

School Holiday Program

During the school holidays we run activities for primary and high school students. Programs are available in your library 2-3 weeks prior to the holiday. A booking system for these activities is in place, and they are run in accordance with Council's Unattended Children in Libraries policy.



Homework Help

We understand that it can be difficult to help your child with their homework. With this in mind we have created "Homework Help"

www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/children/primary/homework_help/

The Children's and Young Adult team have put together useful search terms, reference material and web sites on frequently asked school assignments.

Young Adult Book Club

Gosford Library runs a Young Adult Book Club once every two months. The aim of the book club is for young adults of the area to gather together and discuss books they have enjoyed, or haven't and why!

Library Catalogue

The library catalogue can be accessed at www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/cat.html



What can you borrow?

You can borrow a total of 10 items for 3 weeks.

Books – 10 per card

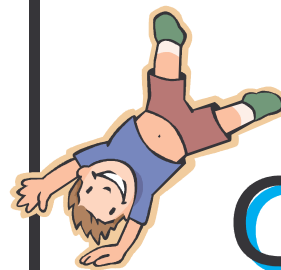
Magazines – 10 per card

CD's – 5 per card

Videos/DVD – 2 per card

Toys – 2 per family

Please note: Overdue fees are also applied to Children and Young Adult library cards. You can renew your items by calling 4348 9906.



GOSFORD CITY
Library

Children's Services



Children's Services are offered by all Branches of Gosford City Library, with a specialist Children's and Young Adult Library located at the Gosford Central Library.

Each Branch maintains the following collections within the framework of children's services:

- ⇒ Picture Book collections including board books for the very young.
- ⇒ Toy Library.
- ⇒ Junior & Young Adult Periodicals.
- ⇒ Junior & Young Adult Non-fiction.
- ⇒ Junior & Young Adult Fiction.
- ⇒ Junior Literacy for the emerging and newly independent reader. Includes beginners' chapter books.
- ⇒ Junior and Young Adult Paperbacks.
- ⇒ Junior Fiction & Young Adult audio.
- ⇒ Junior Videos and DVDs in both fiction and non-fiction.



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Storytime

Storytime is a valuable experience to be shared by children, parents/carers and library staff. Recommended for children 3-5 years.

The aims of Storytime:

- ⇒ Introduce children, parents and carers to a wide range of literature and storytelling techniques.
- ⇒ Encourage a love of reading, foster a positive relationship between children and the library, encourage lifelong use of libraries.
- ⇒ Stimulate creativity and imagination, and assist in language development.
- ⇒ Encourage the development of important skills including listening, memory, attention, coordination and social interaction.



To do this we need you the parent or carer to:

- ⇒ Arrive before the session is scheduled to begin
- ⇒ Participate in the session by singing and acting out the rhymes and assisting with the craft
- ⇒ Encourage your child to sit quietly during the stories
- ⇒ We all believe the safety of your child is of the utmost importance. To assist with the safety of children please ensure your child remains within the storytime area during the session.
- ⇒ Attendance at Storytime is in accordance with Council's Unattended Children's Policy, "children aged 9 years and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult".

Playgroups please call 4348 9915 if you wish to arrange a special Storytime visit

We encourage:

- ⇒ Everyone not to talk whilst the stories are being read
- ⇒ Interaction with other parents/carers during the craft session
- ⇒ Asking the librarian about literacy and reading for your child

Storytime Session Information for 2006

Storytime recommences the week beginning Monday 30th January 2006.

Gosford Monday & Thursday 10.30-11.30
Woy Woy Monday & Wednesday 10.30-11.30
Erina Tuesday & Thursday 10.30-11.30
Niagara Park Tuesday & Thursday 10.30-11.30
Umina Tuesday & Thursday 10.30-11.30
Kincumber Wednesday & Thursday 10.30-11.30
Wyoming 1st Wednesday of the Month 9.15-10.00



Staff will monitor Storytime attendance numbers and in the interest of safety may introduce a booking system at any time.

Toy Library

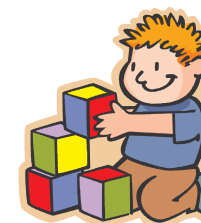
There are over 500 toys in the Toy Library, which are available from all branches. This toy collection is a free service for all registered customers with a current library card. Two toys per family may be borrowed at one time for a three week loan period.

There is no charge for borrowing. Fines for overdue toys are charged the same rate as books. Toys must be returned in a clean condition and include all toy pieces.

Resources that you may find useful

Periodicals:

Australia's Parents
Good Reading
Practical Parenting



Books:

028.5 SPIT Spitz, Eillen. "Inside picture books"
372.4 FOX Fox, Mem. "Reading Magic: how your child can learn to read before school and other read-aloud miracles"
372.4 JENN Jennings, Paul. "The reading bug"
J649.58 MOLO Moloney, James. "Boys and Books: building a culture of reading around our boys"