

Evie STONES – Children’s Book Week

JRNL102 Assessment 1 – Portfolio Marking Sheet

Criterion

Unsatisfactory 0–9	OK 10–14	Good 15–19	Very Good 20–25
Newsworthiness & Pitch		19/25	
Research & Sources		18/25	
Writing & Structure		17/25	
Overall Impact & Requirements		18/25	

TOTAL: 72/100

General Comments

Evie, this is a good local arts and education story. Strong academic and library sources. You had a stronger lead buried in the the quotes. Dr Weber’s comments about the importance if literature would work as a stronger lead. Be sure to have a close look at the UOWTV style guide – particularly the quote attribution style. Also, reduce the size of your quotes. Be more selective in what you use in a specific quote. Use the rest as information and/or part of an indirect quote. Overall, you have many of the necessary ingredients of a good story.

Birthday Book an Adventure – Children’s Book Week turns 80 with events across Illawarra

This week, children can take part in story-time, dress-up and craft activities [throughout the Wollongong area](#) as part of the annual Children’s Book Week.

These events are hosted at all Wollongong libraries finishing at Wollongong Botanical Gardens and is led by [the Children’s Book Council of Australia](#).

UOW lecturer in the School of Education Dr. Lauren Weber emphasised the significance of creating literature that interests, reflects, and teaches children as a way of combating declining literacy rates.

“First and foremost, I feel for young people because I feel like they often get criticised for not reading enough or they’re illiterate or they’re digitally addicted but I’m sure that if we also interview their parents, how much are their parents reading? I mean how much is anybody reading anymore?”, she asked.

“There are still a lot of people within that age group who do read for pleasure, who love reading – look at BookTok, that’s a whole movement online. Young people are still reading and still do love reading. It’s just when we look at the data at a macro-scale that we see these general declines.”



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The children's section at Corrimal Library, photo taken by Evie Stones[/caption]

Service team leader at Corrimal Library, Audra de la Torre praised Children’s Book Week and the evolving role of libraries in promoting young people’s interest in books.

“I always think children’s literature is important, it will always be around. To celebrate that and honour that, I think is why the Children’s Book Council hosts this long-running and annual event. I think also with local libraries keeping it alive with Book Week and schools also celebrating it, it really is a real sort of coming together as a nation and celebrating what we have to offer in literature. I think it’s fantastic.”, she said.

“We’ve had to change to stay relevant through also bringing in new technology and having that accessible to those people who may not have access to computers or the internet as well as spaces for them to study like quiet areas, study rooms. Yeah I think libraries evolve with the time and we still have books. They haven’t disappeared regardless of e-readers and things like that, it’s just added another element”

Children’s Book Week is continuing its 80th birthday celebration across Australia and will end by announcing the winners of the CBCA Book of the Year Awards.

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