

# At the State Library

## EXHIBITION

From Papers to PCs: the story of the media in Western Australia



Some of the images featured in the exhibition (from the State Library's pictorial collection)

The State Library of Western Australia, in partnership with Curtin University, presents an exhibition on the history of the media in Western Australia. The exhibition will highlight the various forms of media which have entertained, enriched and enlightened the lives of Western Australians since Foundation in 1829.

*From Papers to PCs: the story of the media in Western Australia* tells the story of newspapers, telegraph, cinema, radio, television and now the internet and the impact they

have made on the lives of everyday Western Australians over the years. Using material from the State Library of Western Australia, in particular the Sir James Cruthers Archives, and material borrowed from organisations such as the Western Australia Museum and TVW Channel 7, it is hoped visitors to the exhibition will be engaged in this most interesting chapter in the Western Australian story.

**When:** 27 October 2011 until 15 January 2012  
**Where:** The Gallery, Ground floor

October- December 2011

## STATE LIBRARY OPENING HOURS Christmas 2011 / New Year 2012

Saturday 24 December	closed
Sunday 25 December	closed
Monday 26 December	closed
Tuesday 27 December	closed

Open (reduced hours only)

Wednesday 28 December	10.00am - 5.30pm
Thursday 29 December	10.00am - 5.30pm
Friday 30 December	10.00am - 5.30pm

Saturday 31 December	closed
Sunday 1 January	closed
Monday 2 January	closed

Normal library hours resume on Tuesday 3 January.



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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	

## COMMONWEALTH FESTIVAL EVENTS

The State Library of Western Australia will be central to the happenings of the Commonwealth Festival, which coincides with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Perth. Stories from around the Commonwealth will come to life in the State Library Theatre and on the new Perth Cultural Centre LED Screen during the free film series, including *How to Start Your Own Country* – a hilarious documentary featuring Western Australia's Prince Leonard from the Hutt River Province.

The Perth Cultural Centre that surrounds the Library will be transformed into the People's Space, the heart of the Festival where there will be live music, markets, multicultural food, displays by the Commonwealth organisations, exhibitions and street theatre. These are family friendly events which will celebrate the people and culture of the Commonwealth.

For more details of the events, connect online with the Commonwealth Festival for program updates, video highlights and photos taken at the Festival:

[commonwealthfestival.com](http://commonwealthfestival.com)  
[twitter.com/commfestperth](https://twitter.com/commfestperth)  
[flickr.com/commonwealthfestivalperth](https://www.flickr.com/photos/commonwealthfestivalperth/)  
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## FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP

### Australian Joint Copying Project: what it is and where to start

Want to get your hands on documents hidden away in archives in the UK? You may be surprised to learn that some of them are available on microfilm right here at the State Library. FREE - no bookings required.

**When:** Wednesday 2 November, 2.00pm – 3.30pm  
**Where:** Northwest Room, 2nd floor



Wednesday 30 November  
to Saturday 3 December

## WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PREMIER'S BOOK AWARDS



Culture and the Arts Minister John Day MLA and Kim Scott.

The Minister presented the \$25,000 Premier's Prize to Kim Scott for his fiction novel, *That Deadman Dance*. Kim was present to accept the Award and to read an excerpt from his winning novel.

Mr Day said, "The Premier's Book Awards have a long and proud history and they are evolving with a record number of entries received and two additional award categories established."

The Minister congratulated the winners and acknowledged each shortlisted author for their contributions to the richness and diversity of our literary culture. "The Premier's Book Awards are a celebration of the industry's creativity, hard work and talent," Mr Day said.

For the full list of winners go to [www.slwa.wa.gov.au/about\\_us/premiers\\_book\\_awards](http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/about_us/premiers_book_awards)

## AUTHORS AT THE STATE LIBRARY

### Hugh Mackay

#### What makes us tick? the ten desires that drive us

Hugh Mackay has been making notes and taking the pulse of the Australian psyche for several decades now. His latest book illuminates how our desires, such as "being taken seriously", and "a place to call home" are linked to personal identity and relationship satisfaction.

Copies of Hugh's books will be available for sale and signing on the day.

**When:** Monday 7 November,  
5.45pm for 6.00pm start  
**Where:** State Library Theatre

FREE, but bookings are essential: (08) 9427 3111



## WHAT'S ON @ THE PLACE

- Looking for free activities for the children to enjoy during the December and 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.
- **Friday 16 December, 11.00am**  
Special Family Storytime.
- **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-24 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.



### Meet our youngest State Library member!

James is nine weeks old and has started his lifetime of library membership with a State Library card. Like 120,000 babies around the state, his mother Eugenie received a free gift book in a Better Beginnings pack from her community child health nurse.

Mother and son visited The Place recently and borrowed several board books so that Eugenie can read aloud to him every day. James

is looking forward to coming to story and rhyme programs at the State Library, once he doesn't need to sleep so much!

