TAFE Illawarra to Host Science Fiction Author as Part of the National Year of Reading

TAFE Illawarra’s Wollongong Campus Library will be hosting an author talk for staff and students of the Campus on Monday 3 September at 12.00pm, as part of National Year of Reading celebrations.

Local sci-fi and fantasy author, Richard Harland, will be speaking to the students about his journey as an author as well as about his two latest publications, *Worldshaker* (2009) and *Liberator* (2011).

Harland, who describes himself as ‘wanting to be an author since the age of 12’, resigned his lectureship at the University of Wollongong to pursue his love of writing after he was offered a publishing contract for his science fiction thriller, *The Dark Edge* and a sequel. He states that this gamble has paid off, as his career as a full-time writer ‘keeps getting better and better’.

In addition to being treated to Harland’s story, staff and students will enjoy free copies of Good Reading magazine’s special National Year of Reading edition, as well as copies of Get Reading’s 2012 guide *50 books you can’t put down*.

“We are hoping the event will inspire the students who attend, not only to read more, but to also consider putting pen to paper to document their stories,” said Regina Kimmich, Campus Librarian, Wollongong Campus Library.

**Media are invited to attend and interview Richard Harland and students and staff on Monday 3 September 2012 at 11.30am. If you are interested in attending, please contact Maria Sevastis on 4222 2928.**