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### National Library Week – Broome Style

Next week is National Library and Information Week, and the Broome Library has a few things planned to celebrate.

Library Manager Jean Indermaur says the week, running from the 23 – 29 May, is celebrated across Australia in various forms.

“We will be doing our celebrating this year by having a week long amnesty for returns,” Jean said.

“We are asking everyone to return Library items that may be lurking in bookcases, in houses, caravans, boats, sheds or packing boxes.

“It will be a ‘No Questions Asked’ week where all charges will be waived. There is no need for guilt or embarrassment; we would just like the Library items returned.

“By dropping them off at either the Shire Offices or at the Library we will be able to restore all borrowing privileges and, if it’s been some time since their last visit to the Library, people may be pleasantly surprised at the resources we now have on offer.”

Also taking place during the week will be the National Simultaneous Book Reading, which will be held on Friday at the Library with 70 children from Broome Primary School.

“Held at the Library on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> at 9am, we will be joining tens of thousands of Australians as we read from "Feathers for Phoebe" by Rod Clement, which is a wonderfully illustrated Australian tale about self-esteem, self-acceptance and learning that appearances aren't everything,” Jean said.

“Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, National Simultaneous Storytime is a great initiative organised by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). It is a colourful, vibrant and fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age appropriate themes and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades 1 to 6.

“On the whole, Library and Information Week is a great chance for Broome to ensure that more of our kids are involved in reading stories, as an important part of contributing toward a more literate community.”

To find out more about the Library’s activities telephone 9191 3477.

**Ends**

**Photo opp. of National Simultaneous Storytime – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 9am**

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