



## STEVE HERON

Years 1-6  
Woodvale Library  
Friday 22 August  
9.15-10.30am, 11am-12.15pm,  
1-2.15pm



When he's not hanging out with the local magpies, Steve Heron uses his forty years of experience working with children in social/emotional well-being to underpin his writing, and to create children's books that touch hearts.

A champion of well-being for children, Steve is no stranger to doing presentations with children. He has been called an affirmative vandal and a hooligan of hope.

Based on his books, Steve's workshops are fun and engaging with marshmallow cannons, button pressing, Chinese lanterns, magpies, willie wagtails, echidnas and comedy. Topics include kindness, friendships, emotional literacy, journaling, creative and descriptive writing, show don't tell, the art of writing funny stuff, and using humour to introduce literary devices.

[steveheron.com/](http://steveheron.com/)



## RINA FU

Years 1-3  
Joondalup Library  
Thursday 14 August  
9.15-10.30am, 11am-12.15pm,  
1-2.15pm



Dr Rina is a multiple award-winning scientist, author and artist who shares her love for science creatively through songs, interactive workshops and lectures, animations, videos and craft.

She completed her doctoral fieldwork in Papua New Guinea and attained her Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy in 2022.

Her self-illustrated science storybook is called *My Mad Scientist Mummy*, introducing young readers to the fascinating world of lab science.

Rina's latest published work includes *MicroToons*, an animated short story about cells and nasty microbes. Her children's book *I Hate Science* was recently published in the United States.

Students will love the way Rina brings science and literature together. She loves to talk about science and enjoys making it accessible to all.

[rinafustudio.wixsite.com/rinafu](http://rinafustudio.wixsite.com/rinafu)



## CINDY LANE

Years 2-6  
Duncraig Library  
Tuesday 19 August  
9.15-10.30am, 11am-12.15pm,  
1-2.15pm



Take a deep dive to discover what happens while you sleep, explore the wonderful world under the waves, and hear what animals do from sunset to sunrise. From penguins to sharks, giant squid and plankton, discover the fascinating after-dark lives of ocean creatures.

Award-winning illustrator Cindy Lane will take you behind the scenes of how she creates books, inspiring you to create your own underwater wonderland.

Cindy's first picture book, *Great White Shark* (written by Claire Saxby) won the prestigious Royal Zoological Society of NSW Whitley Award 2022 Best Children's Book, also making the CBCA Shortlist for New Illustrator 2022.

[cindylaneart.com.au/](http://cindylaneart.com.au/)



## JAMES FOLEY

Years K-6  
Whitford Library  
Wednesday 20 August  
9.15-10.30am, 11am-12.15pm,  
1-2.15pm



James Foley is the author and illustrator of many picture books and graphic novels, including *Stellarphant*, *Happy Barry Capybara*, *Secret Agent Mole*, *Brobot* and *Gastronauts*. His most recent books are *Bigfoot vs Yeti: A Love Story* and *Dungzilla*.

A massive Marvel movie nerd, James comes from a long line of queuing enthusiasts. He lives near Fremantle/Walyalup in Western Australia with his wife Renae, their two kids, and a labrador called Frankie.

James' sessions are funny, entertaining, interactive and inspiring (they're educational too, but don't tell the kids!). James loves encouraging students to make their own stories and enjoy the creative process.

[jamesfoley.com.au/](http://jamesfoley.com.au/)



# Celebrate Children's Book Week 9-22 August 2025

## Book an adventure



City of Joondalup Libraries welcome you to join our free annual Children's Book Week celebrations.

The theme this year is

# Book an adventure

A wide range of local authors, illustrators and storytellers are joining us this year. All schools in the City of Joondalup are invited to participate in activities designed to link quality literature to a pathway of learning, discovery, innovation and creativity.

Children's Book Week allows your students to engage in:

- Meet the author talks
- Meet the illustrator talks

All sessions are free. Bookings are essential and open on **Wednesday 30 April 2025**. Bookings can be made on the City's website at [joondalup.wa.gov.au](http://joondalup.wa.gov.au)

Please read the **How to Book a Session** information carefully, and consider all school commitments and transport requirements before making your booking request.

