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All aboard for summer holiday fun at the State Library

This summer the State Library of Queensland is setting sail for a worldwide holiday adventure.

From 2 to 24 January, young explorers can traverse the globe through an international extravaganza of music, craft, activities, games and exhibitions.

State Librarian Lea Giles-Peters said *Around the World* follows on from last summer's hugely popular *Circus at SLQ* which attracted more than 50,000 visitors.

"This summer we're delving into cultures and communities from all over the world, and drawing on their stories of adventures and heroes, found within the State Library collection, to create our own international experience," said Ms Giles-Peters.

Families can enjoy songs and stories of adventure at the magical performance of ***Nadia's Wish***, an original production especially for children aged three to 12 years.

The performance follows the gypsy Nadia as she welcomes home her best friend from his world travels. The audience becomes the welcome home party and can sing and dance along to a delicious patchwork of homespun songs, stories and good ol' fashioned musical fun.

This world premiere season of ***Nadia's Wish*** will be performed twice daily at 10am and 12noon, Tuesday to Saturday. Tickets are \$11.50 per person or \$48 for a family of five.

Children can also discover **A World of Song** at music workshops designed specially for each age group. These intimate workshops run from Monday to Friday with music maestro Annie Peterson and cost only \$6.50 per child.

Children and families can also join in on a whole boat-load of exciting free activities, run daily from 10am to 3pm. Embark on a **Race Around the Library**, visit the **Global Regalia** craft station and design your fabulous head piece, then show it off at the **daily procession**, explore the Torres Strait along the **Meriba Gidhal children's trail**, and journey though Country and Culture with storytellers and performers in **kuril dhagun**.

Young creatives aged nine to 16 can head 'outta-this-world' at the popular **Cartoon, Animation and Manga workshops**. Working alongside professionals, they can discover the art of cartooning and Manga or create their own animation using stop motion and Flash production processes. Workshops cost from \$28 to \$48 each.

Don't miss out on all the holiday fun at the State Library this summer. Visit www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on for more information about events and booking details.

Interviews with Nadia Sunde, Annie Peterson or a State Library representative are available upon request.

Image: Jadi, Ella and Zoe head Around the World at the State Library of Queensland. Photographer Mark Lobo. More photos available upon request.

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