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Across the story bridge at Shoalhaven Libraries

Shoalhaven libraries celebrated Children's Book Week 2010 with a range of activities, promoting literacy in children and young adults whilst having loads of fun.

With over 700 children visiting Nowra Library during the week, staff were kept busy with a variety of programs and events. City library staff spend months preparing for one of the biggest weeks in the library calendar and they go above and beyond to give our young people a positive library experience.

In line with this year's theme "Across the Story Bridge", one of the competitions was to build a model of a bridge. The interest in this activity was astounding with 97 bridges arriving at Nowra Library in the lead up to Book Week.

Another popular part of the program is the Readers Theatre where staff dress up and act out stories. These performances are always a lot of light-hearted fun, and this year's story was based around the true account of Phyllis the circus elephant who sat in the middle of Nowra Bridge and refused to get up for hours causing great disruption to those trying to cross.

Shoalhaven Library and Community Services Manager Ms Noela Lim says "As usual, this week has been a great success and these events and activities help children to appreciate libraries and the benefits of reading. The staff have worked extremely hard in the planning for Children's Book Week and I would like to thank them and our sponsors, Angus and Robertson, Dymocks and Holiday Haven who donated some wonderful prizes."

For further information on events for young people, you can contact Council's Children's and Youth Services Library Assistant, Jessica Green on (02) 4429 3712.

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