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Books light up pre-schoolers' worlds

Children are set to flock to City of Marion libraries to take part in special storytelling sessions for pre-schoolers in celebration of Children's Book Week 2015.

The Storytelling for Pre-schoolers sessions run weekly throughout the school term, and this week will feature books that have been shortlisted for the prestigious Children's Book Council of Australia Awards, including *Noni the Pony goes to the Beach* by Alison Lester and *Scary Night* by Leslie Gibbes.

The storytelling sessions are an opportunity for children and carers to have fun, meet new friends, listen to stories, and get creative with art and craft activities.

Liz Byrne, manager libraries & cultural development, said Book Week is an ideal opportunity for families to visit their local library together.

"When carers and children read together it helps children develop language and listening skills and stimulates their imagination, as well as increasing their engagement and love of reading.

"Book Week is a perfect time to pop in to your local library and explore the huge range of books, e-books, magazines, DVDs, CDs and other resources on offer.

"This will be one of the first children's events at the new Cove Civic Centre, so we're looking forward to welcoming many local families" Liz said.

Storytelling for Pre-schoolers takes place at the Marion Cultural Centre Library on Tuesdays, Cove Civic Centre on Wednesdays and Park Holme Library on Thursdays. Sessions run from 10.30am to 11.15am.

Staff from Marion Library Service will also be sharing the wonder of Children's Book Week by visiting local Kindergartens and Early Learning Centres. Library staff will bring a selection of age appropriate books, read engaging stories and provide hands-on activities to foster children's growth as young readers.

More information about City of Marion libraries is available at www.marion.sa.gov.au/libraries

Cultural Centre Library 287 Diagonal Road, Oaklands Park SA 5046

Cove Civic Centre 1 Ragamuffin Drive, Hallett Cove SA 5158

Park Holme Library 1 Duncan Avenue, Park Holme SA 5043

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