

At the State Library

2012 is the National Year of Reading

Love2Read Café @ the State Library of Western Australia



January - March 2012

Are you aware that only 54% of Australians are prose literate? There are 46% who can't read newspapers, follow a recipe, make sense of timetables or understand the instructions on a medicine bottle.

To generate awareness of this statistic, the State Library is undertaking a number of programs and events to celebrate the love of reading.

2012 is the National Year of Reading, and the State Library's flagship initiative to kick-start the year's events is the Love2Read Café - an outdoor reading room based on the Bryant Park model in New York. Open from 21 January to 26 February, this book café will be situated at the front of the State Library, and will be a new venue in the Perth Cultural Centre. Filled with brightly coloured chairs and tables, and book trolleys featuring a range of reading materials for all ages and interests, the Love2Read café will also have a range of programs and events suitable for diverse audiences.

Some of the featured events to look out for include author talks, children's activities, word game afternoons, digital stories on the big screen, and live music. See the State Library's website for more details of the full program. The Love2Read café is proudly supported by the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority and the McCusker Charitable Foundation, with the assistance of the State Library of Western Australia Foundation.

When: 21 January - 26 February 2012

Where: State Library Forecourt, Perth Cultural Centre



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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



Use the rich resources of the State Library of Western Australia to grow your story from an idea to publication. Take a tour of the building, view interesting items from the collection, and learn how to find material online. Local authors Elaine Forrestal and Amanda Curtin will share how they have used the Library's resources to inspire their published work.

Where: State Library of Western Australia

When: Sunday 11 March, 2 – 4.30pm

Cost: \$22 (incl. GST)

Bookings and payment in person or by credit card can be made at the State Library Shop. Payment must be received prior to the event.

Telephone: 9427 3211

Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am – 5.00pm, Sat-Sun 12noon – 5.00pm

For further information contact Joanna on 9427 3173 (weekdays only).

Which is your favourite?

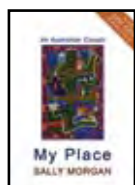
2012 is the National Year of Reading and we're looking for eight books, one for each state and territory, which together describe the Australian experience.



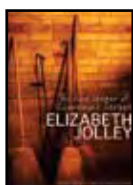
This is the shortlist of six books for Western Australia. Vote at your local library or book shop or go online to www.abc.net.au/yearofreading and say which book you think should represent Western Australia.

The eight winning books will be announced at the launch of the National Year of Reading on 14 February, 2012.

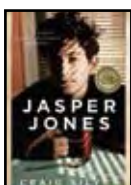
Closing date for voting is **Friday 6 January 2012**.



My Place
Sally Morgan
Fremantle Press



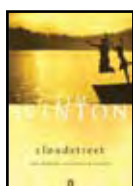
Newspaper of Claremont Street
Elizabeth Jolley
Fremantle Press



Jasper Jones
Craig Silvey
Allen & Unwin



Jandamarra
Howard Pedersen &
Banjo Woorunmurra
Magabala



Cloudstreet
Tim Winton
Penguin



True Country
Kim Scott
Fremantle Press

Journal Article Request Service from the State Library

Accessibility of State Library of Western Australia resources has been made even easier with the launch of our **Journal Article Request** service on the our website.

Requests for journal articles, microfiche/microfilm and other library materials can now be made online with the Journal Article Request Form and documents posted to your home or emailed directly to you in digital form for a delivery cost starting at \$16.50.

Go to www.slwa.wa.gov.au/find/services/document_delivery_services/journal_request for more details.

This online service makes our resources available more easily to more people. The Journal Article Request Form means materials are available to those in remote areas, cities outside WA and the very busy, with a visit to the State Library via the internet instead of in person.

Let your fingers do the walking!

Volunteering at the State Library

What is volunteering? It's simple. It's about giving your time to do something useful, without getting paid.

In return you get the satisfaction of time and effort well spent. It can be a great way to meet new people, learn new skills, gain useful experience, build your CV and increase your confidence. It should also be fun!

There are no age limits on volunteering and positions can be for youth, families, students, travellers, business professionals, migrants and seniors. That means anyone!

Hints to help you start volunteering:

- Think about what you want from volunteering - new skills, to mentor, a chance to practice your English?
- Think about what you have to offer - enthusiasm, work skills, life skills?
- Work out roughly how many hours you have to give, and how many times a week or month.

The State Library lists its volunteering opportunities on its website: www.slwa.wa.gov.au/for/volunteers

If there are no positions to suit you, you can still feel free to contact us on 9427 3327 or email volunteers@slwa.wa.gov.au - we have the contact details of numerous other organisations also looking for volunteers.

Just try it - often the most difficult part of volunteering is making the first move, so be brave!

"The highest reward for a person's work is not what they get for it, but what they become because of it." -- John Ruskin

WHAT'S ON @ THE PLACE

- Free activities for the children to enjoy during the January school holidays

A variety of activities are planned for children and carers, which are suitable for all ages. All events are free - no bookings required.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 - 31 January, 11.00am and 1.00pm

Add to our mural based on *Maui and the Big Fish* by Barbara Ker Wilson and Frané Lessac.

Tuesday 24 January, 11.00am

Meet the illustrator, Frané Lessac.

Come and enjoy family storytime each Wednesday at 11.00am.



