouraged to interpret the theme in many different ways, and to use a wide range of activities, including storytelling and performance, songs, creative activities, artwork, cooking and animation to engage young participants. The Summer Reading Club will showcase some of these techniques and inspire children and young people to engage in a multitude of creative pursuits derived from the written word.

The website www.summerreadingclub.org.au will be launched on 1 December 2011 and will be accessible for the duration of the program. The end date of the Summer Reading Club is flexible, however libraries are encouraged to continue the program right up until the commencement of school.

Public library staff can access the wiki at www.summerreadingclub.org.au/wiki/pmwiki.php?n=Category.2011-12AmazingRead for ideas to help

with planning and access to the templates for running a successful program. Check the wiki for further details of how to be involved events and news of participating authors.

For further details about the Summer Reading Club, contact the team at the State Library of Queensland at summerreadingclub@slq.qld.gov.au.



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