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## **Robot races and cardboard castles at State Library this summer**

About 30,000 children and their families are expected to step into a world of art, stories and play with the State Library of Queensland's Summer Festival from 31 December.

A giant Cadillac art installation, robotics and virtual reality activities are all part of this year's four week program.

The program also features classic storytelling, arts and crafts. Children can fine-tune their creative writing, create their own picture book and explore free exhibitions and interactive installations.

State Librarian and CEO Vicki McDonald said the program is packed with family fun and offers a mix of free and paid activities for children of all ages.

"As the temperatures start to rise, so too do the opportunities for creativity, learning and discovery at State Library," she said.

"There is an abundance of free daily activities and we have once again kept costs down for our fully supervised Story Lab workshops," Ms McDonald said.

### **PROGRAM 31 Dec–27 Jan**

- **Summer Festival Home Base** decorate an oversized Cadillac | Free
- **The Story Salon** Artist-led interactive stories and free-play | Free
- **Cardboard Cubbies** In The Corner, open daily | Free
- **The Drawing Room** Free family story making workshops | Free
- **Play Publishing Hub** Community publishing studio & library | Free
- **Story Lab** Workshops for 8-16 year olds | \$35-120 | Bookings essential
- **Story Lab studio** See the gallery of your Summer Festival creations | Free

Visit [slq.qld.gov.au/summerfestival](http://slq.qld.gov.au/summerfestival) for more information and to view the full summer holiday program.

The free Summer Reading Club continues until 31 January. The club is delivered nationally through public libraries, Indigenous Knowledge Centres and online [summerreadingclub.org.au](http://summerreadingclub.org.au).

*Photos available on request.*

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