For more information: [www.better-beginnings.com.au](http://www.better-beginnings.com.au).

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

### Recent Acquisitions



One of Frané Lessac's illustrations for *Maui and the Big Fish*

The State Library's Liaison, Access and Description (LAD) Team have been working on a number of acquisitions of works by Australian children's authors and illustrators for the Peter Williams Collection.

Purchased recently are the drawings and manuscripts of Patricia Mullins's book *A Crash of Rhinos*, a mixed media illustrated book of traditional and made-up collective nouns. This imaginative and entertaining book will delight both children and adult readers as it is funny and quirky. This collection includes 19 illustrations from the book.

The second collection is Frané Lessac's illustrations from *Maui and the Big Fish* written by Barbara Ker Wilson. These gouache-on-paper illustrations illustrate the Polynesian creation myth of how Maui grows up learning magic. Frané is married to local author Mark Greenwood and they have collaborated on a number of books.

In tandem with the acquisition of Patricia Mullins's artwork, *A Crash of Rhinos* and *Isabella's Garden* by Glenda Millard and Rebecca Cool will be two new titles in the 2012 Better Beginnings Family Literacy Program. They will be delivered to thousands of four- and five-year-old children statewide by libraries and schools.

## Odd items seen in the PLC Junior School Library



Recently the State Library's Education Officer Jocelyne visited the students at PLC to talk to them about **The Odditorem** exhibition, a small selection of items from the Powerhouse Museum's collection which WA Author Shaun Tan imagined having alternative purposes.



The students had been curating their own Odditorem by collecting many interesting items from around their homes. It is surprising what creative concepts and ideas the students had for the items.



## National Year of Reading 2012



Shortlisted authors Kim Scott and Craig Silvey

## NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2012

### 'Our Story' National Book Club

2012 is Australia's National Year of Reading – a chance for everyone to discover or rediscover the joy of reading. The first national program to kick-start the year is 'Our Story', which gives everyone the opportunity to vote for the book they think should represent their state or territory as one of the eight nationally-recommended reading list.

Margaret Allen, chair of the National Year of Reading founders and CEO/State Librarian of WA, explains, "For 2012, we're creating a collection of books which, read together, describe the Australian experience. We're hoping that thousands of readers will take a journey around Australia through the pages of these eight books and come out of it with an even greater depth of understanding about what it means to be Australian."

The list of eight winning titles will be announced at the National Year of Reading campaign launch on 14 February 2012. From 1 November 2011, existing book groups, new groups and individual readers can go online and register at [TheReadingRoom.com](http://TheReadingRoom.com) to join in the discussion about the shortlist and then the final eight books the nation has chosen.

The shortlisted titles for Western Australia are:

Elizabeth Jolley, *The Newspaper of Claremont Street*  
Sally Morgan, *My Place*  
Howard Pederson & Banjo Woorunmurra, *Jandamarra and the Bunuba Resistance*  
Kim Scott, *True Country*  
Craig Silvey, *Jasper Jones*  
Tim Winton, *Cloudstreet*

What's your favourite? Vote online from 1 November 2011 at [www.abc.net.au/yearofreading](http://www.abc.net.au/yearofreading)

## SENIORS' WEEK ACTIVITIES

6- 13 November 2011



2011 celebrates the 26th anniversary of Seniors Weeks in WA and the theme is "Setting the trend". Once again the State Library is pleased to participate in this community event.

The State Library Shop is giving a 10% discount on new book stock purchased during Seniors' Week – please show your Seniors Card to receive this offer.

### Monday 7 November

#### Your Library @ Work: behind the scenes at the State Library

Join us for a tour and discover what goes on behind our closed doors.

**When:** 11.00am – 12 noon

**Where:** Meet at the Welcome Desk. Booking essential.

### Tuesday 8 November

#### Treasures of the Battye Library

Join Battye subject specialist Steve Howell and discover treasures from the Western Australian collection.

**When:** 10.30am – 11.30am

**Where:** Geographe Room, Ground floor. Bookings essential.

### Wednesday 9 November

#### Seniors Week Concert – From Lehar to Les Mis

Penelope Reynolds (Soprano) and Tommaso Pollio (Piano) will present a selection of songs from musicals and light classics.

**When:** 10.30am – 11.30am

**Where:** State Library Theatre. Bookings recommended.

#### Film Matinee: Vivian Bullwinkel

A great Australian of the 20th century, Vivian Bullwinkel lived life to the full; as a World War II nursing sister, a POW survivor, and a beloved matron.

**When:** 12.30pm – 1.30pm

**Where:** State Library Theatre. Bookings not required.

### Thursday 10 November

#### Your Library@Work: behind the scenes at the State Library

Join us for a tour and discover what goes on behind our closed doors.

**When:** 1.30pm – 2.30pm

**Where:** Meet at the Welcome Desk. Bookings essential.

Enquiries and bookings: 9427 3111.

All sessions are free.



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