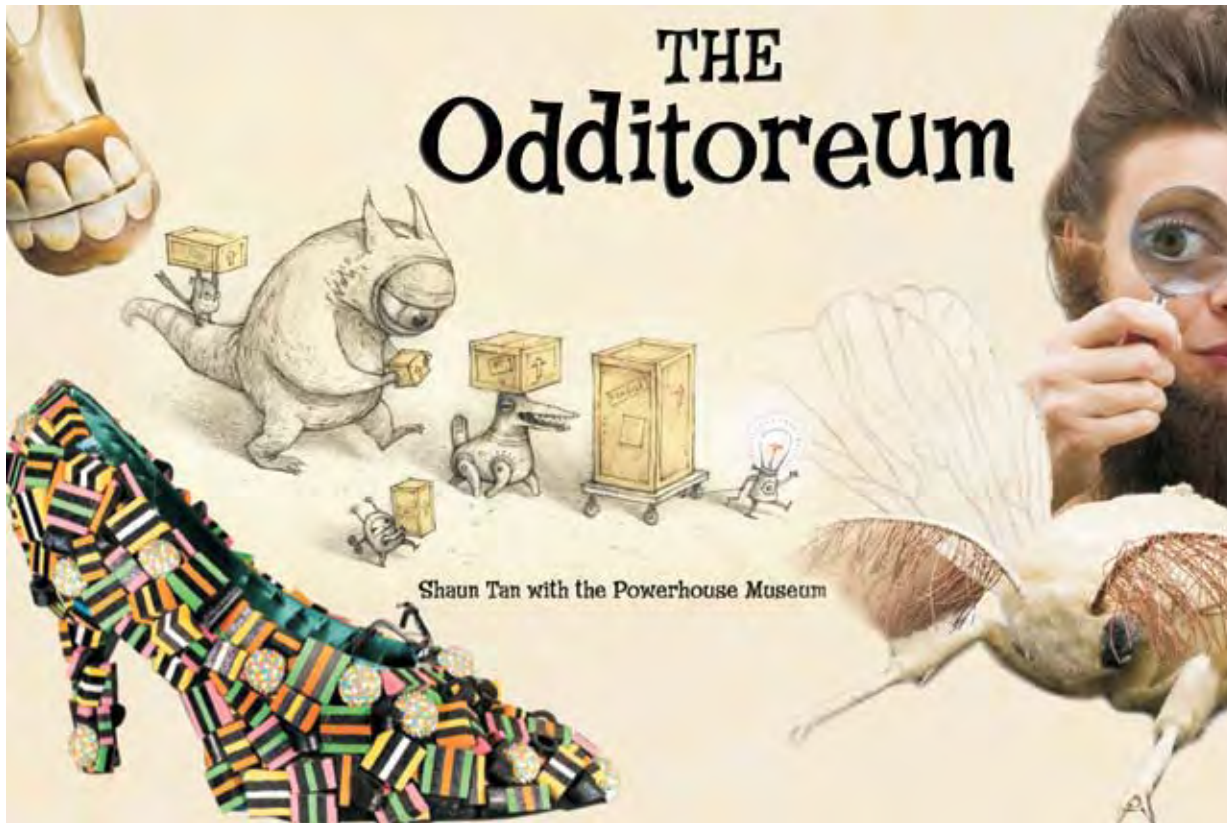


At the State Library

Coming soon...



June - July 2011

Discover the weird and wonderful in *The Odditorium*, a new exhibition opening at the State Library of Western Australia from 30 July.

This extraordinary mix of oddities and curiosities was selected from the deep vaults of the Powerhouse Museum's collection. Award-winning children's author and illustrator Shaun Tan has created an intriguing story for each, blurring fact and fantasy.

Shaun has replaced factual descriptions with fantastical and funny stories that will inspire the curiosity of visitors young and old. In Shaun's world, a giant liquorice allsorts shoe bicycle from the

closing ceremony of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games becomes a guide dog testing device.

Other curiosities in *The Odditorium* include a large zinc sculpture of a griffin, horse's teeth, a shirt covered in balls of human hair, an oversized model of a silkworm moth and a 19th-century botanical specimen. Visitors will be no less intrigued when they discover the actual stories behind these objects.

The Odditorium will be on display at the State Library from 30 July to 15 October.

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Saturday & Sunday 10.00am–5.30pm
Closed on Public Holidays

EXHIBITION

Mapping Memory: an exhibition exploring history, place and identity

An exhibition of artifacts, maps, ephemera and documents from the heritage collections of the State Library and the Royal Historical Society of WA, intermingled with memorabilia and artworks by Wendy Lugg.