## How to book a session:

1. Browse through the program and select the presenters and sessions that interest you and your class. Unless otherwise stated, you will have three session times to choose from for each presenter: **9.15-10.30am; 11am-12.15pm; and 1-2.15pm**. The registration process includes a space for you to inform us if you have flexibility around the timing or if you only have one time slot you can attend. The more flexibility you have, the better your chances of being allocated a session, although it does not guarantee that you will be offered a place.
2. Keep in mind your own constraints such as class sizes, ages, location, bus availability, sports carnivals and other school commitments or excursions during those dates and only select those sessions you have a firm intention of attending.
3. Please use one online booking request form per class. You may indicate one top presenter preference and up to two alternatives.
4. All online booking requests must be submitted by **Monday 9 June 2025**.
5. Every effort will be made to allocate each school's higher preferences, however please keep in mind that some presenters will be very popular, and not every class will be able to be accommodated.
6. An initial round of offers will be made to schools by **Monday 16 June 2025** to allow schools enough time to plan for attendance.
7. It is a courtesy to authors and illustrators for classes to be familiar with their books – it also makes their sessions even more interesting for the students. If you need help, please ask your school librarian or contact our Library and Community Programs Officer on **9400 4759**.
8. If a school must cancel for any reason, notice of at least three days prior to the event must be provided.

Scan the QR code for more information.

All enquiries should be directed to the Library and Community Programs Officer on **9400 4759** or email [library.programs@joondalup.wa.gov.au](mailto:library.programs@joondalup.wa.gov.au)

Please note, bookings cannot be made through library branches.



## City of Joondalup Libraries

**Joondalup Library**  
102 Boas Avenue, Joondalup, 6027

**Whitford Library**  
Cnr Banks and Marmion Avenues, Hillarys, 6025

**Woodvale Library**  
5 Trappers Drive, Woodvale, 6026

**Duncraig Library**  
Cnr Warwick Road and Marmion Ave, Duncraig, 6023

## SHANE McCARTHY

Years 3-6  
Whitford Library  
Monday 11 August  
9.15-10.30am, 11am-12.15pm,  
1-2.15pm

Shane McCarthy is a comic book and graphic novel author who has been published internationally by the likes of DC and Marvel Comics. Shane has written for characters such as Batman, Deadpool, Transformers and more. He is currently working on an exciting graphic novel series for younger readers.

Shane is passionate about storytelling and takes great enjoyment in sharing the ins and outs of writing and comic books with his audience.

In his session, Shane will explore the world of comic books, how they work, how they're made and why it's the best job in the universe!

[shanemccarthy.com/](http://shanemccarthy.com/)



## CHENÉE MARRAPODI

Years 4-6  
Woodvale Library  
Tuesday 12 August  
9.15-10.30am, 11am-12.15pm,  
1-2.15pm

Join writer and journalist Chenée Marrapodi as she chats about her winding path to becoming a children's author – including the rejection she received from a publisher when she was just 12 – and her adventures as a television reporter.

Chenée is an accomplished public speaker and host of the podcast *Writers off the Page*. She has worked in the media industry for almost a decade. Outside of the media, Chenée has danced ballet and jazz her whole life, loving the stories that can be created through movement.

Chenée will have students laughing, live storytelling and dancing, while sharing the inspiration behind her books *One Wrong Turn* and *Breaking Pointe*.

[cheneemarrapodi.com/](http://cheneemarrapodi.com/)



## CRISTY BURNE

Years 3-6  
Duncraig Library  
Friday 15 August  
9.15-10.30am, 11am-12.15pm,  
1-2.15pm

Cristy Burne is the author of 15 books and an international science communicator. Renowned for her high-energy, hilarious and highly engaging events, Cristy has:

- lived in five countries
- completed four degrees
- edited three science magazines
- performed in two science circuses
- one precious life, so she's making it count!

A trained scientist and journalist, Cristy's recent novels include *Into the Blue*, graphic novel *Ultra Violet*, the *Wednesday Weeks* science-meets-fantasy trilogy, and narrative non-fiction biography *Fiona Wood: Inventor of Spray-on Skin*.

Join Cristy for this funny, inspiring, unforgettable celebration of science and creativity.

[cristyburne.com/](http://cristyburne.com/)



## JEVITA NILSON

Years 1-6  
Joondalup Library  
Monday 18 August  
9.15-10.30am, 11am-12.15pm,  
1-2.15pm

Book an adventure this Children's Book Week and explore our wondrous world with children's author Jevita Nilson. Students and teachers will journey through some fascinating natural landscapes in *Our World Full of Wonder* and discover some of the unique animal species that inhabit our planet in *Our World of Wild Wonders*. Plus, get a behind-the-scenes look at making a picture book.

Jevita Nilson is a children's author with a love for nature, words and all things wondrous. Based in Perth, she writes heartfelt lyrical fiction and non-fiction picture books and chapter books to inspire curious kids.

[jevitnilson.com/](http://jevitnilson.com/)

