

## Summer Reading Club >> Curious Creatures

### Explore and connect with a Curiosity of Creatures at CityLibraries Townsville

The national Summer Reading Club will run at CityLibraries Townsville and in more than a thousand public libraries across the country during the summer holidays from 1 December 2018 to 24 January 2019.

Created for children and young people aged 0-16 years, the Summer Reading Club is a free program led by State Library of Queensland (SLQ) that unleashes imaginations and instils a love of libraries and reading.

Over 55,000 children registered with the Summer Reading Club in 2017, reading over 450,000 books between them over summer, and organisers are hoping participants will crack half a million books in 2018.

This summer children and young people will be encouraged to explore and connect with a curiosity of creatures. From real creatures to the imagined, actual to mythological, microscopic to megafauna, and Australia's marvellous marsupials to all the classification of Animalia in between.

- ENGAGE with libraries and library collections,
- DISCOVER creatures from the real to the imagined
- ENJOY reading books and participating in activities that inspire you to embrace the curiosities around us.

Register online or at a CityLibraries Townsville branch for the 2018 Summer Reading Club: Curious Creatures from Saturday, 1 December 2018 to Wednesday, 23 January 2019. You don't need to be a library member to join and, however if you are you can borrow even more stories to go towards your reading total!

### Program launch with Stig Wemyss

Join Stig Wemyss on Saturday 1 December 10am at Thuringowa Central Library to launch the Summer Reading Club 2018. Stig is Australia's most loved narrator of audio books for children and young adults. His shows are wildly entertaining, cleverly irreverent and chocked full of fun. An interactive show that excites kids about reading through the use of audio books. Based on the Andy Griffith books we will play games, read stories and have crazy mad fun. Stig is the Author of The Tripp Diaries, an audio book series written specifically for audio.

### Read and be Rewarded

Read books, magazines, graphic novels, comics, e-books or listen to audio books to get rewards these school holidays.

Collect a prize for every 5 books read, up to 25 books.

- The first prize is a FREE book for your own personal library at home and your invitation to an exclusive Summer Reading Club party at Reading Cinemas.
- Read 25 or more books and be awarded your final Reading prize at the Summer Reading Club Finale at Sk8way.

### Log Your Books, create your avatar, complete challenges and write a review

We have a new gamification-style platform this year! You have your own avatar and for every book you log you earn points to upgrade elements and styles for your avatar. We will also have new challenges each week for you to complete and you are still able to write a review of the books you've read to share with other members of the club.

### Curious Fun at Your Library

Looking to meet other club members, have some fun and delve into the wonderful world of curious creatures? Come along to our activities in the library over the summer holidays including:

- Unicorn party
- Writing workshop
- Crafting Creatures with recycled art
- Pokemon tournaments
- Cartooning workshops
- Coding with Curious Creatures
- Learn to play Magic the Gathering
- Magicians, balloon art, face painting
- Ranger Dan

And a special Adult only Storytime for the mums and dads. Featuring the Ladybird books of the Mid-Life Crisis, The Hipster, The Sickie, The Book of Dating. With toddler time, messy play, colouring in and light refreshments we will share the love of reading and reminiscing. Not to be missed!

**Do more**

Want more fun? There are plenty of activities online to keep you inspired throughout the holidays, with great prizes up for grabs at the Australian Summer Reading Club web site - <http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au/theclub/>

To see what other awesome adventures are happening in Townsville over the summer school holidays, download a copy of the School Holiday Guide - [www.townsville.qld.gov.au](http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au)