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HOW SHORT IS SHORT? 140 characters to be exact!

Three young writers from the Moreton Bay region have been recognised for their talent in **FastFic140**, Transit Lounge Caboolture and the Moreton Bay Region Libraries' micro fiction writing challenge. **FastFic140** asked young writers to submit stories that were no more than 140 characters in length, spaces included!

The challenge was won by Leah Dugdale, 14, of Lawnton with her seasonal piece:

*The sun goes down,
Bathing everything
In its golden glow,
Leaving silhouettes
Long, thin,
And intertwining.
Implying, one of many things;
Summer.*

The judges were very impressed by the quality of the entries, particularly considering the age of the winner and runners-up Elizabeth Baldwin, 13 and Melissa Kugelman, 14.

Entries were invited across a range of mediums including SMS, blog, Twitter, Facebook, email and good old-fashioned paper. The majority of entries however, came in via the **FastFic140** blog with all entries now posted there: fastfic140.tumblr.com.

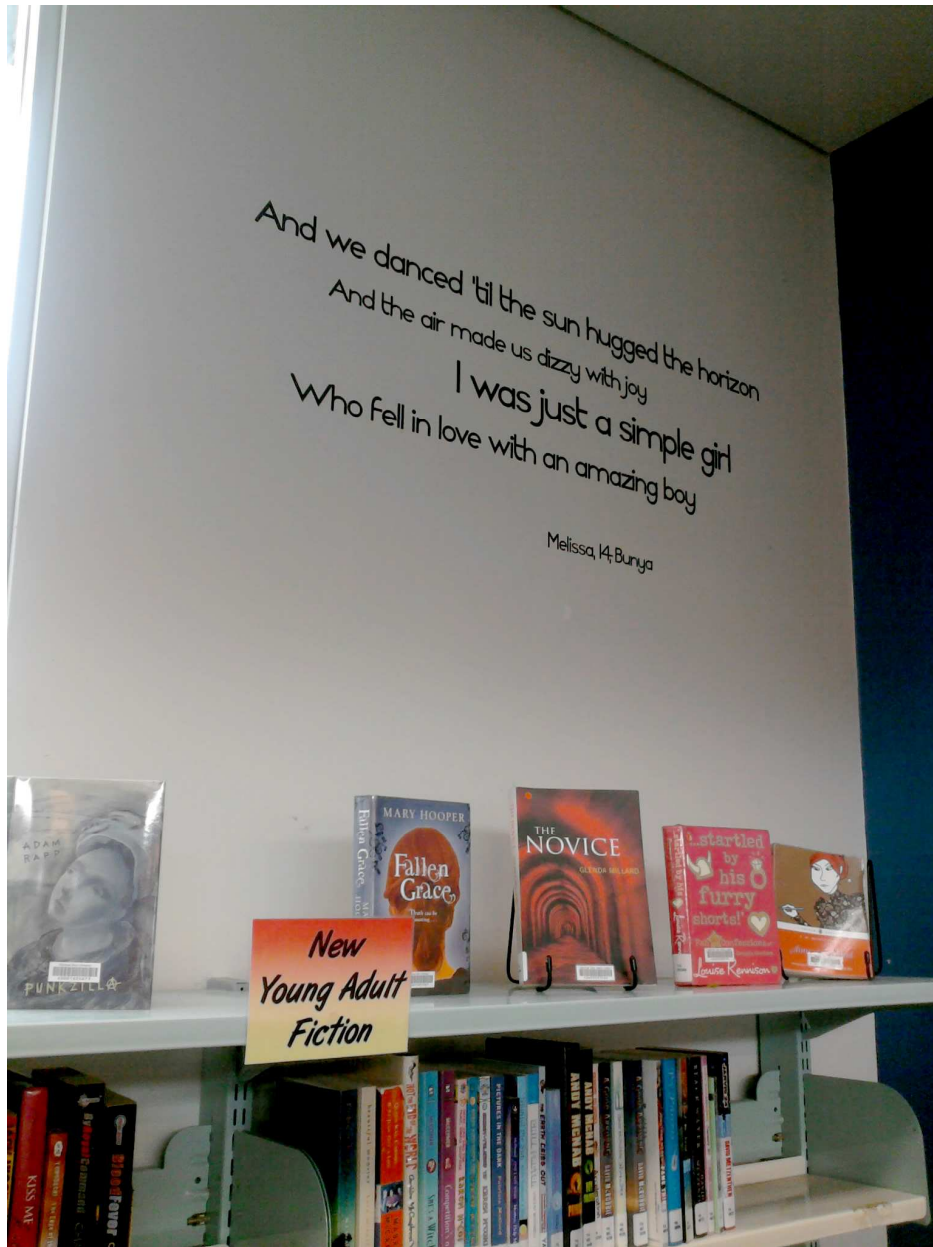
Leah's efforts netted her a \$50 book voucher and her piece has been made into vinyl decals and installed in two of the region's libraries – Albany Creek and Strathpine.

The inaugural FastFic140 writing challenge was so successful that Transit Lounge and Moreton Bay Region Libraries hope to run it again in 2011! To find out more about this and other opportunities, friend Transit Lounge Caboolture or the Moreton Bay Region Libraries on Facebook.

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Melissa Kugelmann's entry installed at Bribie Island Library

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