CURIOSITY CREATURES SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Things get “curiouser and curiouser” for Alice, in The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll. After falling down a rabbit hole, Alice enters a fantastical world full of fat cats, mad hats, talking creatures and crazy queens with flamingo polo sticks! Fall into your own reading adventure to capture your curiosity this summer in the Curious Creatures Summer Reading Challenge. See inside for great summer reads to get you started and explore curious creatures of every kind from mythic or magic, real or imagined, microscopic or megafauna.

INTRODUCING LINDA

We’re glad to introduce you to Linda, a new staff member of the Penrith City Library’s Children’s Team. Linda loves to sing, dance, dress up for fun library activities and reading books with little ones. She welcomes each and every 2-5yo to join her singing, dancing and reading at Penrith’s Story Time, every Wednesday at 10.30am during the school term time!

Monday 10 December 2018 - Friday 25 January 2019

From Monday 10 December visit any library branch to collect your Summer Reading club log. Read and record ten books on the reading log and return your completed log to any library branch for your chance to win a prize. Prize winners will be announced in our next edition of Orbit. The Summer Reading club is open to all library members aged 16 years and under.

Email childrensteamlibrary@penrith.city with your name and email address and you’ll receive information about all of the children’s and young people’s programs straight to your inbox.
A-MAZE-ING
Oh no! Galah is running late for story time at the Curious Creature’s den! Numbat is already there. Starting at the green arrow, can you help her find the quickest way?

ARROW MAZE
Move from one square at a time to get from start to finish. You must move in the direction the arrow is pointing. If the arrow points two ways then you can go either direction.

WORD SEARCH
The following words are the names of curious Australian creatures. Can you find the hidden animals? Colour the words in as you find them!

DINGO   EMU   GALAH   JOEY   KOALA

K  J  B  B  B
M  O  G  H  E
Q  E  A  A  M
A  Y  L  L  U
G  O  S  A  A
D  I  N  G  O

COLOUR ME IN
PIQUE YOUR CURIOSITY WITH GREAT SUMMER READS!

For Young People

Ballad for a Mad Girl
by Vikki Wakefield
Teen Fiction WAKEFI
The Book of Dust
by Philip Pullman
JF PRC7-9 PULLMA
The Secret Science of Magic
by Melissa Keil
Teen Fiction KEIL
Amulet Series
by Kazu Kibuishi
JF Graphic AMULET

For Children

The Magic Faraway Tree
by Enid Blyton
JF PRC3-4 BLYTON
Mechanica
by Lance Balchin
JF PRC5-6 BALCHI
Animalia
by Graeme Base
JF PRC3-4 BASE
Animal Eco-Warriors
by Nic Gill
NF 333.7 ANI

For Pre-schoolers

We All Sleep
by Ezekiel Kwaymullina
JF PRCK-2 KWAYMU
Kookoo Kookaburra
by Greg Dreise
JF PRCK-2 DREISE
Where the Wild Things Are
by Maurice Sendak
JF PRCK-2 SENDAK
Edward the Emu
by Sheena Knowles
JF PRCK-2 KNOWLE

Go to surveymonkey.com/r/OrbitBooks and tell us about your favourite summer read. You may find your review in our next edition of Orbit!
**TERM 1 ACTIVITIES, 2019**

### Young People

#### Baby Time
For babies 0-2 years old, Mums, Dads and Carers.

**PENRITH**  
From Monday 4 February, 10.30-11.30am

#### Story Time
For Children 3-5 years old.

**ST MARYS**  
From Tuesday 5 February, 10.30-11.30am
**PENRITH**  
From Wednesday 6 February, 10.30-11.30am
**ST CLAIR**  
From Thursday 7 February, 10.30-11.30am

#### Toy Library
Toy Library sessions start from Tuesday 5 February, 2019.  
Play with and borrow educational toys 10am-12pm each week before Story Time at Penrith, St Marys and St Clair library branches and on Saturday from 10am-12pm at Penrith Library.

For more information contact Barjinder on 4732 7891, email childrensteamlibrary@penrith.city or go to penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/library

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### Children

#### GAMES DAY TUESDAYS
with Penrith City Library
Dive into a world of board games, card games and strategy games. Meet friends in a fun series of weekly Games Day Tuesdays. Try out a new game you’re keen to learn or a classic game you love to play. Our savvy games director will guide you with easy instruction and fun suggestions for game play too.

**WHO:** Students in Grades 7-10  
**WHEN:** Tuesdays, 4.30 - 6pm  
(12 February - 19 March 2019)  
**TICKETS:** $30 for a 6 week term

#### CHESS CLUB
with Sydney Academy of Chess  
Great fun for all ages no matter if you’re a beginner or a pro. Learn the basics and challenge a new player each week. Take your chess game to another level with great instructors who share the inside scoop on great chess game play!

