Scrabble and Chess Clubs

Ballina and Alstonville Libraries

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 1.00pm to 4.00pm. 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.

Mobile Library Timetable

Empire Vale	Wednesday 4 and 18 December 9.30am – 10.30am at the School.
Wardell	Wednesday 4 and 18 December 11.15am – 12.15pm at the School.
Wollongbar	Wednesday 4 and 18 December 2.15pm – 4.00pm at the Shopping Centre.
Teven/Tintenbar	Monday 2 and 16 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 2019

Christmas Storytime with Susan Perrow
Lennox Head Library - Thursday 5 December 10.30 am to 11.30 am

Susan Perrow is an author and educator who has spent much of her life researching and documenting stories from other cultures. In recent years her focus has been on the use of story-telling and story-writing as a therapeutic tool for healing and promoting growth and resilience in children. Susan will read an *Australian Christmas Story* as part of a special Christmas Storytime session to be held at the Lennox Head Library on Thursday 5 December at 10.30 am. Bookings are not required for this event which is free of charge and open to everyone.

Christmas Storytime at Ballina
Ballina Library - Tuesday 24 December 11.00 am and 11.45 am

Ballina Library will be hosting a special Christmas Storytime on Tuesday 24 December at 11.00 am. Library staff members Robert and Michelle will read Christmas stories and lead the children in a sing-a-long of Christmas carols. There will also be Christmas craft for the children to do. This is a free activity suitable for children aged from three to seven years of age and bookings are not required.

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

Holiday Closures - All Branches

All branches of the Richmond Tweed Regional Library will close at the earlier time of 2.00pm on Tuesday 24 December for the Christmas break and will re-open on Thursday 2 January. Patrons may still return their items during this time through the automatic returns chute. From all the staff at the Richmond Tweed Regional Library we wish you a very merry Christmas and hope you have a safe and happy holiday period. See you in the new year.

Friends of the Library Christmas Get-Together

The Friends of Ballina Shire Libraries will be holding a special Christmas get-together on Monday 2 December at an undisclosed location. Members can obtain details of this meeting (and RSVP) from Friends President Lorna Lewis on 0413 970 404. This will be the last meeting of the Friends until February 2020.

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 sale 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.

Tech Savvy Computer Training for Seniors
Lennox Head Library

Lennox Head Library is currently offering free computer lessons on a variety of topics including laptop and tablet computers, smartphones, and introduction to emails. These lessons are funded by Telstra as part of its Tech Savvy program, which aims to give older Australians the skills and confidence they need to use technology and get connected. The library's lessons are presented to small groups of around four to eight people at a time. Please phone Lennox Head Library on 6687 6398 for more information or to reserve your place in a class.

Baby Bounce, Toddler Time and Storytime Session Times

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

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

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

Holiday Changes to Regular Children's Activities

The following changes will apply to regular children's activities during the school holidays which run from Monday 23 December to Monday 27 January:

Ballina Library: Storytime, Baby Bounce and Toddler Time will continue as usual during the school holidays.

Lennox Head Library: There will be no Storytime, Baby Bounce or Toddler Time during the school holidays.

Alstonville Library: There will be no Baby Bounce after Thursday 12 December until Thursday 6 February. Storytime at Alstonville will finish on Tuesday 17 December and return on Tuesday 14 January.

Home Library Service

Most branches of the Richmond Tweed Regional Library Service, including Ballina, Lennox and Alstonville libraries, offer a home library service to people unable to visit the library in person. Staff from the library select items for the patron and every three weeks a volunteer delivers them in bags to the patron's house, while also picking up the bags from the previous delivery. Patrons can specify whether they would like large-print, normal print, talking books, magazines, music CDs or DVDs. They may also indicate their preferences as to authors, genres, subject-matter and whether they like fiction, non-fiction or biographies. This is a free service but some restrictions do apply as to eligibility and delivery areas. Please call your nearest library branch for further information.