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## Scare up a good book

Shoalhaven City Council's Summer Reading Club has again attracted more than 140 children to tackle nearly 1,300 books over summer.

Shoalhaven Libraries ran the 2010-2011 Summer Reading club with record breaking attendances, with 143 children joining at Nowra alone. This year's theme was 'Scare up a Good Book'.

Library staff ran book clubs on Wednesdays where they encouraged the children to talk about the books they had read and did spooky crafts.

Manager Library and Community Services Noela *Nefarious* Lim said the children read voraciously over summer. "The most prolific reader was Penelope McMillan who read 405 books during the summer club," Ms Lim said. "We held a party at the Nowra Library to celebrate the children's achievements. And Library staff served a spooky cake to children dressed as witches, cats, and other scary creatures."

The Statistics [at Nowra](#):

- 72 girls took part
- 71 boys
- 1299 books read
- Most read: Penelope McMillan with 405 books read
- 47 prizes awarded

The Summer Reading Club aims to promote reading for leisure and maintain reading levels over the summer holidays. Books can be read individually, or shared reading between a parent and child, or listened to on disc. As long as children are interacting with books, this club is successful.

**Photo caption:** The Librarian, the witch and the cat ... Librarian Jess Green helps two young readers slice and dice the cake.

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