

At the State Library

The Western Australian Premier's Book Awards - People's Choice Award



Fiction titles to read for the People's Choice Award:

<i>Body in the Clouds</i>	Ashley Hay
<i>Indelible Ink</i>	Fiona McGregor
<i>That Deadman Dance</i>	Kim Scott
<i>The English Class</i>	Ouyang Yu
<i>Traitor</i>	Stephen Daisley
<i>Utopian Man</i>	Lisa Lang

A record number of 571 entries was submitted for the 2010 Premier's Book Awards from a wide range of publishers. Several WA authors made it to the shortlist, including Kim Scott for *That Deadman Dance*, Brenda Walker for *Reading by Moonlight*, AJ Betts for *Wavelength*, Sally Murphy for *Toppling* and Caroline Caddy and Joanna Murray-Smith in the poetry and script writing categories.

This year a People's Choice Award has been added to the mix. Avid readers and book club members throughout the State are invited to read the six fiction titles (listed alongside) and vote for their favourite book.

Voting will begin on the 25 July and finish on 2 September. The voting form will be available on the State Library's website, where you can also find the full shortlist for all categories from non-fiction, poetry, children and young adult books to scripts and the State Library of Western Australia WA History Award, as well as more information about the awards and past winners.

www.slwa.wa.gov.au/about_us/premiers_book_awards

August - September 2011

Year 12 WACE Students

WACE SPACE

Looking for somewhere quiet, convenient and packed full of past papers and study guides? Visit the WACE Study Space at the State Library.

Study guides and past papers are available in the Group Study Area on the First Floor until 30 November.



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Monday–Thursday 9.00am–8.00pm
Friday 9.00am–5.30pm
Saturday & Sunday 10.00am–5.30pm
Closed on Public Holidays

EVENTS

Authors at the State Library: KATE GRENVILLE

Join booklovers from around Perth to hear one of Australia's finest writers, Kate Grenville, speak about her writing and her most recent novel, *Sarah Thornhill*.



Chosen as one of the "50 books you can't put down", the book takes us back to the early Australia of *The Secret River* and the Thornhill family. Sarah's story is a tale of tangled secrets, of loss and unlooked-for happiness, and the silent spaces of the past. For more about Kate and her other titles, see her website at kategrenville.com. Buy one of Kate's books at the State Library Shop and have it signed by the author!

When: Wednesday 14 September,
5.45pm for 6.00pm start
Where: State Library Theatre

FREE, but bookings are essential; please call (08) 9427 3111 to book your place.

GET READING!

Co-sponsored by the Australian Government, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, and the State Library of Western Australia.



U3A and SLWA LECTURE: Taboo Words

Come and hear Kate Burridge, Professor of Linguistics at Monash University, and a panelist on ABC TV's *Can We Help?* Kate was educated in Perth and in this talk she will discuss her main

areas of research: swearing and taboo language in Australian English. Be prepared for frequent coarse language!

Copies of Kate's book, *Gift of the Gob* will be available for purchase from the State Library Shop if you wish to have it signed.

When: Sunday 2 October 2011,
2.00 – 3.00pm

Where: State Library Theatre
Entry is FREE and bookings are not required.

WINTER ARTS SEASON EVENTS

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WINTER ARTS SEASON: WA Films

Lucky Miles (2007, 105 minutes, Rated MA15+) 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.

When: Thursday 18 August, 5.45pm
Where: State Library Theatre
FREE ADMISSION.

WAAPA's Winter Arts Season Concerts

The State Library and the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts present another entertaining series of FREE lunchtime concerts. These wonderful performances offer something for all musical tastes, from latin and funk to big band, jazz, and classical piano recitals. No bookings required.

Where: State Library Theatre, 1.00pm

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

FAMILY HISTORY

National Family History Week 2 – 4 August 2011

Presented by the State Library's Family History specialists and other invited presenters, discover all things genealogical during this packed program of FREE seminars and tours.

For more detailed information, check the website at www.slwa.wa.gov.au/whats_on/national_family_history_week

All sessions must be booked by calling 9427 3111.

Vital Records: How to find births, marriages and deaths

Find out how to trace births, marriages and deaths for the Australian states, the UK and New Zealand.

When: Wednesday 7 September,
2.00pm – 3.30pm

Where: Northwest Room, 2nd floor



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CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK @ THE PLACE 20-26 August 2011



One World Many Stories

Celebrate Children's Book Week by joining us for a very special storytime on Wednesday 24 August at 11.00am with storyteller Kistri DeSilva.

Make Your Own Storybook winners

22 August – 4 September 2011

See the winning entries in the **Make Your Own Storybook** competition, coordinated by the WA Branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia. This annual competition encourages students to make their own book and the winning entries will be displayed at The Place (Mezzanine floor, State Library of WA).

