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***The Very Cranky Bear* Author to Visit the Northern Territory Library**

Local Darwin author/illustrator Nick Bland will be reading his latest book *The Very Cranky Bear* at the Northern Territory Library at 11am, next Wednesday, 5 November 2008.

Northern Territory Library Acting Director Cate Richmond said the book is aimed at children aged 3+ and was a perfect story time book for the little ones.

“The Northern Territory Library is really pleased to host the reading of this wonderful children’s book and we look forward to seeing children enjoy the reading experience,” Ms Richmond said.

Some of Nick’s previous publications include; *When Henry Caught Imaginitis* (2008), *I’ve Lost My Kisses* (2007), *Aussie Jingle Bells* (2006) and *A Monster Wrote Me a Letter* (2006).

The Very Cranky Bear features four friends, Moose, Lion, Zebra and Sheep who encounter a cranky bear and set about trying to cheer him up.

Ms Richmond said visitors will also get a chance to see Nick’s illustrations and techniques with an on the spot drawing demonstration, and illustrations from *A Very Cranky Bear* on display at the Library.

“Originally from Victoria, Nick now lives in Darwin where he works full time as a children’s author/illustrator,” Ms Richmond said.

The son of an artist and primary school teacher Nick had always aspired to be a cartoonist and a writer, and had his first book *A Monster Wrote Me A Letter* published by Scholastic Australia in 2001.

To attend the reading of *A Very Cranky Bear* phone 1800 019 155.

For more information about the Northern Territory Library, including a list of upcoming events, go to www.ntl.nt.gov.au.

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