

BLIC Blurb

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OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide a dynamic service to our diverse clientele. We aim to meet and anticipate their needs by giving outstanding customer service which reflects the educational, cultural, technological and lifelong learning needs of our community.

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Hello readers !

Welcome to the Autumn Edition of the BLIC BLURB ! Full of plenty of reading to mull over as the temperature cools.



We love our Library !

Library Lovers Week was held in February, with heart shaped chocolates given out to customers and free entry to our raffle.. Guess the chocolates in the jar ??? The lucky winner was..... Bert Kerkhof. Bert guessed the closest with an estimate of 66 chocolates. 67 was the amount in the jar.

How close were you ?



NEW LIBRARY WEBSITE

We are especially pleased to have launched our new look library website, although some of it is still under construction. This places us in a good position for when we transition to the one card system being implemented in public libraries throughout the state. We are busy preparing for this event planned for us in October 2013. You can view our new website at www.berribarmeralibrary.org.au or simply scan the QR code below. We welcome your feedback!!



A PLACE FOR ALL Your local library !

Libraries as well as being invigorating, can also be a place of great relaxation !!

Pictured, one of our younger customers, all tuckered out from Children's Activity !



GET SAVVY IT WORKSHOPS held March—April 2013

Using eBay for the first time

Peter Ison, Berri Library

Online Safety and security
focusing on scams, identity
fraud/theft and safe internet
practices

Tony Vowles, Senior Consta-
ble, SA Police

Learn to make a Video

Postcard, Pt 1

Daniel Schmidt, ABC Open Producer

Basic Facebook :

What first time users need to know

Hanah Garoufalas, Berri Library

Learn to make A Video Postcard

Pt 2

Daniel Schmidt, ABC Open
Producer

Berri Library Manager Peter Ison ,
commented, that due to the sessions popularity,
the library was already planning to run sessions
on ipads and using the new SA Public Libraries
Overdrive Service that allows users free
borrowing of ebooks and audio books on their
own e-book readers, smartphones and tablets.
To find out the dates and times for the remaining
sessions and for information on any new sessions
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readers with titles
suitable
for teenagers.



Peter Ison introducing the very
popular ebay session.

HAVE YOU TRIED OUR AUDIO BOOKS ???



Great for long distance driving, just insert the disc in your CD player and listen to a story on the way to your destination.

We have titles for everyone, including children !
(A good way of making a long trip bearable and not so many catch cries of)

“Are we there yet ?? “

We also have some tapes still available in our collection if customers are more confident with their tape-recorders. !!

ADULT AUDIO BOOKS

Sherlock Holmes by Arthur

Conan Doyle

Jack Reacher, One Shot by Lee Child

Ghost Knight by Cornelia Funke

Midnight Rider by Diana Palmer

The Racketeer by John Grisham

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy the complete radio series by Douglas Adams

The Colombus Affair by Steve Berry



CHILDREN'S AUDIO BOOKS

Deadly by Morris Gleitzman and Paul Jennings

The Sarah Jane Adventures by Martin Day

The Vikings by David Angus

The Outcasts by John Flanagan

Thomas & Friends :



The Great Discovery



BERRI LIBRARY : POPULAR TITLES

TOP 10 FICTION

Capital Punishment by Robert Wilson

Private Berlin by James Patterson

Dead Man's Land by Robert Ryan

The Secret Keeper by Kate Morton

Foal's Bread by Gillian Meares

Lighthouse Bay by Kimberley Freeman

Absolution Creek by Nicole Alexander

House at Salvation Creek by Susan Duncan

Jack of Diamonds by Bryce Courtenay

Private Oz by James Patterson

TOP 10 DVDs

The Sapphires

Ice Age 4 : Continental Drift

Upstairs, downstairs series 2

Ted

Total Recall

Captain Thunder and the Holy Grail

The Walking Dead

Looper

Fist of the Warrior

Downton Abbey Series Three



Easter at the Library was really hopping..... Children's Activity fun !

