AN AWESOME AUTUMN IN THE LIBRARY!

STAR EVENTS AT STORY TIME

at every library branch

Children 2-5 years old, get dressed up and bring your grown-ups to our special story time events in Term 2. In March, wear orange or dress to represent your cultural heritage for Harmony Day and enjoy stories that celebrate diversity and harmony in our community. In May, join us for 2020 National Simultaneous Story Time and read the featured title Chicken Divas by Australian author Lucinda Gifford. Dress up ready to dance like divas.

Check the web for dates and details at penrith.city/younglibrary

FREE

TEEN WRITING WORKSHOP

with Catherine Jinks

Join multiple award-winning author Catherine Jinks for a one-off creative writing workshop! Unleash your creativity by using music and mind-mapping techniques. Explore dialogue, descriptive language and pacing in writing.

WHO: 12-16 years old
WHEN: Tuesday 10 March, 4.30-6.30pm
WHERE: Penrith City Library, 601 High Street, Penrith
TICKETS: $10 per student.
Book your place: penrith-city-library.eventbrite.com.au

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GET INTO eRESOURCES

TEEN HEALTH & WELLNESS

Too embarrassed to ask your mum about that strange lump? Make Teen Health & Wellness your first ‘go to’ resource to get the facts and hear from other teenagers about their experiences. Covering areas of health, fitness, drugs, alcohol, mental health, family life and more. Provides young adults with content reviewed by experts in medicine, mental health, nutrition, guidance and counselling.

WHO: Secondary students
WHERE: library.penrith.city
    > eResources > Health > Teen health and wellness > Weblink@home

Penrith City Library has great e-resources for children and young people. Find more at penrith.city/younglibrary

NEW TO THE COLLECTION

For Young People

The Last to Die
by Kelly Garrett

The Quintessential Quintuplets Vol. 1
by Negi Haruba

Final Storm
by Deborah Abela

Be Your Own Superhero
by Dr Laura Meek

For Children

ABC’s of ART
by Sabrina Hahn

The Very Hungry Caterpillar’s Australian Friends
by Eric Carle

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WHAT ARE YOU READING?

RECOMMENDED BY: CARISA, 14YO

Recommended for: Teens (and adults)
Title: *Moonlight and Ashes* by Sophie Masson

This is a retelling of Cinderella with a twist. I loved the strength of the characters and how amazing everything fit together. If you love fairytales with adventure, mystery and cute romances, you should read this book.

RECOMMENDED BY: CHARLOTTE, 4YO

Recommended for: Everybody
Title: *Are You My Mother?* by P. D. Eastman

This book is about a baby bird who didn’t know if he had a mother. I loved that he found his mother.

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!

GET PUZZLED

Harmony Day is celebrated every year in Australia on 21 March. Australian’s wear orange ribbons and gather together for vibrant, colourful events to show respect and delight for the many diverse cultures that make our community a place where everyone belongs!

ACROSTIC POEM HARMONY

Try making an acrostic poem to celebrate our multicultural country. Each line of your poem should start with a letter from the word HARMONY. Email your poem to libchildrensteam@penrith.city and it could be published in our next edition of Orbit!

WORD FIT HARMONY IN AUSTRALIA

Fit the words below into the puzzle boxes.

Harmony    culture    diversity
friendship belonging fun
orange respect celebrate

freeprintablepuzzles.co.uk
**INTRODUCTION TO DUNGEONS & DRAGONS**  
with Ian Zammit  
Join us for a weekly D&D game series. Create your own game character, learn how to adventure with other team players and jump into a storyline!  
**WHO:** 12-16 year olds  
**WHEN:** Mondays, 4-6pm (4*, 11, 18, 25 May & 1 June) *4 May - runs 5.30-7.30pm  
**TICKETS:** $90 per student for 5 sessions

**CIRCUS FUN**  
with Suzy Spindoll  
Learn new skills and have fun in Suzy's action-packed and playful circus class. A colourful mix of circus skills, games and movement is designed to support active kids while encouraging creative expression and building self-confidence.  
**WHO:** 7-12 years old  
**WHEN:** Thursdays, 4-5pm (7 May - 25 June)  
**TICKETS:** $80 for an 8 week term

