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Send in the cows ... and the robots: State Library gets wacky

Cows taller than giraffes and one-eyed creatures that shoot laser beams are some of the wacky cardboard creations on display in State Library of Queensland's latest exhibition opening 11 December.

The Great and Grand Rumpus invites visitors to run wild among five-metre-high cardboard sculptures brought to life by interactive digital projections.

Over 1,000 innovative storytellers crafted and sculpted mythical worlds and creatures based on ideas workshopped by school children over the past 15 months.

Visitors can help build on this work by crafting their own mythical creations; from koi lanterns to board games and more. In the land of imagined things anything is possible at State Library.

Rumpus Holiday Fun program includes:

- Drop into the Well
- Cardboard Creator Space
- Hack the Evening events
- Storytime and Rumpus Rhyme Time
- Curator tours
- Rumpus at Home

Quotes from Minister for the Arts Leeanne Enoch:

"This exhibition provides a wonderful opportunity to see the innovative outcomes of a project that encourages school children to become creative visionaries."

"Projects like this support children to actively participate in the arts and engage with the world in new and imaginative ways."

"*The Great and Grand Rumpus* supports *Creative Together 2020-2030*, the Queensland Government's 10-Year Roadmap for arts culture and creativity, including its priorities to activate Queensland's local places and strengthen Queensland communities."

Quotes from State Librarian and CEO Vicki McDonald AM:

"State Library is a haven for makers, creators and artists of any age."

"*The Great and Grand Rumpus* exhibition showcases what is possible when creative minds get together to create something magical."

"This cardboard world of wonder and whimsy will inspire a sense of creative possibility in everyone."

"So come see how the unreal becomes reality at State Library."

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The Great and Grand Rumpus exhibition

11 Dec – 18 April 2022

Open daily 10am–5pm | Free entry

slq Gallery, level 2 | State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, South Bank

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