NEW ITEMS

ADULT FICTION

Snow White must die by Nele Neuhaus
The Husband List by Janet Evanovich
Dead man's land by Robert Ryan
How to be a good wife by Emma Chapman
Two Graves by Douglas Preston
Fifty bales of hay by Racheael Treasure
The Rainbow Troops by Andrea Hirata
The Winding Road by Cyntrhia Harrod-Eagles
Amber Road by Boyd Anderson

30 New Westerns (hard covers) Just arrived !!



ADULT NON-FICTION

The Nullarbor Kid : stories from my trucking life
by Ray Gillelamnd
The Stig : the untold story by Simon Du
Beaumarche
5000 Plants by Angus Stewart
The Beatles Graphic by Herve Bourhis
Hero Dogs : secret missions and selfless service by
Lance M Bacon
Growing up in Adelaide in the 1950s edited by
Susan Blackburn
iPhone 5 by Lynn Beighley
From Trash to Treasure by Judith Miller

LARGE PRINT

Ask the Parrot by Richard Stark
Vienna Blood by Frank Tallis
Mr. Midshipman Fury by G.S Beard
Resistance by Owen Shears
The Sisterhood by Emily Barr
All Because of You by Melissa Hill
Deaf Sentence by David Lodge
The last Pleasure Garden by Lee Jackson



DVDs

Death in Paradise
Total Recall
The Watch
New Tricks Series 9
William & Mary Series 1 & 2
The Fifth Commandment
Ben Stiller Collection
Medium the second season
Captain America
Fine Things (Danielle Steel)



TEENAGE FICTION

How to keep a Boy from kissing you by Tara
Eglington
The Warlock's Shadow by Stephen Deas
Memoirs of an imaginary friend by Matthew Green
The Academie by Susanne Dunlap
Faery Tales & Nightmares by Melissa Marr
Colin Fischer by Ashley Edward Miller
Alex as well by Alyssa Brugman
Between the lines by Tammara Webber

CHILDREN'S

The Fairies Encyclopedia by Disney
Super Heroes Storybook Collection
The Giant's Loo Roll by Nicholas Allan
Fancy Nancy : Too many Tutus by Jane O'Connor
Middle School the Worst Years of
my Life by James Patterson
The Lego Adventure Book by
Megan Rothrock
A small ferret wrote this book by
Rebecca Elliot



FIRST TUESDAY BOOK CLUB Celebrating Great Australian Reading !



The ABC First Tuesday Book Club's Jennifer Byrne was a terrific supporter of the National Year of Reading 2012 and, in the last program of the series, on 4th December, she announced the

“10 Aussie Books you should read before you die”

1. Cloudstreet by Tim Winton
2. The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
3. A Fortunate Life by A.C. Facey
4. The Harp in the South by Ruth Park
5. The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay
6. Jasper Jones by Craig Silvey
7. The Magic Pudding by Norman Lindsay
8. The Slap by Christos Tsiolkas
- 9.. The Secret River by Kate Grenville
10. Picnic at Hanging Rock by Joan Lindsay



So there's a challenge !!

HISTORY OF GLASSEY PARK

In November last year, Jacque attended OLOR School for History students to present their work on Glassey Park. Years 4-7 had been doing some great research on the history of Glassey Park and were able to present their work as Power Point Presentations on a screen. They have done a wonderful job in researching the property, who it was named after and of course the history of the building of Glassey Park. The completed resources are now available in the Berri Barmera Local History Collection.

Great work OLOR!





The Convent

by Maureen McCarthy

Peach (real name *Perpetu*) is a teenage university student who works at the Convent Cafe. She is drawn to the old building (the former *Abbotsford Convent*) which has undergone renovations and is now comprised of an artists' studio space, boutique stores and a cafe. The young student, who is adopted, is unaware of the significance of The Abbotsford Convent in her life until she receives a letter from her biological grandmother Ellen whom she has never met.

McCarthy traces Peach's female ancestors' journey through life and explores the connection between them and the Abbotsford Convent. Their stories reveal how Sadie (Peach's great grandmother) was declared an unfit mother in 1915 after her husband left her. Her daughter Ellen (Peach's grandmother) was taken from her and raised in the Abbotsford Convent, she later married and her daughter Cecilia (Peach's mother) chose to pledge her life as a nun in the enclosed order within the Abbotsford Convent. Cecilia (Peach's mother) later leaves the Convent and gives birth to Peach who is adopted out. Detailed aspects of these women's lives and their hopes, dreams and regrets are told in alternating chapters.

