

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

The theme this year is Symphony of Stories

A wide range of local authors, illustrators and story tellers are joining us in 2026. 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 Monday 20 April 2026 via the City's website at joondalup.wa.gov.au

Please read the following 'How to book a session' information carefully and consider all school commitments and transport requirements before making your booking request.



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

How to book a session:

1. Browse through the program and select the presenters and sessions that interest you. There are three session times to choose from for each presenter: 9:15am -10:30am, 11am - 12:15pm and 1pm - 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 25 May 2026.
5. Every effort will be made to allocate each school's higher preferences but 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 8 June 2026 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 our Library and Community Programs Officer on 9400 4759.
8. If a school must cancel for any reason, notice of at least seven 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

Please note, bookings cannot be made through library branches.



Illustrator and author

Kylie Howarth

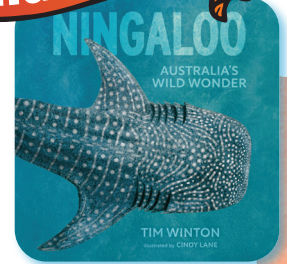
Years 1-6
Whitford Library
Monday 17 August

Kylie Howarth is the author-illustrator of laugh-out-loud picture books, engaging chapter books and the hilarious new graphic novel series, *Kev and Trev!* Discover how Kylie swims with sharks and paints with broccoli during her creative process and draw along as she guides students step-by-step how to create their own unique characters.

kyliehowarth.com/



Illustrator



Cindy Lane

Years 1-6
Woodvale Library
Tuesday 18 August

Cindy Lane is a Perth artist and illustrator who finds endless inspiration in the natural world, especially along Western Australia's coastline. Her work reflects her belief that creativity belongs to everyone. Cindy's latest award winning picture book, *Ningaloo*, written by Tim Winton and illustrated by Cindy, invites young readers into one of the world's last great wild regions through vivid, detailed watercolours that spark wonder and curiosity.

Join Cindy to explore, experiment, and discover the joy of making art – empowering every young creator to feel confident, curious, and inspired.

cindylanart.com/

Author



Cristy Burne

Pre Primary – Year 6
Joondalup Library
Wednesday 19 August

Cristy Burne is a dynamic innovator who champions the power of kids to spark creativity, strengthen connection, and unlock potential. She's an international science communicator, an award winning author of more than 15 books and a global adventurer with stories that range from camel treks to leech encounters.

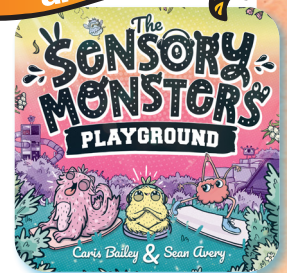
A natural storyteller - because stories matter - Cristy also brings her background as a scientist and STEM ambassador (sans white coat) to everything she does.

Her events are known for being high-energy, hilarious and genuinely impactful. Cristy inspires audiences to reimagine what's possible and to approach the world with curiosity and courage.

cristyburne.com/



Illustrator and author



Sean E Avery

Pre Primary – Year 6
Duncraig Library
Thursday 20 August

Sean E Avery is a teacher, designer and creator of wonderfully quirky books for kids. You might know him from picture books like *Frank's Red Hat* – winner of the CBCA Shadow Judges Picture Book of the Year – or his hilarious graphic novel series *Ducky The Spy*.

In this session, Sean will be sharing the story behind his brand-new book, created with his wife, Caris Bailey (a paediatric OT). The book was inspired by the amazing *Sensory Monsters Playground* Sean co-designed, right across from Duncraig Library - an imaginative space students will get to explore during their visit!

seaneavery.com/home.html



Norman Jorgensen

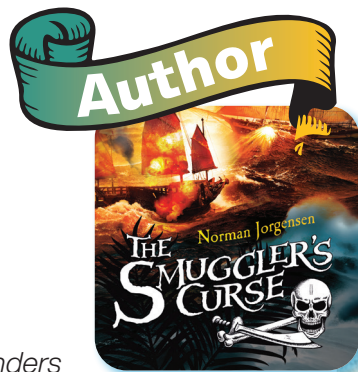
Years 4-6

Joondalup Library
Monday 24 August

Norman Jorgensen – beloved author of *In Flanders Fields*, *Jack's Island*, and *The Smuggler's Curse* – welcomes your students on a lively, behind-the-scenes journey into the art of storytelling. He shares the real-life research adventures that help him bring history to life, shows how landscapes can become unforgettable characters and reveals the secrets behind creating heroes and villains that young readers adore. Norman also introduces his famous “Rules for Writing,” a practical and inspiring collection of tips gathered from celebrated authors.

And teachers, your readers are in for a treat! Norman will be sharing exclusive snippets from his not yet released new novel, *Dragon's Blood*. This engaging presentation is designed to ignite curiosity, deepen classroom learning, and inspire the next generation of storytellers.

normanjorgensen.com.au/



Aśka

Upper primary and lower secondary students
Woodvale Library
Tuesday 25 August

Meet Aśka, award-winning graphic novelist, ex-quantum physicist and passionate advocate for visual literacy. In this dynamic and creatively empowering session, Aśka will lead students into the rich world of graphic novels and visual storytelling. Far from being an “easy read,” comics will be revealed as a sophisticated literary medium, blending words, images and symbols to deepen comprehension, strengthen interpretation skills and communicate complex ideas and human experience.

Students will also take part in a hands-on mini workshop, creating their own short comic. No drawing experience required. An energetic and highly experienced presenter, Aśka's sessions foster creative confidence while strengthening literacy, critical thinking, and multimodal communication skills.

askastorytelling.com/

Ebony Froome

Pre Primary - Year 2
Whitford Library
Thursday 27 August

Join Ebony Froome, Noongar author of *Djinang Bonar: Seeing Seasons*, for a lively, hands-on session made for the early childhood classroom. Explore the Noongar six seasons, pick up fun language and cultural insights, and discover simple ways to bring them into everyday learning.

Ebony's debut picture book – and her upcoming *I Call the Ocean Wardan* – gently introduce young readers to First Nations' culture, offering joyful entry points into Noongar words, stories, and ways of seeing Boodja.

A perfect opportunity to spark curiosity, celebrate culture, and share Noongar language with our little learners.

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Deb Fitzpatrick

Years 1-6
Duncraig Library
Friday 28 August 2026

Deb Fitzpatrick is an award-winning Australian author who creates engaging, adventure filled stories inspired by real life and the natural world. Her latest book, *Tawny Trouble*, grew from her time spent in the karri forests of WA's southwest.

Deb loves helping young readers and writers explore their imaginations, and her books – including *Kelpie Chaos* and the *Spencer Gray* series – are favourites in many classrooms. With more than ten titles to her name, she brings warmth, enthusiasm and practical inspiration to every session.

debfitzpatrick.com.au/

