Minutes

Young Peoples Libraries Group (YPLG)
Date and Time: 8 February 2018, 9:30am – 3:00pm
Venue: State Library of Queensland, Boardroom

Meeting Chair: Michelle Swales
Minute Taker: Michelle Swales

Attendees

Anne Pensalfini  State Library of Queensland
Dayna Smith  Moreton Bay Regional Libraries
Fiona Hjortshoj  Toowoomba Regional Council
Jenny Campbell  Fraser Coast Regional Council
Jo Beazley  Toowoomba Regional Council
Julianne Bachman  Toowoomba Regional Council
Karen Farrow  State Library of Queensland
Karen Gawen  Sunshine Coast Libraries
Karen Hind  State Library of Queensland
Kate Landssey  Noosa Library Service
Kerry Davis  Mackay Regional Council
Kerry Griffith  Moreton Bay Regional Libraries
Krystal Kathage  Ipswich City Council
Kylie Webb  State Library of Queensland
Leith Charlton  Redland Libraries
Maureen O’Shea  Noosa Library Service
Michael Marks  Redland Libraries
Michelle Swales  State Library of Queensland
Natasha Ratajczek  State Library of Queensland
Rachael Browning  State Library of Queensland
Rebecca Lewis  Ipswich City Council
Ronnie Powell  Scenic Rim
Rosalie Stafford  Ipswich City Council
Shannon Innocenti  Gold Coast Libraries
Sharon Groch  Townsville City Libraries
Sian O’Shea  Brisbane City Council Libraries
Simon Hotton  Sunshine Coast Libraries
Stella Read  State Library of Queensland

Apologies

Jenny Hall  Logan City Council
Kerry Griffiths  Moreton Bay Regional Council

Welcome and Introductions

- **Round Table Introductions**
  Attendees introduced themselves and shared their role in their library service.

- **State Library Welcome – Stella Read, Coordinator, Young People and Families**
Following State Library restructure, Stella Read introduced the members of the Young People and Families team: Thom Browning (8-16), Natasha Ratajczek (Summer Reading Club and onsite reading events), Deanne Muir (Program support officer). Presently recruiting for Program Officer (0-8, The Corner).

The YPF team sits within the Public Library Partnerships portfolio, tasked with supporting the QLD Public Library networks and public programs for children, young people and families, onsite.

YPF team is working on documenting programs and resources used onsite, to become lending/borrowing kits for public libraries. The team is keen to find additional connections to support work being delivered in libraries. The SRC is a staple of many of QLD library programs; goal to be able to support in other areas of programming.

Stella introduced the Growing Up in Queensland survey being conducted by Children's Commission. The project will gather the views, stories and opinions of Queensland children and young people aged 4 to 18 residing throughout Queensland. Stella noted there will be opportunity for libraries to work with their communities to facilitate sessions/collect data to contribute to the project. More information is to come. Interested libraries to contact Stella Read – stella.read@slq.qld.gov.au

Schools Engagement and public libraries – Karen Farrow, Coordinator, Schools Engagement

- Karen is newly appointed as Coordinator, Schools Engagement, on secondment from Merrimack school, Gold Coast.
- Tasked to look for new and creative ways to engage schools and students with State Library resources. Developing overarching learning statement to inform interactions and communication to education sector.
- Interested in feedback, particularly from libraries who have built/delivered successful programs in their spaces. What learnings can be shared?
- To share insight, particularly in working with schools, please contact Karen Farrow – Karen.Farrow@slq.qld.gov.au

Summer Reading Club Update – Natasha Ratajczek, Young People and Families

- The 2017 Summer Reading Club: Game On program was delivered from 1 December through 31 January. From posts received online and through social media, this year's program has been well received by participants, and activated well in libraries.
- The 2017 Data Collection survey will be distributed shortly. Completing survey helps to tell the SRC story, as a collective impact tale of literacy and programming in libraries.
- Natasha shared highlights from her presentation delivered at the ALIA Queensland Mini Conference in October 2017 – The Summer Reading Club, A Collective Impact Story of Library Programming. This presentation demonstrated the reach and impact of the Summer Reading Club, made possible from increasing data return.
- Presentation will be shared to PL Connect for review.
- A slideshow of pictures from 2017 SRC was also shared, featuring images from attending libraries who participated in SRC. Natasha also encouraged all libraries to enter the Library Display competition. Information on how to do so to be included in SRC Update.
- 2018 SRC Theme is being finalised and will be released at the end of the month.
- Encouraged libraries to subscribe to SRC Champions Facebook group.

