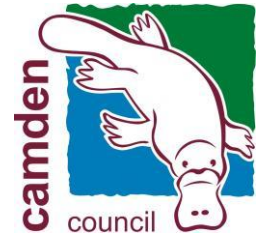


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One small step for kids, one giant leap for school holiday fun

See the moon and stars like you've never seen them before, from inside the ground-breaking, 360 degree, fully interactive Planetarium Dome!

Camden Council is hosting the Starr's Planetarium exhibition, Moon Madness!, on **Tuesday 8 October, 10am-4.30pm, at Oran Park Library**, as part of its exciting school holiday program.

Founder of Starr's Planetarium, Gary Starr, said children will feel like they're really in space.

"You'll be able to take a trip through the solar system and onwards to the very edge of our galaxy, thanks to the movies shown in the dome," Mr Starr said.

"Being immersed in a stunning 360-degree movie really is amazing. The 3D digital images and surround sound creates a spectacular space adventure.

"Then come back down to Earth to find out what's in the sky tonight. Our presenter-led astronomy shows are really informative and engaging. It is a must-experience for every child!"

Participants can choose from three different immersive, 3D digital movies with surround sound, including:

- Earth's Wild Ride at 10am and 11am;
- Moonbase at noon and 1.30pm; and
- Astronaut at 2.30pm, 3.30pm and 4.30pm.

Tickets for Moon Madness! are \$4 and must be purchased to enter the dome. Children under seven years must be accompanied by an adult.

To keep kids curious and entertained over the school holidays, Camden Libraries will also run:

- **Pyjama Party Storytime and Stuffed Animal Sleepover on Tuesday 1 October, 6-7pm, at Oran Park Library and Thursday 3 October, 5.30-6.30pm, at Narellan Library.**

Children are invited to wear their pyjamas and bring their favourite stuffed animal to listen to stories before bed. Children will also have the option of leaving their stuffed animal at the library for a sleepover with their friends – and staff will send photos of what they got up to in the library overnight. A light bedtime snack will be served at this FREE event;

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- **Bee Friendly Bee Hotels on Wednesday 9 October, 10-11am, at Oran Park Library.** This FREE session will teach children the importance of bees and how they can make their own bee hotel out of recycled materials; and
- **Out of this World Space Craft on Wednesday 2 October, 2-3.30pm, at Camden Library.** Children aged six to 12 years are invited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing by creating crafts that are out of this world. The session, which is \$10 per child, will have kids making, and eating, delicious cookies.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said Council's libraries were dynamic spaces for kids of all ages.

"Our extensive school holiday program is geared to primary school children, to ensure they're staying engaged and creative while on holidays," Cr Fedeli said.

"Our libraries will also be running the regular Babies into Books and Storytime programs, for babies from birth to two years and children aged 2-5 years respectively.

"As well as this, our libraries are perfect for older students, who want to buckle down and study. They each have great spaces to get stuck into work and revision and our friendly librarians are always around to help out."

For more information, and to book your child's place, visit library.camden.nsw.gov.au/school-age-programs

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