It is an emotional time for Peach as she struggles to accept the information about her past conveyed to her in the letter and to also cope with events occurring in her life at present.

The Convent has an interesting story structure of alternating chapters and the themes of family relationships, love, adoption and religion give this book a HUGE amount of appeal to females from young adult to the more mature woman.



***The Light between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman**

M.L. Stedman has written a captivating first novel. The evocative setting on a light house island off the coast of Western Australia sets the scene for an intriguing drama where decisions made in a moment, lead to tragic and devastating consequences for the characters and those living in the coastal township of Partageuse.

Tom Sherbourne has returned from the war physically unscathed but the churning memories remain of his time in the trenches and of the men who died there. He is a strong, quiet man who is looking for release and a new start. A position as lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock seems like a Godsend to him. This windswept, isolated island offers Tom the ideal place to recoup and build a new life. Isabel lives in Partageuse with her parents. The two are drawn to each other after a chance meeting and despite a ten year age difference, they marry and move to the Rock. They love their years on the island but tragic events alter the course of their lives forever. The author explores through her characters, how the decisions that we make have wide reaching effects and can cause heartbreak and misery for those around us.

Cont.....

The Light between Oceans cont.....

It is a well constructed and interesting story that captures a time in our history when people's lives have been turned upside down and everyone has had to make adjustments. Stedman's study of decisions we make based on our emotional responses to the events in our lives, provides a strong basis for this book and alludes to our human frailties and vulnerability.



Fool's Bread by Gillian Mears

This story is set in New South Wales before the Second World War.

Noah, the girl with the biblical name, has fine riding skills and is noticed at a country show by Roley Nancarrow when she is attempting to jump a horse over a 6ft jump. From then on Roley and Noah attend all the shows in the area and become a formidable team winning many a show jumping competition, in fact they mesmerise the judges with their style and outstanding ability. It is not long before they form another type of team and decide to get married.

When their daughter Lainey is born, she shows she is bound to follow in her mother's footsteps, she is strong and resilient. Farm life is hard but the couple continue to share a love of riding and show jumping until one day when Roley is riding home on his horse Gurlie, he is hit by a bolt of lightning. This is not the first time that this has happened and Roley's body suffers.

The couple are pleased when they discover an addition to the family is on the way however their joy is short-lived, their son George is born with developmental difficulties. Over time Roley experiences difficulty walking and his limbs do not always do what he wants them to, his body deteriorates further until he is bedridden. Noah copes alone with life on the farm, a disabled husband and a child who is slow to develop, in her own way. Just what happens to the family I cannot fully reveal!!

This story conveys a love of horses and horse riding but it also does much more than that, it is about family relationships, living in a harsh outback environment and resilience.

Fool's Bread is an award winning book; the quality of the writing is just superb!!

Remember to listen to ABC Book Reviews, Thursday mornings !



SUMMER READING CLUB

Every child registered online with the Summer Reading Club automatically entered in to a free draw to win one of eight ipods, one for each state.

Berri /Barmera library customer, Cameron Hill was lucky enough to win South Australia's ipod sponsored by Encyclopaedia Britannia and the Queensland State Library.

"Congratulations and well done Cameron !"



CONGRATULATIONS YOUNG AUTHOR !

Congratulations to another Berri/Barmera customer, Ada Walladge who is an author at the tender age of fourteen ! After entering National Reading Competition, Ada won the right to have five copies of her short novel published. We have purchased a copy of Ada's book titled "Hearts Fire" and is available for loan now !



Remember CHILDREN'S TERM TIME ACTIVITIES Thursdays 9:30 am (Song, book and craft) Suitable for all pre-schoolers !



Fun times
with holiday craft
January
2013



Thought for the day

*Winter is an etching, spring a watercolour,
summer an oil painting and autumn
a mosaic of them all.*

Stanley Horowitz