First 5 Forever Update – Rachael Browning, Lead, First 5 Forever

- Rachael Browning provided update on First 5 Forever and shared F5F video produced by Logan Libraries in partnership with State Library of Queensland. The video resource is available for download from the F5F Dropbox.
• Reporting information due today.
• Not yet able to provide information regarding continued funding of F5F by QLD government.
• Encouraged libraries to join First 5 Forever Facebook group and subscribe to newsletter.
• Ipswich noted that First 5 Forever funding was difficult to acquit initially due to guidelines provided, but changes and increase flexibility is making it easier—although still presents challenges to acquit all funds by end of year.

YPLG Terms of Reference Review

• Review of Terms of Reference for Young People Libraries Group.
• Group agreed to following changes:
  o Meetings to be held 3 times a year
  o Meeting agenda to include discussion on collections (physical, digital and tech)
  o Open to Professional Development being hosted online
• Terms of Reference have been amended to reflect discussion. Further comment is welcomed. Terms of Reference are available for review here.
• Note: Amended Terms of Reference will be tabled at next meeting.

Strategic Networking and ideas – facilitated round table discussion

• Brisbane City Libraries – Sian O’Shea
  — BCC runs its own Summer Reading program. Theme for 2017 was Go Wild. It was well participated in, and kids loved the drink bottle prizes. Collections really supported it.
  — Pop-up Libraries are a great opportunity for multi-age events. Funded by First 5 Forever, BCC’s Pop-Up Library van allows easy set-up/access in open spaces with potential for play and resources. Their van has a hydraulic lift. Takes about an hour to set up. Health and safety measures in place. Van travels three days a week, but packing up in the heat of the day is an issue. Staff provided breathable corporate uniform, water, sunscreen. Staff have been employed specifically to the role through a process of internal recruitment. At present, six parks on the Pop-up route. Provides another access point for community to library services. Some new patrons and some regular attendees. Van is also able to be used at festivals and weekend events. Van also is equipped with Mobile Circ software, allowing access to the library system. Two facilitators are amazing and great at incorporating emergent literacy messages.
  — For additional information on BCC’s Pop-Up F5F program, contact Sian O’Shea on ccll@brisbane.qld.gov.au

• Ipswich – Rosalie Stafford, Krystal Kathage, Rebecca Lewis
  — Successful trial of programming at earlier time slots has led to the offering of more services to community. Now offering 9:30 story y/ toddler times and baby rhyme times. Earlier starts have allowed staff to add Wriggle and Rhyme sessions for the older babies, 6-18 months. Outreach staff are excited as they will soon have a dedicated programming vehicle to support their delivery in the community.
  — Summer Reading Club program was a hit. Trialling different delivery game days saw increased participation. In previous years relying on circulation staff to invite and encourage children to participate meant that the message wasn’t always getting out. Employing a variety of games day activities allowed programming staff to be on the floor and saw increased take up to the program due to ability to interact with children and young people in the library.
— Held a successful Nerf War in the library, with strict Risk Assessment. Libraries interested in hosting a Nerf War activity in their spaces encouraged to contact Krystal Kathage at Krystal.Kathage@ipswich.qld.gov.au for more information.

