

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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WELCOME to the Mid -Year BLIC Blurb !

You may have noticed a few changes in the library this year, these are just a few.....

- ♦ new look window signs
- ♦ revamp of children's area,
- ♦ brightly coloured walls
- ♦ new shelving
- ♦ and also a new staff member !



WELCOME HEATHER !

Heather has brought with her lots of experience and skills from our sister library, Barmera. Please say hello and make her feel welcome on your next visit. Heather is married with two children and a dog called " Jesse ".

RIVERLAND LIBRARIES



THE BIG BOOK SALE

1st JULY Berri Town Hall

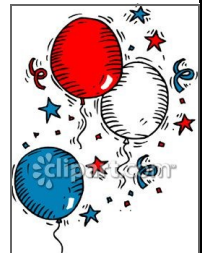
10am—3pm

Come & grab a bargain or 2 or 3 or more !!

CELEBRATING

AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WEEK

20th-26th May 2012



Events held during the week.....

All day every day morning tea

- ♦ Free Raffle for borrowers
- ♦ Tuesday- Special Author Evening with Kristin Weidenbach.
- ♦ Thursday- Celebrity Librarians for a day:

Trevor Chapple, Councillor

Karyn Burton , Relieving CEO

Tim Whetstone, MP

Peter Hunt, Mayor

Sally Langdon, TAFE Lecturer

Trevor Scott, Radio 5RM

Hayley Ramsay & Chris Mueller, Magic FM

Olivia Sully & Nathan Scadden GHS Head

Prefects

Matthew (Doc) Clifford, Riverland Super

Sportsman



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A very successful **MEET and HEAR Evening**
held recently
on Tuesday 22nd May
Guest Speaker
Kristin Weidenbach
author
of
Mailman of the Birdsville Track :
the story of Tom Kruse
&
Rock Star : the story of Reg Sprigg
-an outback legend



Peter Ison, Library Manager introducing Kristin Wiedenbach to the audience.



Kristin kept her audience interested with many insights from her book.



Kristin with Konrad & Jack Duffin proudly displaying their copy of *Tom the outback mailman*.



Peter Ison, Library Manager presenting Gill Rickard with her lucky chair prize, a copy of *Mailman of the Birdsville Track: the story of Tom Kruse*.



Kristin signing books for our former Teacher Librarian, Judy Strachan & Pam Rivers.



Enjoying the evening were the Renmark contingent , Noelle Tolley, Pam Pearce, Ian Tolley & Rhonda Taylor.

SNAPSHOTS



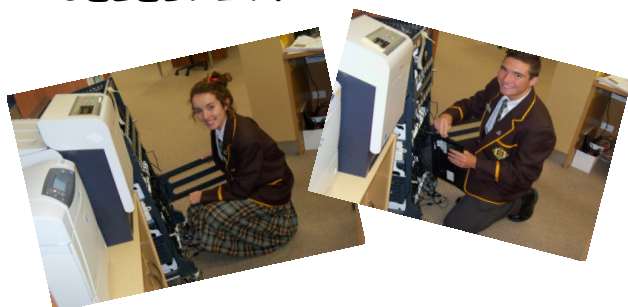
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OUR



CELEBRITY



LIBRARIANS



LIBRARY WEEK

RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the prize winners !

1st Prize

Kimberley Yates of Berri



2nd Prize.....

Won by Peter Pipinis of Berri



Children's Prize Winner.....

Shania Bee of Berri



STORYTIME

&

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

Each Thursday term time

9:30am

for children 0-5 years

Dads & children having fun & making something special for Mum for Mother's Day.



NEW ITEMS

Warm up in Winter
Snuggle up with a good book !!

