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Storytellers Program 2023

Join us for a **celebration** of **story** for all ages

This year, The **Literature Centre's** free family Storytellers Festival will be held at the **Fremantle Town Hall** at Walyalup Koort, the heart of Fremantle, on **Sunday 29 October** from 10 am to 4:30 pm

BRINGING YOU TO THE HEART OF THE STORY

Featuring some of Australia's best storytellers:

C.S. PACAT • TYROWN WAIGANA • FRANÉ LESSAC
BRIONY STEWART • SUE WHITING • MARK GREENWOOD
PRISM • JESSICA WALTON • AŠKA • CHENÉE MARRAPODI

Welcome

At The Literature Centre we believe that the act of creating, sharing and connecting with story is a fundamental human need; one that has the power to bring us together.

We are therefore delighted to welcome you to our free family festival that celebrates the art of storytelling in all its diversity. Let your imagination run wild during a day that offers something for all ages; with presentations and interactive workshops that bring the joy of entertainment and the spark of the unexpected.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Literature Centre acknowledges the traditional owners and storytellers of Country throughout this land. We pay our respects to Elders past and present. It is a privilege to live and work in Walyalup on Whadjuk Noongar Boodjar.

10 - 10:15 am

Welcome to Country and Festival Opening

Main Stage

10:15 - 11:00 am

Heroes, Villains and the Inbetween

Main Stage

Kick off a celebration of story with a world famous fantasy storyteller whose imagination takes us beyond our understanding of what it traditionally means to be a hero or a villain. **C.S. Pacat** will talk about what inspires her to write and inspire you to dig deep and create from your own experience. C.S. Pacat is the New York Times and USA-Today best-selling author of *Dark Rise*, the *Captive Prince* trilogy, and the GLAAD-nominated graphic novels *Fence*, as well as a writer for *DC Comics*. *Suitable for ages 10 and upwards.*

11:00 - 11:45 am

Concurrent Sessions 1 - Illustration Workshops

Ages 5 and upwards

Noongar Boodja Waangkan with Tyrown Waigana

Book Nook

Join Noongar artist **Tyrown Waigana** for an illustration workshop inspired by connection to Noongar language and culture. A practical and interactive session with drawing, stories and words. Tyrown is co-author and illustrator with Jayden Boundry of the Fremantle Press-published *Noongar Boodja Waangkan: Noongar First Words*.

Places You Never Imagined with Frané Lessac and Briony Stewart

Main Stage

Join the dynamic duo of award winning picture book authors and illustrators, **Frané Lessac** and **Briony Stewart**, for an interactive session on storytelling with pictures inspired by places to travel to in your imagination. Frané has created illustrations for more than fifty books, and Briony is not far behind with twenty-plus books and counting.

11:45 - 12:00 pm

Break for book buying and author signing

12:00 - 12:45 pm

Concurrent Sessions 2 - Story Writing Workshops

Ages 8 and upwards

Solving the Story Puzzle with Sue Whiting

Book Nook

Join **Sue Whiting**, award-winning children's and YA author, for an interactive and exciting workshop on story writing. Sue will inspire you with elements of a story, leaving you to solve a puzzle and create a full story with your own imagination.

Hunting History - The Search for Moondyne Joe and Other Curious Characters with Mark Greenwood

Main Stage

Mark Greenwood is an award-winning author and self-confessed history hunter. He enjoys searching for glittering treasures and delving into history mysteries. Join Mark for an inspiring writing workshop where he invites you to meet the legendary bushranger, Moondyne Joe, and other curious characters from his books. Learn how to transform your ideas into story gold.

12:45 - 1:30 pm

Break for book buying and author signing

1:30 - 2:15 pm

Drag Queen Storytime with PRISM

Main Stage

Meet & Greet **PRISM** for Drag Queen Storytime, with readings from some of her favourite storybooks, free photographs, interactions and light energies with the last celestial being in the universe, **PRISM!** *All ages.*

2:15 - 3:00 pm

Stars in their Eyes with Jessica Walton and Aśka

Main Stage

Jessica Walton is a queer, disabled writer and speaker. **Aśka** is a visual storyteller and science communicator. Together they are the co-creators of the YA graphic novel *Stars in their Eyes*, included on the 2022 Children's Book Council Notables list. Learn about the inspiration behind this beautiful story and their process of working together to create magic. *Ages 10 and upwards.*

3:00 - 3:45 pm

From Podcasting to Pirouettes

Main Stage

Join podcaster and writer **Chenée Marrapodi** to talk about her journey from journalist to children's author. Chenée is the author of *One Wrong Turn*, a middle grade book set in the competitive world of ballet. Chenée talks to us about dancing with words and may even get you up on your feet doing some ballet. *Ages 8 and upwards.*

3:45 - 4:30 pm

The Book Quiz with Chenée Marrapodi, Sue Whiting, Briony Stewart, Jessica Walton, Aśka, C.S. Pacat, Tyrown Waigana and Frané Lessac

Main Stage

In a fun close to the day, get to know our featured artists and storytellers a little more, as we test their knowledge and yours on some of our most loved stories.

4:30 - 5:00 pm

Book buying and author signing

5:00 pm

Festival ends