



MEDIA RELEASE

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Yarra Plenty Regional Library Joins with Connex to Set Books Free

BOOKS SEEK READERS

Must be train travellers

Adventure assured

Early morning train travellers at Rosanna will be able to pick up an interesting free book as well as a coffee from the railway station for their journey thanks to Rosanna Library and Connex as part of Library and Information Week celebrations from Monday 25 May until Saturday 30 May.

The books will be embarking on a journey of their own. Each book is registered with the Bookcrossing (www.bookcrossing.com) website, which traces the book's journey from reader to reader and throughout the world. The idea is for people to read the book, post a comment on the website about where they found it and what they thought of it, then release it back into the 'wild' for others to find.

People will be able to buy a coffee from a coffee cart at the train station organised by Connex, or drop into Rosanna Library for early morning free refreshments. The library will be open two hours earlier than usual at 8.00am for weekdays (except Tuesday), with all its services and facilities available.

Yarra Plenty Regional Library Branch Manager at Rosanna Andrea Webster says the idea is to open up the library for people to discover all that it offers.

"It increases access to the library for people who can't normally get there."

More than 500 books will be handed out Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8.00am until 10.00am at Rosanna Railway Station.

Rosanna Library is also running a 'Passport to Discovery' storytime for children aged 5+ on Wednesday 27 May from 4.00pm until 5.00pm as part of Library and Information Week.

Ivanhoe and Watsonia libraries are holding Library and Information Week activities including a Just4Kids treasure hunt and a twilight puppet show at Ivanhoe Library and a special morning tea at Watsonia Library to raise money for the bushfire appeal. See <http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au> for more information.

Library and Information Week (25 May – 31 May) is celebrated every year to highlight the vital role and value of libraries. This year's theme – Libraries: Your Passport to Discovery – highlights the discovery element and celebrates libraries as the place to access, communicate, connect, educate, entertain and inform.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:

- A photograph of Community Liaison librarian Joyce Dickson handing out books to train travellers at Rosanna Railway Station.

Please contact me on 9401 0755 to organise an appropriate time for photography

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