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Dive into the new term with Camden Libraries' study programs

Students can feel confident diving into Term Three head first, with a number of helpful study programs, facilities, services and workshops offered at Camden, Narellan and Oran Park Libraries.

Students can access:

- An online question tool, Ask A Librarian which allows students to submit questions via the Camden Library website and have a librarian get back to them either by phone or email;
- The Book-a-Librarian tool, which gives students one-on-one time with a librarian who can help them with their research;
- A number of seminars and workshops regularly scheduled on a range of different subjects;
- Open Space sessions, where students can use iMacs, photoshop and editing software. Students are invited to use the space on Mondays, 10am-12.30pm, and Thursdays, 2-4.30pm, with no bookings required.
- Recording equipment in a soundproof studio, with studio inductions provided;
- Studiosity, one-on-one website for students from Year 3 and above, where qualified subject specialists help with homework and study questions on Sunday to Friday 3-10pm. Camden Libraries members can access the tool for free;
- Rooms for individual and group study, which can be booked at Narellan and Oran Park Libraries;
- A large, shared meeting room at Camden Library that is available for study;
- Meeting rooms for hire at Narellan and Oran Park Libraries, which can be used for group study or assignments; and
- Technology, including public access computers with the internet and Microsoft Office 2010, printers, scanners and photocopiers.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said libraries have never been more valuable.

"With today's technology and search capabilities, it's easy to overlook our local libraries," Cr Fedeli said.

"But there's so much more to study, learning and research than what you can find online. Our libraries have so many other sources of information, including books, eBooks, journal and newspaper articles and encyclopaedias. They have equipment and spaces to use. And, the most valuable – they have staff members dedicated to helping our residents out. Like author, Neil Gaiman, said, 'Google can bring you back 100,000 answers but a librarian can bring you back the right one'!

"We have more than 15,000 school-aged residents, with even more people who engage in further study. It's so important they have access to everything they need to excel."

For more information, including how to book or access any of the above services, visit library.camden.nsw.gov.au

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