When: Until 10 July
Where: The Gallery, Ground floor

FILMS

Moving Memories: The distant lens

Presents a kaleidoscope of events in Western Australia in the first half of the twentieth century. FREE.

When: Wednesday 15 June, 12.30pm
Where: State Library Theatre

Wednesday Matinees

Our regular program of free films continues. The State Library will present an interesting mix of films throughout the year. The complete monthly program is available from the Welcome Desk or can be downloaded at www.slwa.wa.gov.au/whats_on/film_screenings

When: Wednesdays, 12.30pm
Where: State Library Theatre

TOURS

Maps Music Microfilm & More

Have you ever wondered what the different floors of the library hold? Come on a free 50-minute tour of the building to discover not only books and music, but also the fascinating ephemera, pictorial and newspaper collections that all help to tell the story of our State.

When: Tuesdays 12.30pm
Where: Meet at the Welcome Desk, Ground floor

Free tours for groups can be arranged by request, and are available between 9.30am to 4.00pm. Please contact us a minimum of two weeks in advance. For bookings and enquiries phone 9427 3111.

MUSIC

Australian Girls Choir

The Australian Girls Choir makes a one-off appearance at the State Library for the City of Perth's Winter Arts season. Don't miss this free event.

When: Friday 8 July, 12.30pm
Where: Ground floor



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WA Films

@ the State Library



FREE

Thursday 9 June, 5.45pm

Nickel Queen (1971, 85 mins, Unrated)*

Stars Googie Withers as an English widow who gets rich as a nickel miner in the days of the nickel boom.



Thursday 30 June, 5.45pm

Windrider (1986, 92 mins, Rated M)

Stars a young Nicole Kidman as a rock singer who finds romance with windsurfer Tom Burlinson.

Thursday 21 July, 5.45pm

Under the Lighthouse Dancing

(1996, 90 mins, Unrated)

Filmed on Rottnest Island, this story of six friends over one weekend is a testament to true love, based on real events. Stars Jack Thompson, Naomi Watts and Jacqueline McKenzie.

Thursday 18 August, 5.45pm

Lucky Miles (2007, 105 minutes, Rated MA 15+)

Three refugees abandoned in a remote part of WA begin an epic journey into the heart of Australia. A film about distance, difference and dud maps.

MASSIVE DISCARD BOOK SALE
4 Days Only

Wednesday 13 July
to Saturday 16 July

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS @ THE PLACE 11 - 25 July

Art Workshops

...with characters from *The Last Viking*, a brand new book by Norman Jorgensen and James Foley. Children will have a chance to win an autographed copy of the book.

When: Tuesday 12 & Thursday 14 July, 11am & 1pm
Where: The Place, Mezzanine floor
Cost: Free, no bookings required.

Rather Beastly - a show for kids, presented by Lark Chamber Opera

Rather Beastly is a magical and funny performance featuring colourful sets, costumes and puppets. An operatic tale featuring a mix of fantasy, slapstick comedy and legend, suitable for children aged 6-10.

When: Monday 25 July at 11am
Where: The Place, Mezzanine floor
Cost: Free, no bookings required.

Puppet making

● Create your own 'beastly' character.

When: Tuesday 19 & Thursday 21 July, 11am & 1pm
Where: The Place, Mezzanine floor
Cost: Free, no bookings required.

Book Cubby

Victoria Ryle, Executive Director of Kids Own Publishing (Inc) was in WA for ten days to train Better Beginnings staff and interested people from six local governments in community publishing. She brought with her the KOP Book Cubby, which was in residence in The Place for a week during the Perth Writers' Festival. The Book Cubby is stocked with books made by children from around Australia and the world. Families visiting The Place were encouraged to create their own 6-page book.

The Book Cubby finished its visit to Perth with an appearance at the PWF Family Day, where over 150 books were made by families in six hours. Look out for the State Library's very own Book Cubby, coming soon.

First Online Spelling Bee a success

Twelve of the brightest Western Australian spellers from Years 5 to 8 competed in a live Spelling Bee at the State Library on 14 April. The twelve finalists represented various schools across WA and the two lucky winners - Lincoln Lee (Year 6, St. Mark's Anglican Community School) and Tabitha Malet (Year 7, Presbyterian Ladies College) - both received family holidays to Disneyland in Hong Kong. Channel 7 filmed the Spelling Bee with Basil Zempilas as MC and the story was later broadcast on *Today Tonight*.

The Spelling Bee project was launched by the State Library of WA Foundation, in partnership with *The West Australian* newspaper and Kinetic Education, to improve national literacy levels throughout the state. The competition received 3,000 entrants and the Foundation is looking forward to making the West Australian Spelling Bee 2012 bigger and better!

SPOTLIGHT ON...

