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RYDE LIBRARY WELCOMES ONE MILLIONTH VISITOR

On Tuesday 19 August Ryde Library will celebrate its ONE MILLIONTH visitor since reopening three years ago.

The Mayor will read one of the library's most popular storybooks – *Where is the Green Sheep* - to a group of the Library's youngest members during Storytime at 10.00am.

The **One in a Million** celebration coincides with National Reading Hour on Tuesday evening and the Mayor will be encouraging everyone to go to the City of Ryde facebook page www.facebook.com/cityofryde and **like, share** and **post** about their favourite books.

"One of my favourite mayoral duties is being involved in Storytime," Clr Maggio said. "Children are never too young to be read to and reading out aloud is a double joy, both for you and the child. When the rhythm and melody of a story becomes a part of a child's life, learning to read comes as naturally as learning to walk and talk."

In addition to Storytime, there will be a great green sheep craft activity for the kids, plenty of stories and balloons. So come along and join in the fun.

Ryde Library has transformed how the residents interact with community libraries that act as community spaces where everyone can share the excitement of discovery. You can read for pleasure, study, meet new people, experience other cultures, look for jobs, learn a new skill or share your skills.

Services include:

- A variety of books and other collections for loan
- Online collections including eBooks, eAudio and eMagazines
- Out of hours book return facilities at all branches
- Children's Services - weekly storytime and toy library
- Local studies and genealogy
- Special events - Authors Platform, Musical Morning Tea and Infocus seminars
- Home Library Service
- Inter library loans
- Computers with internet, access, Microsoft Office, scanning and printing facilities
- Free Wi-Fi in all libraries

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY. Tuesday 19 August 2014. 10.00am, Ryde Library, 1 Pope Street, Ryde.
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