Come along and see the creations of these talented young authors and illustrators of the future!



SPOTLIGHT ON...

Preservation and Maintenance

The State Library's Preservation and Maintenance team have been very busy lately. Here's a run-down of some of their current projects.

The team has been involved in microfilming newspapers, including the *Southern Districts Advocate* and *The Listening Post*. Other material has been digitised for preservation and to allow online access through the library catalogue, from "Packhorse and Waterhole", the story of Nathaniel and Katherine Buchanan and their overland journey to the Kimberley, to Ron Elsegood's collection of lantern slides of building and scenes throughout WA from the early 1900s. You can even find food and drink labels from early WA produce. Search the catalogue using the keywords food labels and limit the search to the State Library Heritage Collection, then click on the online images.

The Oral History Records Rescue Group (OHRRG) is a significant two year project being coordinated by the Preservation and Maintenance team. Funded by a Lotterywest grant totalling \$849 000, the project's goal is to make available the most at-risk and in demand oral history interviews held in the Battye Library. At the end of the project, library clients will have access to 7500 hours of interviews, or 200 voices telling their story. Purpose-built sound studios are used to transfer analogue tape to digital format at preservation standards. The digitisation of the oral histories commenced in December 2010, and to date over 1070 hours' worth of oral histories have been digitised for preservation.

Following generous funding from the Friends of Battye Library, the team will also be involved in the repairing, stabilising and the digitising of significant State Library collections. Material includes John Septimus Roe's correspondence, diaries and notebooks, James Henty's letters and papers regarding the families lands on the Swan River and the voyage to Western Australia, issues of the *Coolgardie Miner* from 1913 – 1929, and the *Southern Advertiser* from 1888.

In addition, a long term supporter of the Library has agreed to fund the conservation and digitisation of over 700 cadastral maps from the Lands & Surveys Chain Series. These cover the entire state from the early 1900s to the late 1960s, and provide marvellous details on land holdings, telegraph lines, railways, tramways and water sources.

COMING IN OCTOBER...

VERY ODD SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

@ THE PLACE 3 - 17 October

Art Workshops

Create an oddball character or animal.

When: Tuesday 4 & Thursday 6 October, 11am & 1pm

Where: The Place, Mezzanine floor

Cost: Free, no bookings required.

What's Odd about your Bag?

Transform a paper bag into something weird and wonderful.

When: Tuesday 11 & Thursday 13 October
11am & 1pm

Where: The Place, Mezzanine floor

Cost: Free, no bookings required.

FILMS

Wednesday Film Matinees

Our regular program of free films continues. The State Library presents 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

MORE ONLINE RESOURCES

Berg Fashion Library

Are you hanging out for the Perth Fashion Festival? If so, the Berg Fashion Library is for you. This amazing online database is one of the many e-resources provided by the State Library. You can access it for free, either through the Library computers, or with a State Library *mylibrary* card from home.

For more information, ask for the flyer at the Welcome Desk or go to *How Do I Find?* then *e-resources* on the State Library website: www.slwa.wa.gov.au

TOURS

Did you know that **free general public tours for groups** can be arranged by request? Tours are available between 9.30am to 4.00pm and must be booked a minimum of two weeks in advance. **Bookings and enquiries: 9427 3111**

How to order IMAGES and PHOTOS



Ladies' tea party, c.1912 (State Library of Western Australia, 230166PD)

Are you looking for a gift with a difference? Need an image of Perth 60, 70 or 80 years ago? Perhaps we have your grandfather's photo in our collection.

Search our website www.slwa.wa.gov.au to find out! Click on the catalogue, then use the keyword search, and make sure you change the collection from *Entire State Library* to *State Library Pictures*. Click on the links to see the wonderful range of photographs of people, places and events. Order forms and further information can be found under *Ordering an Image* in the *Quicklinks* section on the main webpage.

Happy browsing!

EXHIBITION



Sculpture of a griffin in embossed zinc, made by Wunderlich Limited, Sydney in 1903-1916. Gift of Jack Surmon 2009.

The Odditorem: a travelling exhibition developed by the Powerhouse Museum

The Odditorem is an eclectic mix of oddities from the Powerhouse Museum. These weird and wonderful objects are given a new life and story by award-winning children's author and illustrator Shaun Tan, who blurs the line between fact and fiction. Come and enjoy Shaun's interpretation of these objects and have a go at recording your own creative descriptions!

Teachers are welcome to bring school groups for a self-guided visit of the exhibition. Telephone 9427 3202 to book a time slot for your class.

Entry to the exhibition is FREE. Resources for schools are available online. Download the teachers' notes from www.powerhousemuseum.com/pdf/education/teachersnotes/odditorem.pdf or print copies of the Library's exhibition trail brochure from www.slwa.wa.gov.au

When: 30 July - 15 October
Where: The Gallery, Ground floor