BLAST INTO THE ORBIT READING CHALLENGE

Supercharge your imagination this summer with great books that are out of this world! From superheroes to sci-fi, fantasy, action, adventure, fairy tales or reality, rocket your reading into hyperspace with the Orbit Reading Challenge at Penrith City Library.

Visit any library branch from Monday 9 December to collect your Orbit Reading Challenge log sheet. Read and record 10 books on the log and return it to any library branch for your chance to win a prize. Complete as many reading logs as you can for a greater chance to win. Winners will be announced in the next edition of Orbit.

WHEN: Wednesday 12 February, 10.15am
WHERE: Penrith City Library
TICKETS: FREE
GUEST: Rooby Roo will draw our prize winners!

SPECIALISED STORY TIME COMING IN 2020!

“If a child can’t learn the way we teach, then maybe we should teach the way they learn.”
Ignacio Estrada

Look out for all new Specialised Story Time starting in 2020. These sessions differ from regular Story Time in the following ways:

• The use of picture schedules and visual timers to manage transitions
• The use of fidget toys to enhance focus and calm
• Activities to foster play and social interactions
• A flexible approach, allowing sensory seekers to roam and explore the environment
• A maximum of 10 children per session

WHO: 2-5 years old - suitable for children with social/sensory issues
WHEN: First Friday of every month, 10.30am-11.30am
First session for 2020 - Friday 7 February 2020
WHERE: Penrith City Library, Theatrette

SIGN UP and receive Orbit e-news straight to your inbox here - penrith.city/younglibrary
ACTIVATE YOUR SUMMER WITH GREAT NEW READS

For Young People

The Secret Runners of New York
by Matthew Reilly

Arctic Zoo
by Robert Muchamore

The Traitor’s Kingdom
by Erin Beaty

For Children

Rumblestar
By Abi Elphinstone

Grace’s Secret
By Louise Park

Dog Diaries: Mission Impawsible
by James Patterson and Steven Butler

For Preschoolers

Baby Business
by Jasmine Seymour

Doris the Bookasaurus
By Diana Murray

This Story is for You
By Greg Pizzoli

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WHAT ARE YOU READING?

GET INTO eRESOURCES
SPINE OUT: EXPRESS YOURSELF MAGAZINE

From Good Reading Magazine comes this online resource for teens and young adults. A fun interactive site where you can express ideas and share your creativity in words, art, film or music.

WHO: Upper Primary and Secondary Students
WHERE: library.penrith.city > eResources > Literature and Reading > SpineOut: express yourself magazine

PK MAG: FOR CREATIVE KIDS

Like its big sister SpineOut Magazine, which is hugely popular with high school students, PK Mag encourages children from Grades 3-6 to submit their creative works and experience the thrill of being published.

WHO: 3+ years
WHERE: library.penrith.city > eResources > Literature and Reading > PK Mag: for creative kids

RECOMMENDED BY: NADIA, 11 YO

Recommended for: I recommend it for 8+ years
Title: SuperCat vs the Chip Thief by Jeanne Willis
This book is about a boy named James who used to have a cat called Tiger, who was as lazy as can be. But with one lick of a toxic sock, Tiger becomes Supercat. Will Supercat and James be able to save the world when all the chips are stolen?

RECOMMENDED BY: TARA, 8 YO

Recommended for: I recommend it for 7+ years
Title: The Secret Rescuers: The Sky Unicorn by Paula Harrison
This book is about a girl named Ava and her friend Sophie who find a group of “sky unicorns.” The unicorns get captured but they manage to get rescued by Ava and Sophie. I loved it because it has some fantasy and humour, but also ends happily as well.

HEY!
Go to surveymonkey.com/r/OrbitBooks and tell us what you’re reading. You may find your book review in our next edition of Orbit!
TERM 1 ACTIVITIES, 2020

**Young People**

**BOOKAHOLICS BOOK CLUB**

at Penrith City Library

Share your love for reading at our monthly Bookaholics teen book club. Books are based on a different theme chosen by book club members each month. Limited numbers and bookings are essential.

**WHO:** 12-16 year olds

**WHEN:** Last Tuesdays of the month - 28 January, 25 February, 4.30-5.30pm

**TICKETS:** Free – but bookings essential. Call 4732 7891 to register your interest

**Children**

**YOGA FUN FOR KIDS**

with Kids Yoga Education

Jump into a fun yoga adventure with kids yoga specialist, Suzanne Ellis. Get moving, learn how to stretch, flex, and shape your body with great yoga poses like Lion, Mountain, Eagle, Tree, Boat and Dragon. Active and physical fun for boys and girls.

**WHO:** 7-13 year olds

**WHEN:** Thursdays, 4.15-5.15pm
(13 February - 2 April 2020)

**TICKETS:** $85 per student for an 8 week term
Book online: penrith-city-library.eventbrite.com.au

**Infants & Pre-schoolers**

**BABY TIME**

For babies 0-2 years old, mums, dads and carers.