**WHO:** Students in Grades 1 and above  
**WHEN:** Thursdays, 4.15-5.15pm  
(7 February - 11 April 2019)  
**TICKETS:** $80 for a 10 week term

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### Infants & Pre-schoolers

**BROOBY ROO**  
Is hopping happy in Penrith every week during Term 2019

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

TICKETS ON SALE FROM MONDAY 10 DECEMBER 2018 – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

Family Shows

PASS THE POETRY PLEASE
with Carolyn Eccles

Pass the Poetry isn’t a stuffy poetry show – it’s a lively, engaging, visually rich theatre experience, skilfully combining poems and rhymes both fast, slow, funny and sad with costumed characters and baffling illusions in a colourful, energetic performance to stretch the imagination.

WHO: For the whole family
WHEN: Wednesday 16 January, 10.30-11.20am
TICKETS: $7 per person (children under 2 free)

THE PETER WOOD FUNNY MAGIC SHOW
with Peter Wood

The Peter Wood Funny Magic Show is great summer entertainment that the whole family can enjoy together. Carefully crafted for all age groups, Peter’s magic show uses pace, anticipation and surprise to keep you enthralled from beginning to end.

WHO: For the whole family
WHEN: Wednesday 23 January, 10.30-11.30am
TICKETS: $7 per person (children under 2 free)

Pre-schoolers

LITTLE BANG DISCOVERY CLUB
with Children’s Discovery Museum

“Little Bang” is the fun, new club where pre-schoolers and parents work together on specially designed, hands-on science activities. Little Bang helps develop ideas and skills for pre-schoolers that inspire further scientific exploration, discovery and learning. Little Bang Discovery Club includes:

• Four one-hour sessions across two weeks
• A Discovery Box full of materials to interact with
• Question and answer times and a Little Bang book loaned to children for the duration of the club
• Discovery Club Passport which is stamped at each session
• A fun Science Fair and graduation

To gain full value from the experience children and parents attend every session:

Session 1: Collecting & Classifying / Session 2: Measuring & Recording
Session 3: Experimenting / Session 4: Science Fair & Graduation

Each child should be accompanied by an adult who will participate in each session with their child. For this reason, we ask that you do not bring other young children or siblings who are not booked into the session so the adult can participate fully.

WHO: 3-5 year olds
WHEN: Mondays & Fridays, 7, 11, 14, 18 January, 10.30-11.30am
TICKETS: $30 per child for 4 sessions over 2 weeks

Jump online here surveymonkey.com/r/OrbitEvents and tell us what you liked about Orbit’s summer shows and workshops. You could find your comments in our next edition of Orbit.
DECORATE YOUR OWN PENCIL CASE
with Na'ama Atzmon Simon
Using fabric paint, stencils and markers learn fun design techniques and decorate your own cool pencil case for the new year.

WHO: 5-10 year olds
WHEN: Tuesday 15 January, 1-2pm
TICKETS: $12 per child

TIE DYE FOR TEENS
with Na'ama Atzmon Simon
Try out different tie-dye designs and use your favourite to create your own colourful pillow case*. If you’d like to dye more, bring along your own white cotton t-shirt.

*Pillow case provided only.

WHO: 11-15 year olds
WHEN: Tuesday 15 January, 10.30am-12pm
TICKETS: $15 per student

READY, SET, GO BIKES!
with Addventageous
Love riding your bike in Summer? Learn some easy skills to keep your bike in tip-top shape! No bikes required – everything supplied!

WHO: 7-11 year olds
WHEN: Thursday 24 January, 10-10.45am
TICKETS: $7 per student

ON YA BIKE?
with Addventageous
Get clued up about all the best rides around Penrith and bike maintenance skills to keep you pedalling all year round! No bikes required - everything supplied!

WHO: 12-16 year olds
WHEN: Thursday 24 January, 11-11.45am
TICKETS: $7 per student

THE 13 STOREY TREE HOUSE LIBRARY QUIZ
At Penrith, St Marys & St Clair Library Branches
Check out The 13 Storey Tree House by Andy Griffiths then try out the fun, free library Treehouse quiz this summer. Use library search tools and solve 13 Storey Treehouse questions to collect a special gift* from Terry & Andy. * Gifts available only while stocks last

WHO: 7-10 year olds
WHEN: Saturday 15 December - Sunday 27 January. During library opening hours.
TICKETS: Free

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS
with Ian Zammit
Play D&D (5th edition) in a fun summer series. Create your own character to play an introductory series of quests. Get great tips about the game’s world and clues about how to get your own game up and running. D&D is packed with other great benefits too, like mathematics, science, literacy, creativity and imagination to name just a few!

WHO: 12-16 year olds
WHEN: Tuesdays & Thursdays 15, 17, 22, 24 January, 5.30-7.30pm
TICKETS: $50 per student for 4 sessions. Limited places so book early!

TICKETS ON SALE FROM MONDAY 10 DECEMBER 2018
All events are at Penrith Library. Bookings are essential. Book early to avoid disappointment as tickets sell quickly. No refunds or exchanges for tickets purchased. Family shows – every adult and child over 2 years old must purchase a ticket. Other events – accompanying adults attend for free. All events are supervised by professional facilitators and staff. Images displayed in the newsletter are for promotional purposes only.

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