

“Love2Read? Find Science in books, share it! Inspiring Australia @ your library”

‘Read4Nature – Science in our Picture Books’ Information Sheet

What is Read4Nature?

It is a Nature / Science communication project across the Wimmera Regional Library Corporation’s branches. Each library will host a workshop first and then a National Science Week event a couple of weeks later.

Workshop participants will use picture books from their library to explore how they can increase the understanding and appreciation of Nature through illustrations and/or text and related activities. We will plan a local National Science Week event at that library branch using the books from the workshop. The workshop is without children, while the event involves children – where possible brought by participants.

Afterwards, a list of books and ideas developed by participants will be made for each library branch and made available there. These will then be collated on the WRLC website for access by anyone.

Who is it for?

The workshop is intended for parents, grandparents, and child carers (paid and unpaid), and anyone who enjoys sharing picture books with children!

What will they gain?

I hope participants will develop:

- a deeper appreciation of wonderful picture books in their libraries,
- ideas for how they can use them with youngsters to encourage a love of Nature
- and a recognition of themselves as communicators of Science when they read such books!

When is it?

The flier attached shows the timetable from mid July to late August for the Wimmera’s Library branches.

What does it cost?

Both events are free – thanks to my being awarded an *Inspiring Australia* Grant to do this and a partnership with the WRLC -this project supports the Love2Read program at the libraries for the 2012 National Year of Reading.

How to book?

Bookings are directly with the Librarians of each branch at phone numbers on the flier.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this Read4Nature project, please email me on enviroed4all@skymesh.com.au

You may like to have a look at the website that I have started building (i.e. changes fairly frequently!). I have put up some ideas about picture books which are on my bookshelves that can be used for learning about Nature. See <http://enviroed4all.com.au/read4nature/> and follow the links!

I do hope you can come, and/or forward this invitation on to someone else in the Wimmera who could!

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