- **State Library of Queensland – Stella Read**
  — SLQ has just concluded 6 week delivery of its Summer Festival program, Tech + Stories + Play. Theme connected into Signature Program theme -Digital Futures and was activated across a variety of different areas. This summer’s program trialled Drop-in spaces for 12+. Utilising spaces across the library also encouraged visitors and participants to access other areas of the library. Team is now working on report, reviewing data to see if changes have yielded positive returns. In addition, there was an increased emphasis to showcase children's work in real time. Artwork produced by children will be utilised in next Corner theme.
  — Now working on a collaborative project with The Edge using the Fab Lab to actualise the imaginative world that children create.

- **Lockyer Valley Regional Libraries – Julianne Bachman**
  — Lockyer Valley’s SRC included a variety of drop in sessions. Gatton’s SRC numbers are down due to the library truck no longer visiting schools. To increase engagement will plan to work more closely with schools in 2018.
  — Toddler time, Rhyme Time, and Wriggle and Rhyme sessions being offered under First 5 Forever banner. Lockyer valley has also started story times in the park. Two have been delivered but were rained out, so moved back inside the library. Two more sessions have been planned, including a Pirates in the Park activity.
  — Held a Teddy Bears sleepover at the library with great success. Children leave their bears at the library overnight. Staff take pictures with the bears getting up to mischief. In the morning, children return to the library, receive their bear back plus a book detailing their bear’s adventures.
  — 2018 includes ramping up outreach with schools by scheduling meetings with teachers. Laidley has a group with teachers and play group people. Health services come as well.
  — For more information on activities being delivered at Lockyer Valley, please contact Julianne Bachman at jbachmann@lvrc.qld.gov.au

- **Redlands Libraries – Leith Charlton, Michael Marks**
  — This summer emphasis for SRC was staff engagement. In previous years found the SRC hard sell to non-programming library staff. This summer Redlands added a Borrower type to their membership, pre-enrolling children and young people into the SRC. This removed the necessity for library staff to continually ask if children and young people were registered in the SRC. It simplified the process. Redlands tracked triple the amount of borrowing for members tagged as SRC.
  — Redlands also worked with Counsellors and Mayor to promote the SR, placing emphasis on combatting the Summer Slide. Filmed all our counsellors doing reading SRC promo clips and gave these to the Councillors and Mayor to use in their social media and newsletters. Videos were also posted to Library Facebook throughout the school holidays.
  — Another change to Redlands SRC program was implementing Summer Reading stations – which meant there was always something to do in the library. Changing up the activities kept participants returning all summer. Staff really got engaged.
  — The 2017 Game On theme was easy to activate. Redlands Tech team even got involved by making a spinning prize wheel. Have enjoyed seeing increases in participation, reading but most especially staff buy in.
  — Now working on a strategy to embed Steam and Numeracy messaging into programming. To do as Mem Fox has encouraged, and see that what has happened with literacy happens with numeracy. Planning on delivery alternate
weeks activities intentionally focused on numeracy, music, indigenous culture incorporating key parent messages and discovery construction.

— For more information on activities being delivered at Redlands Libraries contact Leith Charlton on Leith.charlton@redland.qld.gov.au

- **Noosa Libraries – Maureen O'Shea, Kate Landsey**
  — Had fun with Summer Reading Club.
  — Presently operating out of temporary locations due to main branch being renovated. Main Branch will be closed for next eight months. For information on where staff and collections are sitting, visit website. Refurb will be exciting. Also converting to RFID.
  — Have been delivering more pop-up activities and programs. Locations include the Environment Centre, Civic Centre, and the Leisure Centre. Also introduced a Maker Space at Cooroy Library.
  — Presently developing Tinker Tales activities with deliberate focus on linking to home. Seeing a massive spike in attendance at Cooroy. Now average is over 30.
  — For more information on activities being delivered at Noosa Libraries contact Maureen O'Shea at Maureen.OShea@noosa.qld.gov.au

