

Friends of the Library Meeting

Ballina Library - Monday 3 December 9.15am

The next meeting of The Friends of Ballina Shire Libraries will be held at Ballina Library on Monday 3 December starting at 9.15am. This meeting will be the Friends' Christmas party. There will be no guest speaker but there will be time for some relaxed conversation and light refreshments. Guests and visitors are welcome to attend the meeting which is free of charge. People are also welcome to become members of the Friends of the Library at the meeting.

Books for Sale

The Friends of Ballina Shire Libraries will not be holding their monthly mini book sale in December. There is, however, a wide range of books and magazines available for purchase at Ballina, Lennox Head and Alstonville Libraries, and also at the Ballina Visitor Information Centre, at any time during opening hours. All proceeds go to support Ballina Shire Libraries.

Mobile Library Timetable

Empire Vale	Wednesday 5 and 19 December 9.30am – 10.30am at the School.
Wardell	Wednesday 5 and 19 December 11.15am – 12.15pm at the School.
Wollongbar	Wednesday 5 and 19 December 2.15pm – 4.00pm at the Shopping Centre.
Teven/Tintenbar	Monday 3 and 17 December 11.30am – 12.30pm at the School.

Visit our website at www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au where you can sign up for our Newsletter or follow us on Facebook for the latest information about events and programs at your local library.

What's on @ Ballina, Alstonville & Lennox Head Libraries December 2018

Author Talk - Barbara Carmichael Ballina Library - Thursday 6 December 10:00 am

Byron Bay author Barbara Carmichael's book *I've Come To Say Goodbye* tells the story of her friendship with a young Indian man named Tarun. Over a ten year period, Barbara travelled back and forth to India, visiting Tarun and his family and experiencing India through the eyes of the locals. In this beautifully written and charming book, Barbara describes her adventures in the country she grew to love. Over time, Tarun becomes like a brother to her and she is even given the honour of naming his son. When she receives news of Tarun's sudden death, she is devastated.

Barbara Carmichael will discuss her book and her experiences in India in a talk at the Ballina Library on Thursday 6 December from 10.00 am to 11.00 am. This event is free of charge and open to all members of the public. Bookings are not necessary.

Book Launch with Mayor David Wright Ballina Library - Wednesday 12 December 3.00pm

Ballina Mayor David Wright will be hosting a book launch at the Ballina Library from 3.00pm on Wednesday 12 December. *Ballina past to present* is a 48 page book about the history of Ballina written by Kevin Olivieri from the Alstonville Plateau Historical Society. Light refreshments will be served at the launch and copies of the book will be available for purchase. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Bookings are not required.

Ballina Library 6686 2831
Lennox Head Library 6687 6398
Alstonville Library 6628 5527

School Holiday Activities

Ballina Library:

Do-It-Yourself Christmas Craft

Anytime from Monday 3 December to Friday 21 December

Come in to Ballina Library at any time during opening hours from Monday 3 December until Friday 21 December and have fun making colourful paper chains using the recycled book covers and scraps of coloured paper provided. Take them home with you or leave them for us to decorate the library. Suitable for children of all ages, this is a free activity and bookings are not necessary.

Christmas Craft Workshops

- Thursday 20 December from 10.00am to 12.00 noon

- Friday 21 December from 10.00am to 12.00 noon

Ballina Library is conducting two Christmas craft workshops in which participants will be shown how to make their own Christmas decorations using the materials provided. These workshops will be held on Thursday 20 December from 10.00am to 12.00 noon and on Friday 21 December from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Suitable for children four years of age or older, these sessions are free of charge but places are limited. Please reserve your place by calling Ballina Library on 6686 2831.

Lennox Head:

Do-It-Yourself Christmas Craft

After school (3.00pm to 5.00pm) Monday 10 December to Friday 21 December

Come in to the Lennox Head Library after school (3.00pm to 5.00pm) from Monday 10 December until Friday 21 December and have fun making your own colourful Christmas decorations using the materials provided. Suitable for children of all ages, this is a free activity and bookings are not necessary.

Christmas Craft for Adults - Thursday 13 December 2.00pm

Lennox Head Library is holding a Christmas Craft workshop for adults. This session, which is free of charge, will be held in the library on Thursday 13 December from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. All materials are supplied but please reserve your place by calling 6687 6398.

Regular Children's Activities

Ballina Library: Storytime every Tuesday at 11.00am, Baby Bounce every Monday at 10.30am, Toddler Time every Friday at 10.00 am.

Lennox Head Library: Storytime every Thursday at 10.30am, Baby Bounce every Wednesday at 10.30am, Toddler Time every Tuesday 2.30pm.

Alstonville Library: Storytime every Tuesday at 10.30am and Baby Bounce every Thursday at 10.30am.

Please note: There will be no Baby Bounce at Ballina Monday 24 Dec.

Holiday Closures

All branches of the Richmond Tweed Regional Library, including Ballina, Lennox and Alstonville branches, will be closed from 2.00pm on Monday 24 December and will re-open on Tuesday 2 January at the normal opening times.

Scrabble and Chess Clubs

Ballina Library:

The Ballina Library Scrabble Club meets every Wednesday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm and gives players of all abilities the chance to meet and play in a friendly, non-competitive environment. Ballina Library also hosts a Chess Club which meets in the library every Friday from 12.30pm to 2.30pm. Both clubs are open to people of all ages and are free of charge. Bookings are not necessary.

Alstonville Library:

Alstonville Library Scrabble Club meets at the Alstonville Library every Tuesday from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. Open to people of all ages. No bookings necessary.