
**MM35/13 VOLUNTEER READING PROGRAM - LIBRARY - The
Mayor, Councillor Roy Maggio**

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The City of Ryde is fortunate to have a strong volunteer and community focus amongst its residents. Council also has a wonderful library system with knowledgeable and committed staff who keep abreast of the types of activities that make a library vibrant and relevant to its users.

I would like to see Council staff look into the possibility of combining these resources and conducting classes within the library where volunteers could be utilised to read to children on a regular basis.

I understand the current storytime and rhymetime activities run by Council staff are extremely popular and this could be a way of expanding the current program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council staff prepare a brief report regarding the feasibility of running a trial program in one of Council's Libraries involving a seniors volunteer or other volunteer, reading to children who are in the care of the Library concerned. The report is to be completed in six months.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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