

Tuesday, 24 January 2012

DO YOU LOVE 2 READ?

2012 is the National Year of Reading and if you love to read then there are plenty of special activities happening locally throughout the month of February.

Launching on Valentine's Day/Library Lovers Day (Tuesday 14 February), at Ryde Library, the Mayor will swap his Council papers for a special storytime reading session for local pre-schoolers, before hosting a morning tea and poetry reading for the adults.

Commenting on the importance of reading for all ages, the Mayor, Cllr Artin Etmekdjian, said: "Dr Seuss really captured the spirit of reading when he wrote in 'I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!' – *the more you read, the more you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.*

"You really can discover a whole new world through reading, no matter who you are or what your circumstances. So reading is for everyone.

"Our wonderful local Libraries are enjoying a surge in popularity as they reinvent themselves from quiet places to vibrant community hubs where people come to read out loud, listen, learn, study, be entertained or curl up with a good book."

The National Year of Reading celebrations have already kicked off in the City of Ryde with the Summer Reading Club for children and the 366 Day Story Challenge Blog, where you can submit your short story for others to read online. The blog can be accessed at <http://rydeyearofreading.blogspot.com>

February Activities in Your Local Library

Musical Morning Tea

Morning tea accompanied by guest pianist Andrew Tan.
Monday 6 February, 10.30 – 11.30am
Ryde Library

Author Platform

Sandy Bröcking, author of 'Think Smart and Lose Weight', tells her inspiring story so that she can help others who want to lose weight without being forced into a rigorous, radical or expensive diet regime.
Thursday 9 February, 6.15 – 7.30pm
Ryde Library

Click-On-Class for Adults

Learn basic keyboard skills and how to use a mouse in preparation for the 'Introduction to the Internet' course.

Friday 10 February, 10.15 – 11.00am

Ryde Library

Introduction to the Internet

This course is for people who have never been on the internet before or would like to know more about it. Learn how to find what you are looking for on the Internet and make your way around some other interesting websites. Basic keyboarding and mouse skills necessary. Cost: \$15.75, seniors: \$10.50. Bookings essential.

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Ryde Library

National Year of Reading Launch

Come and celebrate the launch of the National Year of Reading with a special storytime for children followed by morning tea and a poetry reading for the adults.

Tuesday 14 February 10.15am – 10.45am (storytime), 10.45 – 11.30am (Morning Tea)

Ryde Library

Lifelong Learning

Topic: Hollywood Meets the Ancient World

Thursday 23 February, 6.00 – 7.30pm

West Ryde Library

For more details go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/whatson

Photo opportunity: The Mayor takes over a special storytime reading session for local preschoolers. Tuesday 14 February, 10.15am, Ryde Library.

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