BABY RHYME TIME

Baby Rhyme Time is happening at The Place on Tuesdays at 10.30am.

Join in with your baby for a fun-filled time with Sam as you discover and enjoy songs, rhymes and stories.

Karalundi Community visit The Place



Recently The Place hosted a group of very special visitors. The group was from the Karalundi community. This community is about 60kms from Meekatharra (about 10hrs by bus from Perth) and they have been receiving Better Beginnings resources for nearly two years. Thanks to this relationship we were able to arrange with the teachers to bring the kids to have a look around the State Library (including an all access backstage tour) and have a chat with the parents and kids about some of the resources and services that the State Library offers. The visit was a tremendous success. CEO and State Librarian, Margaret Allen, met the group and handed out very special State Library cards to each child.

The kids loved the tour and many of them had never actually been in an elevator – you can imagine the reaction when we rode down in the glass elevator.

They will be able to use their cards to access some of our resources from Karalundi, particularly TumbleBooks, Busythings and Intrepica.

New additions to our collections for family historians

O’Kief, Coshe Mang, Slieve Lougher, and Upper Blackwater in Ireland by Albert Eugene Casey and Thomas Eugene P. Dowling. This sixteen-volume set has recently been added to the Genealogy Centre collection.

The set comprises historical biographical and genealogical items relating to:

- All of Ireland, 3100 BC - 1499 AD.
- Counties of Cork & Kerry, 1500-1799 AD.
- North Cork & East Kerry, 1800-1922.
- Historical and topographical notes, etc, on Buttevant, Castletownroche, Doneraile, Mallow, and places in their vicinity (North Cork Baronies of: Fermoy, Duhallow, Orrery & Kilmore, Condons & Clangibbon.).
- Baptisms, marriages and deaths, Barony of Duhallow. Baptisms, marriages and deaths of Duhallow and Magunihy and distribution of surnames.

These volumes include baptism, marriage and death records not available online and are an invaluable source of information for family history researchers interested in these Counties. An index volume is also available.

Nineteenth Century US Newspapers

Many families were broken up when they emigrated from Europe during the nineteenth century. Some family members may have travelled to Australia or New Zealand while others ended up in North America. Those researchers who have explored the State Library’s subscription to *Nineteenth Century British Newspapers*, and found evidence of the lives of their ancestors, will be aware of the value of newspapers to find out more about their families.

With digital facsimile images of both full pages and clipped articles for hundreds of 19th century US newspapers and advanced searching capabilities, researchers will be able to research history in ways previously unavailable. For each issue, the newspaper is captured from cover-to-cover, providing access to every article, advertisement and illustration. This valuable new database is available from home for registered SLWA members.

To access these new resources, go to the SLWA home page at www.slwa.wa.gov.au and click *How Do I Find e-Resources*, then *e-Resources at Home for SLWA Members*.

MyLanguage Relaunch

After six years of operation, MyLanguage, a web portal to multilingual information resources for new and emergent Australian communities, was relaunched in Adelaide at the Federation of Ethnic Communities Council of Australia (FECCA) conference on Friday 18 November 2011.

MyLanguage reflects Australia's position as one of the most multicultural countries on earth and seeks to simplify access to important online information resources for a culturally and linguistically diverse population.

The new portal provides clear links to multilingual search engines, web directories, government websites, online dictionaries, and syndicated news headlines. It also contains translations of online government and community information relating to health, legal issues, settlement, education and public libraries along with information on multilingual library collections around Australia.

MyLanguage is a joint partnership between the State Libraries of Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia; Public Libraries Services South Australia, the Northern Territory Library and Libraries ACT.

Visit the MyLanguage website at www.mylanguage.gov.au



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Information, language and culture

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Information in over 65 community languages;
Translations of health, legal, settlement, education and library information;
Tools for creating new resources;
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New Rebecca Cool artwork acquisition

The latest Rebecca Cool artwork is the second acquired from this artist by the State Library. The library previously purchased *This is the Wind*, a mixed media work on canvas which featured in the book *Isabella's Garden* (illustrated by Rebecca Cool and written by Glenda Millard). *Isabella's Garden* has won or been shortlisted for several industry awards and was listed as a 2010 CBCA Honour Book in the Picture Book category.

In 2012, the State Library will include *Isabella's Garden* in the Better Beginnings family literacy program for children starting kindergarten and pre-school. The book has lyrical text and beautiful illustrations capturing the changing seasons, and provides fine examples of Rebecca Cool's work.

As part of Better Beginnings children will receive a full colour poster featuring one of Rebecca's illustrations, and schools participating in the program will receive a Teachers' Guide with lesson plans and activities designed to encourage children to create their own works of art.

Rebecca Cool and Glenda Millard reignited their successful partnership to create another book called *For All Creatures*, a celebration of life in all forms. The State Library purchased an original illustration from this book called *Frogs and Snails*, a large bright work in acrylic and fabric on canvas.

Meet Search and Rescue: the State Library's new information kiosks on the ground floor

The kiosks are designed to help people navigate the library when staff are busy. We are interested in your feedback. Please fill in the Client Feedback Form (available at the Welcome Desk), reply to the State Library on **Twitter @statelibrarywa** or send a message to the library's Facebook page to let us know what you think of them.



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