**Infants & Pre-schoolers**

**Baby Time**  
For babies 0-2 years old, mums, dads and carers.  
**PENRITH** Mondays, 10.30-11.30am  

**Story Time**  
For Children 2-5 years old  
**ST MARYS** Tuesdays, 10.30-11.30am  
**PENRITH** Wednesdays, 10.30-11.30am  
**ST CLAIR** Thursdays, 10.30-11.30am

**Toy Library**  
Play with and borrow educational toys at every library branch.  
**ST MARYS** Tuesday and Saturday, 10am-12pm  
**PENRITH** Wednesday and Saturday, 10am-12pm  
**ST CLAIR** Thursday and Saturday, 10am-12pm

**LITTLE SEEKERS**

**Little Seekers: Sensitive Story Time**  
For children 2-5 years old with social/sensory needs.  
**PENRITH** First Friday of every month, 10.30-11.30am  
(6 March, 3 April, 1 May) Bookings essential  
– Ph: 0418 664 879

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

*at Penrith City Library*

Enjoy a morning of classic and new board games. Discover who has the quickest mind, most creativity or strategic edge in your family or work together to beat the board. There will be games for 2-8 players and all ages – or bring your own!

**WHO:** For the whole family - with adult supervision  
**WHEN:** Wednesday 15 April, 10.30am-12.30pm  
**TICKETS:** FREE

**MAKE YOUR OWN BEE HOTEL**

*with Penrith City Library*

Drop by to build and decorate a bee hotel for your own backyard. Discover how bees are crucial for biodiversity - only one bee hotel per family.

**WHO:** For the whole family - with adult supervision  
**WHEN:** Tuesday 21 April, 10.30am-12.30pm  
**WHERE:** Mondo Green – in front of Penrith Library, 601 High Street, Penrith  
**TICKETS:** FREE – but limited hotels available. Get in quick!

**JOEL’S WORLD OF MAGIC**

*with Joel Howlett*

You’re invited to JD’s brand-new show, World of Magic, with buckets of audience participation and more fun than you could wave a wand at! Great for all the family!

**WHO:** For the whole family  
**WHEN:** Wednesday 22 April, 10.30-11.15am  
**TICKETS:** $7 per person (children under 2 free)
PLANT A POPPY
at all library branches
Craft, colour and add your poppy to the Anzac Day sculpture at every library branch. Add a poppy each time you visit and watch the poppy grow over the holiday season in time for Anzac Day, Saturday, 25 April.

WHO: 5+ years old
WHEN: All holidays, during library opening hours
TICKETS: FREE

TOUCH & FEEL BOOKS
with Na’ama Atzmon-Simon
Design and create your own ‘touch and feel’ children’s book. Bring your ‘hands-on’ story to life using textured art materials to create fun story characters with fuzzy, bumpy, foiled, spangled smooth or bumpy features. Take your ‘art’ story home and build new chapters with the skills you’ve learned.

WHO: 8-11 years old
WHEN: Thursday 23 April, 10.30am-12pm
TICKETS: $15 per child

CATAN GAME SESSION
at Penrith City Library
If your experience of board games is pretty much Monopoly, forget how you feel about board games and try Catan! Play the base game or try an expansion. Experienced and new players welcome.

WHO: 12-16 years old
WHEN: Tuesday 21 April, 3-5pm
TICKETS: FREE – but bookings essential.

ORBIT READING CHALLENGE
Congratulations to participants in the 2019/2020 Orbit Reading Challenge. The prize winners were announced in a public draw on Wednesday 12 February at Penrith City Library with special guest Rooby Roo. The Prize Draw Category Winners are:

PRESCHOOL: Raphael, Charlotte, Noah, Alice.
PRIMARY SCHOOL: Jacindah, Elina, Darcy, Ben, Nicolee, Ayva, Muhammad, Ria, Aldona, Niroshika, Aurora, Susanna, Maddie.
HIGH SCHOOL: Adrian, Armaan, Kaarunya.

WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT...
Great Plots, Great Genres Writing Workshop
January 2020 School Holiday Event
“I liked working with the author when we learnt about the seven different plots.”
Patrick, 12yo, Castlereagh

“Very good. The kids seemed very happy with the content and excited about continuing their writing.”
Andrea, Springwood

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