

# Let's Read celebrates

THE Let's Read program celebrated its first year of running in Goulburn with a birthday party last Friday at the Goulburn Mulwaree Library.

Let's Read is being implemented in communities across Australia with the support of the Murdoch Children's Research Institute and The Smith Family. It is run locally by the library in conjunction Schools as Community Centres.

Let's Read encourages parents to read to their children from as young as four months of age, to help put the building blocks in place so they are ready to learn to read when they reach school.

Goulburn Mulwaree Library Young People's Services Co-ordinator Michelle Stuart said the library is partnering with Schools at Community Centres to provide a new initiative based on the Let's Read program.

"During Term Two, the library will be running a series of story sessions based on the Let's Read program," Ms Stuart said.

"It will be an opportunity for families to begin to read at home with their young children. As little as 10 minutes a day is all that is required to begin children on a path of loving to read," she said.

Along with the story sessions, the library now has Let's Read story packs to borrow.

"Each story pack contained the Let's Read video to help parents read to their children, as well as an information booklet and a range of books based on age groups," Ms Stuart



**TURNING ONE:** Local Schools as Community Centres Facilitator Alan Caldwell and Goulburn Mulwaree Library Young People's Services Co-ordinator Michelle Stuart at the Let's Read one year birthday celebration last Friday in Goulburn Mulwaree Library.

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"These kits now are available to borrow from the library. It's never too early to start reading with your child."

Story sessions are based on suggested Let's Read books, selected to

promote literacy in a specified age group, however children aged between four months and five years are welcome to attend all sessions.

The sessions include listening to a story, free family reading time and a small craft activity.

Sessions are run on a Friday morning from 10.30-11.30am every second week during Term 2 2014 and are free to attend.

For more information contact the library on 4823 4435.



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LAST Friday, I attended the first birthday celebration of the Let's Read program in the Goulburn Mulwaree library.

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