**PENRITH** From Monday 10 February, 10.30-11.30am

**STORY TIME**

For children 2-5 years old

**ST MARYS** From Tuesday 11 February, 10.30-11.30am

**PENRITH** From Wednesday 12 February, 10.30-11.30am

**ST CLAIR** From Thursday, 13 February, 10.30-11.30am

**TOY LIBRARY**

Play with and borrow education toys from Tuesday 11 February.

**ST MARYS** Tuesday & Saturdays, 10am-12pm

**PENRITH** Wednesday & Saturdays, 10am-12pm

**ST CLAIR** Thursday & Saturdays, 10am-12pm

**SPECIALISED STORY TIME**

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**WHERE:** Penrith City Library, Theatrette

**TICKETS:** FREE - Limited places. Bookings essential at penrith-city-library.eventbrite.com.au

**COMING SOON**

Rooby Roo visits Story Time in term 1 on 11, 12, 13 February

For more information contact Children's Team on 4732 7891, email childrensteamlibrary@penrith.city or go to penrith.city/younglibrary

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PENRITH CITY LIBRARY

601 High Street, Penrith 2750
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

TICKETS ON SALE FROM MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2019 – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

Book tickets online at penrith-city-library.eventbrite.com.au

Family Shows

MR BAMBOOZLE AND THE MAGICIAN’S EXAM
with Mr Bamboozle

Imagine you have a difficult exam. Imagine it’s a magic exam and you’re just not confident about it. Mr Bamboozle invents some sneaky ways around it. Will it work? Will he find his self-confidence in time? What’s possible when we believe in ourselves? Clever scripting, amazing magic and hilarious physical comedy is sure to delight and enchant 5 to 12 year olds in this interactive show.

WHO: For the whole family
WHEN: Wednesday 15 January, 10.30am-11.30am
TICKETS: $7 per person (children under 2 free)

Young People

GREAT PLOTS, GREAT GENRES WRITING WORKSHOP
with Penny Reeve

Whether you prefer historical or fantasy, action, romance or mystery, every genre needs a strong plot to hold its story together. Learn how to build exciting plot lines with published author, Penny Reeve.

WHO: 11-15 years old
WHEN: Thursday 16 January, 1.30pm-3pm
TICKETS: $20 per student

DRAW MANGA
with Madison Martin

From Adventure Time to Astro Boy, explore the art of manga, anime, cartoons and comics in this drawing and design workshop. Learn the techniques used to draw well-known anime and cartoon characters and then create your own manga-inspired characters.

WHO: 9-15 years old
WHEN: Tuesday 21 January, 1.30pm-3pm
TICKETS: $14 per student

WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT...

Wild Hula Hoop Craftshop
October School Holiday Event

“I liked being able to decorate a hoop in my own style and take it home. The music was good.”
Lylah, Blaxland

TELL US WHAT YOU LIKED

Jump online at surveymonkey.com/r/OrbitEvents and tell us what you liked about Orbit’s holiday shows and workshops. You could find your comments in our next edition of Orbit.
THE GINGERBREAD RUN LIBRARY TRAIL
at Penrith, St Marys and St Clair library branches
Run, run as fast as you can! Chase the gingerbread man through the library as
he tries to find a fun summer activity to enjoy! Pick up a trail sheet at the desk and
collect all the gingerbread letters along the way to receive a special gift.* - *Gifts available only while stocks last.

WHO: 6-12 year olds
WHEN: Saturday 14 December - Saturday 25 January 2020, during library opening hours
TICKETS: Free - collect a trail sheet at the desk to get started

COLLAGE PUPPETS
with Na’amá Atzmon-Simon
Using colourful, fun mixed-media materials, children create a collaged backdrop for their own stick puppet creations. Puppets come to life as they move through their unique, collaged story landscape.

WHO: 6-12 year olds
WHEN: Tuesday 14 January, 10.30am-12pm
TICKETS: $15 per child

MAKE YOUR MUSIC
with Irene Nicola
Explore rhythms with musical games, experiment with different percussion instruments and discover lots of funny ways to work with music using your body and voice. Irene uses her keyboard to guide the melody and children work together to create fun rhythms and a musical performance piece.

WHO: 7-12 year olds
WHEN: Thursday 16 January, 10.30am-11.30am
TICKETS: $12 per child

UNDER THE SEA WILDLIFE
with Rangers on the Run
Learn about the incredible animals who call the ocean their home. Hold live sea animals, examine specimen samples, and discover a large variety of marine artefacts and shells. A totally interactive experience allowing every participant to hold and touch a large range of marine animals.

WHO: 6-12 year olds
WHEN: Wednesday 22 January, 10.30-11.30am
TICKETS: $12 per child

All events are at Penrith City Library. Bookings are essential. Book early as tickets sell quickly. No refunds or exchanges available for tickets purchased. For family shows, every adult and child over 2 years old must purchase a ticket. For 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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