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Darwin Library Author/Illustrators

Two of Australia's most talented children's author/illustrators, David Miller and Sally Rippin will be visiting Darwin libraries next week talking to students about their books and the process of creating them.

David Miller illustrates picture books using his colourful, three dimensional paper sculptures. His books include *Where There's Smoke*, *Refugees*, *Boo To A Goose* written by Mem Fox, the Children's BC short-listed *Snap Went Chester* by Tania Cox and *Carousel* which he wrote as well as illustrated.

He says "I make illustrations simple in concept but rich in details. By making them three dimensional, they have the reality and life of photography, with the expression and creativity of drawing and painting." David will be demonstrating the art of making paper sculpture using sculptures he has designed.

David's latest book, *Big and Me*, which he also wrote and illustrated is a brave metaphorical story about a child growing up with a parent with a mental illness. It continues David's focus on socially and culturally important stories, written in a way that is accessible to young readers.

Although Sally Rippin was born in Darwin, this is the first opportunity she has had to return. Sally grew up in South-East Asia and as an adolescent studied traditional Chinese painting in Shanghai and Hangzhou. She writes and illustrates both picture books and junior novels. Her first picture books being the popular Fang Fang books based on the experiences of a young Chinese-born Australian girl. The storylines are simple and the illustrations vibrant.

In 2006 Sally illustrated David Metzenthens's *The Rainbirds*, which was a 2007 Children's Book Council Picture Book of the Year Honour Book.

Sally has several books soon to be released, including picture books, a younger reader novel and an adult edition of *Chenxi and the Foreigner*.

What: Special Public Session
When: Tuesday 25 November between 5.00 and 7.00pm
Where: Darwin City Library, Civic Centre
Who: David Miller and Sally Rippin

Contact: David Miller and Sally Rippin are available for interviews prior to their arrival. Please contact Simon at Booked Out Speakers Agency – phone 03 9824 0177