


BOOKS NORTH

 Literature Festival

May 6 – 10, 2003

School students and teachers are invited to be part of the *Books North, Children's Literature Festival* which is being held from May 6 – 10, 2003. Books North is a biennial festival to celebrate children's literature of all kinds. The first children's literature festival was held in 2001 and it was a huge success with over 4500 children being exposed to authors and illustrators.

In order to make *Books North* a truly North Queensland event and with the help of Hinchinbrook Public Library, authors are being brought to your region on Tuesday May 6, 2003. This year seven Australian authors and illustrators will be visiting our region. Leigh Hobbs, Anne Spudvilas, Catherine Bateson, Scot Gardner, Sofie Laguna, Jill Morris and Natalie Jane Prior will be making the long trek north to provide fun and inspiring talks and workshops to school groups and teachers. The authors who are visiting your region are **Leigh Hobbs and Scot Gardner**.

One of the aims of the Festival is to encourage and foster a love of children's literature in the general community. In order to do this, the authors will be visiting your local public library after school hours for a meet and greet and book signings.

A professional development day is also being held at Townsville Grammar School on Saturday May 10. We would love to see teachers from the Hinchinbrook area attending and would be grateful if you could share this information with your staff. In 2001 over 50 teachers and teacher-librarians participated in this inspiring day and we had many positive comments.

Contact the Hinchinbrook Shire Library for further details.



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