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Storytime and Beach Books to celebrate Library Week

Library and Information Week 2018 gets underway on Monday 21 May and Broome Public Library is celebrating with several fun events.

Library and Information Week runs from 21 – 27 May and will include National Simultaneous Storytime and the launch of Broome Beach Books for 2018.

Shire of Broome Library Coordinator, Sally Eaton, said Broome Beach Books would kick off on Wednesday 23 May at 11am at Cable Beach, and run each Wednesday from 11am to 11.45am until October.

"A Library staff member will be at the top of the stairs at Cable Beach each week with a selection of books just perfect for reading by the ocean," Ms Eaton said.

"People are invited to take a book, read it at their leisure wherever they want, and return it to either the Library or the beach and swap for another beach book.

"There are no due dates or fines – it's like a library without walls, so if you were hesitant to take our regular library books to the beach, why not grab one of our special beach books and enjoy them anywhere?"

National Simultaneous Storytime also happens on Wednesday 23 May, with Broome children joining others around Australia to read the same story at the same time.

"National Simultaneous Storytime aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books," Ms Eaton said.

"This year's title is *Hickory Dickory Dash* by Tony Wilson and reading starts at 9am with everyone invited to attend the free event at the Library."

Library and Information Week aims to raise the profile of libraries and information service professionals in Australia and showcase the many and varied resources and services that libraries provide to the community.

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