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Celebrate Children's Book Week in the Clarence Valley

EACH year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating children's books and Australian authors and illustrators in particular. As part of Children's Book Week, libraries conduct activities relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading.

Generally, the Children's Book of the Year winner's announcement is always the third Friday in August, with Children's Book Week starting the following day and running from Saturday to Sunday.

This year's Children's Book Week has the theme 'Australia! Story Country' and is running from August 20-26. To celebrate, Clarence Valley libraries are hosting a number of events to get the kids excited about reading.

Regional librarian, Kathryn Breward said Australia was a land of many stories and unique characters and Children's Book Week was an opportunity to experience these in a fun and interactive way.

"Across the valley we have displays of the short-listed Book Week books as well as special Book Week story times and craft activities in each library," she said.

Parents are encouraged to help libraries highlight the joys and importance of reading to young children by contacting their nearest valley library and finding out when their story time will be delivered.

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