- **Moreton Bay Libraries – Dayna Smith**
  — Partnership with The Edge. Pilot regional space for them.
  — Dayna shared Deception Bay's Young Parent's Return to Work program – trainees – available for the program to engage the tween market.
  — Summer Reading Club offered a trophy to winning school with highest participation and build competition. Engage on a Tuesday night - kids club.
  — Now in second year of quarterly What's On booklets for.
  — Maker space program happening in next school holidays. Designed to be flexible and pop up and have a tinkering mentality. Appealing to multiple ages. Purchasing some more three d printers.
  — In addition to existing tech stuff developing programming in different ways and working to get staff developing more workshops. Created activity kits last year that different branches can use. Staff were great in developing kits and engaging staff in delivery.
  — For more information on activities being delivered through Moreton Bay Libraries contact Dayna Smith at dayna.smith@moretonbay.qld.gov.au

- **Townsville – Sharon Groch**
  — Welcome to Sharon who is new to her role.
  — Formely worked with youth network in Port Headland.
  — Exploring options for activating the youth Loud Lounge.
  — Adjusting to new program delivery model. CityLibraires Townsville is comprised of a big staffing team. Sharon works in the business and planning development unit, who then work through the resourcing and scheduling team to deliver programs. Very collaborative. Sharon is looking forward to working with community creative organisations such as performing arts centre.
  — Presently, the focus has been on 0-5 population, in connection with First 5 Forever funding. As we approach possible end of this funding, need to have broader conversation about what options are available to the 6+ and older kids. Thuringowa branch is across from the high school so lots of opportunities to engage. Just need to explore how!
  — For more information on activities being delivered at CityLibraries Townsville contact Sharon Groch at Sharon.Groch@townsville.qld.gov.au
**Sunshine Coast Libraries – Karen Gawen**
- Shared their Story Seat installations. A review of their AEDC stats showed that there are different populations on the Sunshine Coast who cannot access libraries or have them remote from their locations. Sunshine Coast have great parks and parks are where families are. Based on a similar idea implemented in England, the Story Seats are installed in parks, and feature artwork from a selection of books. The intent is that the seats will remain as permanent fixtures in the parks, with the ability to update the book art decals, allowing them to be changed as needed. With a lot of effort and negotiating, seats are now being installed and a map noting their locations will be available via the Library website.
- Another exciting partnership is in working with Occupational Therapy students from USC. Presently, two students attend Rhyme Time making connections with parents and providing information for their use.
- For more information the Story Seat project and activities being delivered at Sunshine Coast Libraries contact Karen Gawen at Karen.Gawen@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

**Gold Coast Libraries – Shannon Innocenti**
- Gold Coast Libraries runs its own SRC program independent of national program. Each branch runs their own summer reading club. Overall participation numbers seemed a little lower but more reading passports were returned. There was an increase in 0-5 signup, which is likely reflective of local Nerang promotion.
- Using Lego Grant extended Minecraft Challenge at Southport Library. Worked with Robo Gals, found them very good to work with. Gold Coast, recommends them if considering coding/robotic activities for girls in libraries. Launching Girls who Steam program to attract girls to STEAM activities.
- Update on Book Box. General attendance, ages 0-5s. Although hours of operation are limited, response is fantastic. Staff offer storytimes and activities.
- Also on offer, Tech for Juniors every afternoon. This program offers a variety of engineering activities with tech and non tech focus.
- For more information on activities being delivered through Gold Coast Libraries contact Shannon Innocenti at sinnocenti@goldcoast.qld.gov.au

**Scenic Rim Libraries – Ronnie Powell**
- Enjoyed delivery of Summer Reading Club.
- Biggest change at Scenic Rim Libraries is the formation of a Young Peoples team. Each branch now has a designated person to run programming. Ronnie noted the challenges and benefits as she has transitioned from front of house service to back of house.
- First 5 Forever is going well and participation is increasing. Scenic Rim Libraries now offer Auslan support in their First 5 Forever programming, and have provided training/certification for a staff member to become fluent in Auslan, adding additional value to their First 5 Forever offer.
- Ronnie is keen to expand programming possibilities in Minecraft, particularly with coding. Interested in running Coder Dojo, but need volunteers to be able to run the sessions. Noted there are lots of resources available at Codecom Australia.
- Scenic Rim also discussed the challenge of engaging young people, particularly in Beaudesert – and especially disengaged kids aged 17-19. This is a group who need more support and Scenic Rim is open to ideas. They have explored the 360 camera course and linked into the schools. Drones might also be an option creating a possibility for student volunteers.
- To share ideas with Ronnie or request more information on activities being delivered at Scenic Rim Libraries contact Ronnie Powell at Ronnie.P@scenicrim.qld.gov.au

