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HOW SHORT IS SHORT? 140 characters to be exact!

We challenge you to write a story so short you can tweet it or text it in a single message! Moreton Bay's young writers are invited to enter their short, short, short stories in FastFic140, the latest writing challenge from Transit Lounge Caboolture and the Moreton Bay Region Libraries.

Sound tricky? It's not as hard as you think. Here's an example from Sarah, 22 of Godwin Beach –

*"The bomb ticks, plyers in hand nervous twitch, I'm sure it's the green wire,
or is it the red one? Ini mini mo red it is. Snip. Oh no! BOOM!"*

If you'd like to give it a go but need some help or inspiration, come along to a workshop with online writing expert Sarah Jansen. Sarah, who is a writer, editor and communications professional will be sharing her skills at the Burpengary Library on Thursday 18th November from 6-7.30pm. Or if you're interested in a career in writing, pick Sarah's brains about how she turned her passion for words into full time employment.

The FastFic140 writing challenge is open until November 30. The strongest entries will be turned into vinyl wall decals, adorning the walls and shelves of the region's libraries. Three lucky entrants will also receive book vouchers and have their work turned into calling cards.

Entries can be provided via –

Twitter – www.twitter.com/fastfic140
Facebook – www.facebook.com/MBRC.libraries
SMS – **0412 254 715**
Blog – www.fastfic140.tumblr.com
Email – transit.lounge@moretonbay.qld.gov.au
Paper – fill out an entry form at your **local library**

To book a place in the *FastFic140* workshop with Sarah Jansen call 5433 2444 or email transit.lounge@moretonbay.qld.gov.au.

What:	<i>FastFic Workshop with Sarah Jansen</i>
Where:	Burpengary Library
When:	6.00 – 7.30pm, Thursday 18 th November 2010
Who:	young people aged 12 - 25
Cost:	free
Bookings:	call Transit Lounge Caboolture on 5433 2444 or email transit.lounge@moretonbay.qld.gov.au

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