We warned you! There was so much going on in Library and Information Week this year, it just wouldn't all fit in the July issue. Here are a few more highlights to motivate you to get planning for 2012!

MAD MAY AT STONNINGTON LIBRARIES

Planning, coordinating and delivering more than 25 activities and events in one month can certainly be a challenge, but it's one the staff at Stonnington Libraries embraced for Library and Information Week - let's make that Library and Information Month.



We decided to extend the usual one week celebration to encompass the entire month of May. One week surely isn't long enough to celebrate our profession and passion for all things library, literacy and information related.

We kicked off the month with a brand new look, releasing a redesigned and updated library guide, then held our first ever public event in our History Centre. With the aim of lifting the profile of the fantastic resource in our midst, we selected one of their most popular enquiries to

present to the public. The City of Stonnington is home to significant period estates, and the Centre receives many enquiries about the houses within its leafy surrounds. A service that is usually charged at \$36.00 an hour was provided free of charge – and was soon booked out.

Included in the month of events and activities were our regular pre-school Storytimes, Read and Grow, Baby Storytime and Babytime Rhymes programs. We threw a New Collections Showcase into the mix, a live performance by the Stonnington Symphony, a dramatic performance by actress Lise Rodgers, enacting a day in the life of Jane Austen, a student seminar on the effective study habits of highly successful VCE graduates, an author talk with the wonderfully chatty Toni Jordan, and capped it all off by participating in National Simultaneous Storytime.

Overall, we welcomed more than 1200 children and adults to our program. That's a lot of bookings to take, chairs to set up, refreshments to put out, and people to see and spread the good word on what our libraries can – and will continue – to provide through our programs, resources and services to inspire, inform, share, engage and help "find stuff".

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PS: To top it all off, Australian Idol winner Stan Walker paid us a visit, popping into Prahran Library to record an interview with ABC3. We spied Stan and crew between the shelves in a whispered interview for his new single Loud. The producer thought I was joking when I mentioned that public libraries weren't so quiet anymore, and soon discovered just how loud they can be with pre-school storytime in full swing!

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