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Free and fun holiday activities at State Library of Queensland

Visit State Library of Queensland (SLQ) these summer holidays and step into a world of imagination, storytelling and creative play for children, friends and families.

Inspired by *The Children Who Loved Books* by Queensland author and illustrator Peter Carnavas, the Knowledge Walk has been transformed with a vibrant pop-up play area and storytelling tent.

The 2017 program features craft activities, storytelling sessions with guest Queensland authors, family movie screenings, musical workshops, and more.

State Librarian and CEO Vicki McDonald said the summer holiday program for children is always a highlight on the SLQ calendar.

“It’s incredible to see the library come alive with children and families over the holiday period, sharing time together playing and learning,” Ms McDonald said.

“This year, our program is dedicated to celebrating the wonder of picture books and bringing stories and characters to life.”

“We invite families to come and spend some time at SLQ these school holidays — whether you drop by for the morning or stay the whole day — and help children build a love of reading and literature from a young age,” Ms McDonald said.

Queensland authors Peter Carnavas, Shannon Horsfall, Andrew King, Kate Knapp, and Christine Sharp will visit SLQ during January to host free storytelling sessions in the Knowledge Walk.

Children can also get moving and grooving in free musical sessions with Tim Jackman, Queensland author Chris Collin and his whacky puppet friend Funky Chicken, and the Junk Orchestra.

PROGAM: Summer holiday fun activities at State Library of Queensland

Until 20 Jan | Throughout SLQ | For children of all ages | Free | slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on

- **Books and beats on the Queensland Terrace:**
 - Junk Orchestra: Mondays and Thursdays, 5–20 Jan, 10am–11am & 12noon–1pm
 - Hickory Dickory Rock with Tim Jackman: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 3–20 Jan, 11am–12noon & 1pm–2pm
 - Funky Chicken — Chooks in Space with Chris Collin: 4 & 18 Jan, 10am–11am & 12noon–1pm

- **Free craft creation station:**
 - Open daily from 10am–3pm in the Knowledge Walk, level 1
 - Activities will change throughout January
 - Materials created by Queensland authors and illustrators Peter Carnavas, Shannon Horsfall, Kate Knapp, Lucia Masciullo and Christine Sharp

- **Free family film screenings:**
 - Daily until 20 Jan, 10.30am–12noon & 1.30pm–3pm in SLQ Auditorium 2, level 2
- **Free guided play workshops in the Imagination Playscape:**
 - Daily until 20 Jan, 10am–11am in The Parlour, level 1
 - Bookings slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on
- **Storytime in the Storytent:**
 - Daily until 20 Jan, 10am–10.30am, 11.30am–12noon, 1pm–1.30pm in the Knowledge Walk, level 1
 - Guest author storytelling sessions:
 - Shannon Horsfall (*Was Not Me*): 3, 10 & 17 Jan
 - Andrew King (*Engibear's Dream* and *Engibear's Bridge*): 4 & 6 Jan
 - Christine Sharp (*Bea and Sylvia*): 11 Jan
 - Peter Carnavas (*Blue Whale Blues*, *The Children Who Loved Books* and *The Last Tree in the City*): 13 & 20 Jan
 - Kate Knapp (*Ruby Red Shoes*): 16 & 18 Jan

SLQ's summer [Story Lab](#) paid workshops are also running until 20 January.

For older children, SLQ leads the free Summer Reading Club, delivered nationally through public libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres and online at summerreadingclub.org.au until 31 January.

Visit slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on for more information and to view the full summer holiday program, or check out the [daily calendar](#) to plan your visit.

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