



Write around the Murray Festival

Wednesday 7 - Sunday 11 September 2011



Schools' Program

Some of Australia's best known authors and illustrators will share their knowledge and experience at the **2011 Write around the Murray Festival**.

With places limited, we encourage schools to book through the Learning and Outreach Team on 02 6023 8333 or email learningoutreach@alburycity.nsw.gov.au.

Please see below for a summary of the presentations and the Schools' program timetable at a glance.

All sessions are free and will be held at the Albury LibraryMuseum, Kiewa Street, Albury.

Primary

Years K-2

Donna Rawlins – Storytelling from beginning to end

Donna has spent many years visiting schools, enjoying the inspiration of sharing books with kids. She works as a book designer and art director with many of Australia's and New Zealand's established and emerging illustrators, and has taught the craft for more than twenty-five years.

Donna involves children in her love of books with energetic and animated storytelling. Having worked for many years in all sides of the creation of books, she demystifies the process of book making from initial manuscript to the finished book in the hand.

Years 3 & 4

Wayne Harris – Creating picture books

For over twenty years Wayne has engaged and enlightened children and adults alike visiting schools Australia-wide. His entertaining and informative storytelling illuminate the process of working as both an author and an illustrator creating a picture book.

After beginning his creative career in children's theatre and as a musician, Wayne studied illustration and design and went on to craft many wonderful and award-winning picture books for children. His forthcoming book, *Edge of the World*, by Murray region author, Ian Trevaskis, is a masterfully atmospheric achievement.

Years 5 & 6

Doug MacLeod – Building Stories

The hardest thing about writing a story is working out the plot. During this session, Doug will speak about how you can build stories, what to do when you get stuck, and how to get inspired in the first place. As comedy writer, Doug will show how comedy can be a good way of communicating ideas.

Doug MacLeod's book *The Life of a Teenage Body-snatcher* is shortlisted for the Children's Book Council Awards 2011.

Secondary

Years 7 & 8

Fiona Wood – Cinderella's a dude?

Fiona will discuss the use of Cinderella in *Six Impossible Things*, and ways in which fairytales can enrich character and narrative. The presentation will include looking at character development, and what makes fairytales such enduring narratives.

Fiona Wood's book *Six Impossible Things* is shortlisted for the Children's Book Council Awards 2011.

Years 9 & 10

Michael Pryor – Creating Worlds: Writing Fantasy and Science Fiction

Michael will take students into a step-by-step examination of the challenges and delights of writing Fantasy. Topics will include: creating a Fantasy world; why a map?; history as the Fantasy writer's best friend; and the importance of imagination.

Michael Pryor's book *Moment of Truth* is a Children's Book Council notable book for 2011.

Years 7 – 10

Jack Heath – Why books are better than video games

Jack Heath is the author of six action-packed thrillers for young adults. He started writing his first book at age thirteen and had a publishing contract for it at eighteen. His work is now sold in eight countries.

Jack will discuss the crucial differences between books and other entertainment mediums, including music, movies, video games and the theatre, what makes a good YA novel, and why and how fiction is the only constructive application of lying.

Senior Secondary

Years 11 & 12

Steven Amsterdam – Writing skills

Let your students explore their creativity and learn more about the life of a writer in these practical skills development sessions with Steven Amsterdam. Award winning author of *Things We Didn't See Coming*, Steven will share his tips and strategies for writing as well as some practical writing exercises for generating story ideas.

Years 11 & 12

JC Burke – The Story of Tom Brennan

JC Burke's *The Story of Tom Brennan* is part of the HSC English syllabus.

In JC Burke's session 'The Story of Tom Brennan', the author will discuss the novel from idea to the final printed book. Planning books, research and editorial folders will be shared with the students and discussed in detail. Characterisations and how they add to the development of the protagonist and his world, the use of flashbacks, first person perspective will be looked at in the context of the HSC English module 'Into The World.'

Extension English

John Charalambous – Creative writing workshop

John will impart some of his writing tips and techniques in a general creative writing workshop for Extension English students. In these hands-on sessions, John will share some of the skills he uses in his own writing, which will be a helpful insight for the students in their own journey as writers. Topics covered will include: how to develop characters, how to expand their ideas into themes, and working out the plot. Students will also explore short formats of writing, useful for developing expositions under exam conditions.

Note: The length of this session is 90 minutes.

At a glance

| Wednesday, September 7 | Thursday, September 8 | Friday, September 9 |
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| 10am – 11am | 10am – 11am | 10am – 11am |
| LibraryMuseum – Wayne Harris Yr 3 & 4 Limit 40 | LibraryMuseum – Wayne Harris Yr 3 & 4 Limit 40 LibraryMuseum – Jack Heath Yr 7-10 Limit50 | LibraryMuseum – Fiona Wood Yr 7 & 8 Limit 50 LibraryMuseum– Steven Amsterdam Yr 11 & 12 Limit 40 |
| | 10.30am – 11.30am | 10.30 – 11.30am |
| | LibraryMuseum – Doug MacLeod Yr5 & 6 Limit 30 | LibraryMuseum – Michael Pryor Yr 9 & 10 Limit 40 |
| 11am – 12pm | | 10.30 – 12pm |
| LibraryMuseum – Doug MacLeod Yr 5 & 6 Limit 30 | | Workshop – John Charalambous Extension English Limit 15 |
| | 11.30am – 12.30pm | |
| | LibraryMuseum – Jack Heath Yr 7-10 Limit 50 | |
| 11.30 – 12.30pm | 11.30am – 12.30am | 11.30 – 12.30 |
| LibraryMuseum – Wayne Harris Yr 3 & 4 Limit 40 Lavington Library – Donna Rawlins K-2 Limit 30 | LibraryMuseum – Wayne Harris Yr3&4 Limit 40 | Albury Entertainment Centre Theatrette – JC Burke Yr 11 &12 (HSC) Limit 170 LibraryMuseum – Fiona Wood Yr 7 & 8 Limit 50 |
| | 12pm –1pm | 12pm – 1pm |
| | LibraryMuseum – Doug MacLeod Yr 5 & 6 Limit 30 | LibraryMuseum – Michael Pryor Yr 9 &10 Limit 40 |
| | 12.30pm – 1.30pm | 12.30pm – 1.30pm |
| | LibraryMuseum – Donna Rawlins K-2 Limit 60 | LibraryMuseum – Steven Amsterdam Yr 11 & 12 Limit 40 |
| 1pm – 2pm | 1pm – 2pm | 1pm – 2pm |
| LibraryMuseum – Doug MacLeod Yr 5 & 6 Limit 30 | LibraryMuseum – Jack Heath Yr7-10 Limit 50 | LibraryMuseum – Fiona Wood Yr 7 & 8 Limit 50 |
| | | 1pm – 2.30pm |
| | | Workshop – John Charalambous Extension English Limit 15 |
| 1.30pm – 2.30pm | 1.30pm – 2.30pm | 1.30pm – 2.30pm |
| LibraryMuseum – Wayne Harris Yr 3 & 4 Limit 40 LibraryMuseum – Donna Rawlins K-2 Limit 60 | LibraryMuseum – Wayne Harris Yr 3 & 4 Limit 40 LibraryMuseum – Doug MacLeod Yr 5 & 6 Limit 30 | LibraryMuseum – Michael Pryor Yr 9 & 10 Limit 40 |
| | 2pm – 3pm | 2pm – 3pm |
| | LibraryMuseum – Donna Rawlins K-2 Limit 60 | Albury Entertainment Centre Theatrette – JC Burke Yr 11 & 12 (HSC) Limit 170 |

