



Issue 1

What's on

International Children's Book Day – 2 April

The theme for the 2024 International Children's Book Day (ICBD) will be a celebration of Japan.

This year's theme is: **"the small is big in a book"**

We encourage all students to embrace ICBD during the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. Why not read a book about Japan.

If you do, take a photo of you reading and email it through with a short review to cmrc.doe@education.nt.gov.au.



We'd love to share your story on the website and social media.

City of Darwin Libraries

City of Darwin Libraries and Fun in the Parks are offering a range of free activities these school holidays, Monday 8 to Saturday 13 April. There are fun and free activities on offer at Karama, Casuarina, Nightcliff and Darwin libraries including First Nations Art Workshop, Board Games Afternoon, LEGO Club, STEAM Zone, movie screenings and Story Time. Details in the following program.

2023 Celebrations

Celebrations for the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge 2023 were held at Parliament House Darwin and in Alice Springs on Thursday 9th November 2023.



Students from Belyuen School, Berry Springs, Rosebery, Wagaman, Holy Spirit Catholic, Parap, Karama, Ludmilla, Bees Creek and Larrakeyah Primary Schools received their personalised

certificates from the Honourable Eva Lawler at the Parliament House celebration.

While students from Larapinta, Braitling and Ross Park Primary Schools at the Alice Springs celebration received their certificates from the Deputy Mayor Allison Bitar and the Darwin celebration was live streamed here.



Books of the Week

The sponsor country for 2024 International Children's Book Day (ICBD) is Japan, here are a couple of books you could read.

First, we have Tokyo: A Book of Senses by Ashley Evanson that is perfect for young readers (ages 3-5) as this board book series pairs early learning concepts with colorful, stylish illustrations of the iconic art, architecture, food, and culture of Tokyo, Japan. In Tokyo, you can use all your senses while discovering the city- smell cherry blossoms in beautiful gardens, taste sushi at the fish market, and feel peaceful inside a temple.



Next up is the book All About Japan by Willamarie Moore and illustrated by Kazumi Wilds is geared towards readers aged between 8-12. It offers not only the most important facts about Japan, but also reflects the spirit that makes Japan one-of-a-kind. Two new friends lead us: a Japanese boy who lives in the country and a Japanese girl who lives in the city. They introduce us to their homes, families, favourite places, school life, holidays and after-school activities.



Come and explore the history, culture and traditions of Japan through the world of books.

Details of what you have done or a book review of your reading during the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge can be sent through to cmrc.doe@education.nt.gov.au

Calendar of Events

International Children's Book Day	2 April
Nature Play Week	6–16 April
International Day Of Human Space Flight	12 April

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

APRIL 2024

MONDAY 8 APRIL

Fun in the Parks

5-12 Years
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sunset Park

Come and create an invention, toy or art using recycled materials.

Baby Book Time

3-12 months
11:00 am - 11:30 am
Darwin City Library

Baby Book Time will reacquaint parents with nursery rhymes and early childhood song as well as showcase great books.

Board Games Afternoon

All ages
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Karama Library

Join us as we play games of strategy, deception and cooperation.

TUESDAY 9 APRIL

Rhyme Time

3-24 months
10:00 am - 10:30 am
Karama Library

Clap and move to our Rhyme Time sessions. We'll explore rhymes, songs and finger play.

LEGO Club

All ages
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Nightcliff Library

Create your own LEGO masterpiece and display them in our library for everyone to see.

First Nations Art Workshop

5-12 years
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Darwin City Library

Join us for a boomerang painting experience with Katelynn, a local Indigenous artist!

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL

Fun in the Parks

5-12 years
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wanguri Park

Come and learn some first aid skills and explore the St John's vehicle and equipment.

Movie Screening - Wonka

All ages
10:00 am
Casuarina Library

Come and watch on the big screen the movie Wonka (2023).

Baby Book Time

3-12 months
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Casuarina Library

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Board Games Afternoon

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3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
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THURSDAY 11 APRIL

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10:00 am - 10:30 am
Nightcliff Library

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First Nations Art Workshop

5-12 years
2:30 pm - 4:00pm
Casuarina Library

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FRIDAY 12 APRIL

Fun in the Parks

5-12 Years
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Lake Alexander

Learn how to make your very own oobleck, that you get to take home. Please bring clothes that you can get messy in.

STEAM Zone

All ages
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Casuarina Library

Explore science, technology, engineering, arts, and maths through playing-based learning.

Board Games Afternoon

All ages
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Karama Library

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SATURDAY 13 APRIL

Family Story Time

All ages
10:00 am - 10:30 am
Darwin City Library

Family Story Time includes songs, rhymes and stories which celebrate reading, books and using the library with your family.

Marty the Mallard Story Time

All ages
10:00 am - 10:30 am
Casuarina Library

Join us for a special story time with guest author Daniel Bolton.

Fun in the Parks is a FREE school holiday program that is full of fun activities. All families are welcome to come along and have some fun.

Remember to slip on some shoes and cool clothing for outdoor fun, slop on some sunscreen (provided) and slap on a hat and come along to have some fun and meet new friends.

Holiday activities are FREE.

Children 10 years and under must be accompanied by an adult at all events.

School holiday activities are open to members and non-members.

Library membership is free to all NT residents.

Care provider bookings not available.



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