**Fraser Coast Libraries – Jenny Campbell**
Fraser Coast Libraries are delivering lots of Pop Ups. They have a once a month spot at the Maryborough markets. With their new van, they plan to increase Pop Ups to weekly in an effort to deliver more outreach.

Held a Dirty Dino play day, which had been cancelled earlier due to cyclone Debbie. Worked with Parks Department who provided clean dirt for activity. At the conclusion of the day, dirt was removed by Parks Department. Fraser Coast, opened the day up to schools. Day saw good attendance and lots of stomp, stomp, stomping!

Offering Kids Mornings In - facepainting etc, to provide opportunities for talking with parents.

Excited about the release of children's library card featuring Mem Fox’s Where’s the Green Sheep. Coordinated a Green Sheep Hunt throughout the community. Green sheep were hidden around the community. Participants were to locate the sheep, note their locations on a entry sheet. All entries entered into a prize draw to win a Green Sheep themed bundle of books. Community responded well to this activity.

Also on offer are weekly coding and robotics activities. Staff are all self-taught. Activities include, Ozobots, Spheros, Makey Makeys. These activities are always booked out

For more information on activities being delivered at Fraser Coast Libraries contact Jenny Campbell at Jenny.Campbell@frasercoast.qld.gov.au

Mackay Libraries – Kerry Davis

Successful Summer Reading Club. Reduced staff and budget led to some creative programming. Focused on Game On using board games. Response was fantastic; board games were used all summer. Held a Bingo night which was very successful. Hosted as a family night activity, it completely booked out.

Plans to carry Game On theme throughout the year in connection with Commonwealth Games.

Increasing outreach through First 5 Forever. As a result, Mackay is now running an Toddler Times in Sarina.

Facebook and social media have been instrumental in building networks and connections to Mackay Library services.

Working on building a sensory/edible garden - including bush tucker by working with indigenous partners. Would really like to see a percussion garden with recycled items for interaction as well.

For more information on activities being delivered at Mackay Libraries contact Kerry Davis at Kerry.Davis@mackay.qld.gov.au

Toowoomba Libraries – Jo Beazley, Fiona Hjortshoj

Shared an infographic summarising First 5 Forever outcomes being used for ongoing advocacy.

Connecting STEAM and story time to encourage parents to look more at their children's play and understand what they're getting up to and link to home.

In November rolled out Nursery Rhyme Week. To determine Toowoomba’s favourite rhyme, each day, a different rhyme was shared with an invitation to vote for their favourite rhyme. Outcomes of this project included, connecting with Kindy’s, early childhood etc. Resources were provided to participating locations to ensure consistent messages were shared through the week. Toowoomba’s favourite rhyme for 2017 - Twinkle Twinkle. To celebrate, a final event was held at the Cob and Co museum. The art gallery did a display for each nursery rhyme. Stand alone stations were also developed, allowing visitors to make an artwork associated with each rhyme. The project involved 36 organisations. Possibility of sharing this with the QLD Library network for delivery in 2018.

Also shared their partnership with Bunnings to set up a small Street Library. A small launch successful at the local level, now Bunnings are interested in replicating the success at Toowoomba in other locations across Australia and New Zealand. Might be time for SLQ to help assist with this.
To get involved in Nursery Rhyme Week or for more information about engaging with Bunnings and other activities being delivered at Toowoomba Libraries contact Jo Beazley at Jo.Beazley@tr.qld.gov.au or Fiona Hjortsoj at Fiona.Hjortshoj@tr.qld.gov.au

Next meeting due in June – Please contact your managers if you would like to host a YPLG meeting and let the Young People and Families team know on >>>>>

Location: TBD