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GLADESVILLE LIBRARY GETS \$160K UPGRADE

Gladesville Library is having a makeover and will reopen with a fresh new look on Monday 5 December, in time for the holiday season.

The \$160,000 refurbishment includes new carpets, paint, a contemporary colour scheme and a new interior layout. Innovations include a youth collection area and a zone for public computers and printing facilities, along with new WiFi and mobile printing facilities. In addition, programmed maintenance to the exterior of the building is being done while the refurbishment is in progress.

City of Ryde Mayor said: “Gladesville Library has been offering a great service and range of popular programs for sixty years and is highly valued by the community.

“The new layout and interior reflect the transformation of libraries from traditional quiet places of reading and study into vibrant community hubs that cater for a range of people and services.”

Gladesville Library has a unique place in the history of libraries in the area due to the Joint Library Agreement between City of Ryde and Hunters Hill Council. The Agreement has been in place since 1957 and was most recently renewed in 2014.

A special celebration is planned for Saturday 10 December, 9.30am – 12 noon, when the Mayor of Ryde Cllr Bill Pickering is joined by Hunters Hill Mayor Cllr Richard Quinn for a cake-cutting morning tea. Everyone is invited to enjoy the fun, entertainment and refreshments, which include:

- a ‘giant’ storybook Storytime session
- visit from the Gladesville Fire Brigade
- free face painting and craft activities
- special performances by local groups including the Riverside Girls High String Quartet, the Villa Maria Catholic School Choir and the Joubert Singers.

Facts and Stats about Gladesville Library

Gladesville Library opened in 1956. It has been a joint service with Hunters Hills Council since 1957.

62,000 visitors passed through its doors 2015/16 year and is tracking towards an increase in visitors of 14.3% for the 2016/2017 financial year.

Programs and services include computer access, free WiFi, DVDs, children’s books, HSC material, Chinese language items, Rhymetime 0-2 yo, Storytime 3-5 yo, First Monday knitting group, book clubs, author talks.

Fiction and non-fiction collections include expanded youth collection, popular cookbooks, gardening, mysteries, romance, travel, technology. eBooks, eMagazines and eAudiobooks are also available.

Gladesville Library is located at 6 Pittwater Road, Gladesville. Hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10.00am-8.00pm, Wednesday and Friday 10.00am-5.00pm and Saturday 9.30am-12 noon.

Photo Opportunity: Mayors Pickering and Quinn cut the cake at 10.30am, Saturday 10 December.

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