The Cecil Walkley Postal History Collection

In November 2010, the State Library acquired at auction a number of Western Australian 19th-century letters and postcards, part of a significant collection put together by philatelist and postal historian Cecil Walkley. The acquisitions include correspondence to or from members of the Bussell family, G. W. Leake, J. S. Roe, and George King, as well as some rare convict letters.

One of the earliest documents is a letter written in 1835 by Fanny Bussell to her cousin in India, which refers to "the removal of four of our family to their grant on the Vasse". She also describes the discovery at Penguin Island of "chests & cases bearing the name Bussell which had been thrown upon the beach" after the wreck of the *Cumberland*, the ship that brought her mother and sister to WA in 1834.

One of the most unique items is an 1855 letter headed 'Convict Establishment/Fremantle, Western Australia'. This is possibly the only convict letter sent overseas to a destination other than Great Britain. The writer, Ludwik Konarzewski, talks of arriving in London with a batch of bank-notes he didn't know were forged, and hopes that if he behaves himself he will be granted a ticket-of-leave in 1857 - "by conducting myself well for a few years the authorities will then grant me a conditional pardon so that I can leave this Colony & go to Germany or any other place except England..."

Ludwik also encloses a separate letter to his uncle, a nobleman in Poland which he asks be forwarded with the warning: "...on no account let him know any more about me...be sure and not tell him that I am transported". In the letter to his uncle he asks for money "100 Fredric Gold" and speaks of "that dear land Poland".

The contents of these letters, together with rare picture postcards and attractive illustrated advertising covers, provide valuable insight into life in the Swan River Colony and will be a great asset to the State Library's heritage collections.



1842 letter from Mrs Charlotte Bussell to Mrs (Emily) Edward Roden Huggins. She mentions their reaction to the naming of the town of Busselton ... "we should have liked it called Capel [after their English cousin and benefactor Capel Carter] but the name was given at Perth without our knowledge". (State Library of Western Australia, 7640A/19)

LEARNING @ THE LIBRARY

Come and discover the State Library's family history resources. Book your place at the tours and workshops below by calling 9427 3111. Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Tours

Tours are aimed at beginners and introduce key family history resources in both the Genealogy Centre and the Battye Library.

When: Wednesday 6 July, 11.00am - 12noon
Where: The Gallery, Ground floor

Introduction to "Findmypast"

Findmypast UK and *Findmypast Australasia* are the Library's newest subscription databases. Come along to find out how they can help with your family history research.

When: Wednesday 6 July, 2.00pm - 3.30pm
Where: Midwest Room, Mezzanine floor*
(*turn left after entering through gate)

National Family History Week - save these dates now!

The Library will be running a program to celebrate National Family History Week from 2 - 4 August 2011.

Full details will be available closer to the date. Please email tricia.fairweather@slwa.wa.gov.au if you would like to be added to the family history event mailing list.

MORE ONLINE RESOURCES

Where else could you find this range of magazines online? From *Australian Choice Magazine*, *Time*, *National Geographic* and *The New Yorker*, to *Vanity Fair*, *Vogue*, *Fortune*, *Business Week*, *Cosmopolitan*, and even *Oprah*, **General Onfile** is the database to browse. If you're into gardening, cooking, computing and home improvement, this is the place to go.

In order to take advantage of the fabulous new access from home service, you need to be a WA resident and member of the State Library. You can log on to databases using your name and barcode.

How do I find them?

You can get to these resources either via the catalogue or through the electronic resources page. This great new service means that you can access almost everything from home with your State Library card except *Ancestry*, *Standards Australia*, *Art and Architecture* and *Econlit*.

BOOKS TO LISTEN TO... New at the State Library Shop

If you don't have time to read, why not listen to books on CD or MP3 instead – that way you can read while you're driving, or ironing, or out walking.

From Peter Fitzsimon's *Batavia* to Di Morrissey's *Tears of the Moon* and Tim Flannery's *Here on Earth*, there's something for everyone.

You can even catch up on Tim Winton's Australian classic *Cloudstreet* while it screens on TV.

To purchase these books, or find more titles, contact the State Library Shop on (08) 9427 3211.



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WAAPA's FREE Lunchtime Concert Series

In association with the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, the State Library presents another series of entertaining lunchtime concerts.

These wonderful free performances offer something for all musical tastes from latin and funk to big band jazz and classical piano recitals.

Where: State Library Theatre, 1.00pm

29 July	WAAPA Big Band
5 August	Big Funk Band
12 August	Latin Ensemble
19 August	Guitar and Marimba Showcase
26 August	Piano Showcase
2 September	Saxophone Showcase

SURVEYS

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent catalogue survey. We had 760 responses. We're now collating the results and will let you know the results via our website.