ADULT FICTION

Come Home by Lisa Scottoline
Jenny's War by Margaret Dickinson
Sherlock Holmes & the Rune Stone Mystery
Dead Heat by Bronwyn Parry
The Professionals by Owen Laukkanen
Guilty Wives by James Patterson
The Survivor by Gregg Hurwitz
Fall from Grace by Richard North Patterson
Death comes to Pemberley by P.D James
The Thief by Clive Cussler
Prodigal Father Pagan Son by Anthony Menginie



ADULT NON-FICTION

Aussie Heroes : Professor Fred Hollows by Hazel Edwards
Photoshop Elements 10 in easy steps
Train your Brain to get rich quick by Theresa Aubele
Love not Smoking by Professor Karen Pine
Coming through Depression by Tony Bates
Comfort Food by Gary Mehigan.

TEENAGE FICTION

Mountain Wolf by Rosanne Hawke
Divine Clementine by Hayley S Kirk
Days like this by Alison Stewart
Night Beach by Kirstie Eager



DVDs

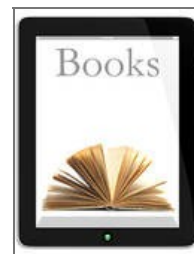
The Alice
Downton Abbey Season Two
Downton Abbey Christmas Edition
Are you being served ? The Movie
Finding Neverland
James May's Man Lab
Tomorrow, when the war began
The Sherlock Holmes Collection
Australia's Greatest Flood



POPULAR TITLES AT THE BERRI LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTRE

TOP 10 ADULT FICTION

The Summons / John Grisham
The King of Torts / John Grisham
The Brethren / John Grisham
Tully / Paullina Simons
The God of Small Things / Arundhati Roy
The Opal Desert / Di Morrissey
Golden Earrings / Belinda Alexandra
Death of Kings / Bernard Cornwell
The Affair : a Reacher novel / Lee Child
Explosive Eighteen / Janet Evanovich



TOP 10 DVDs

The Pillars of the Earth (TV series)
Crime Investigation Australia : families of Crime
The Lincoln Lawyer
Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2
Battle Los Angeles
Pirates of the Caribbean, on stranger tides
Transformers: Dark of the Moon
Red Dog
127 Hours
Underbelly : Razor

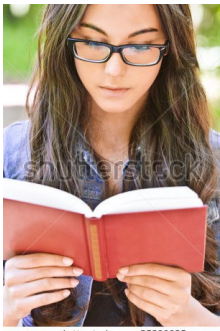


Pictured, our very
own "Aussie" film
"RED DOG"
BYO tissues !!!!
A real tearjerker !!



RECONCILIATION WEEK

Reggie Black with students, Richard Cosgrove, Nathan Scadden & Aiden Rossiter in front of our foyer display as part of Reconciliation Week .



ARE YOU A KEEN READER

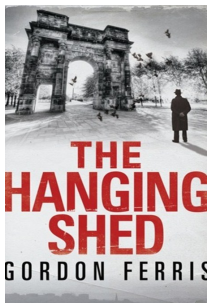
We have a few spaces free in our "First Thursday Bookgroup" which meets on the first Thursday of each month 7-8pm at the Berri Library.

We discuss a different book each month and the occasional movie and dinner nights.

For more details please ring the library on 85952666 and ask for Merridy or Peter.



BOOK REVIEWS



The Hanging Shed by Gordon Ferris

The hanging shed is set in Glasgow in 1946, just after the second world war. Douglas Brodie a returned veteran and now a crime reporter for a London newspaper gets a desperate call from a boyhood friend he has not heard from in years. It seems that Hugh Donovan is on death row in Glasgow for raping and murdering a young boy. Donovan wants Brodie to investigate and find the real murderer, as he maintains his innocence, at least to Brodie.

What's harder to disprove is the evidence which all points to Hugh Donovan being the murderer and probably deserving his trip to the gallows. As Brodie begins his investigation, he teams up with Samantha Campbell, Donovan's advocate, who is in the process of lodging an appeal - but time is short, Donovan is soon to be hanged.

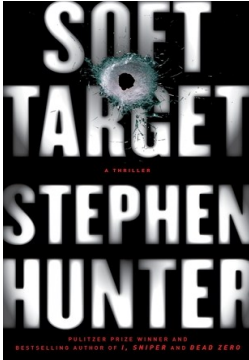
Brodie and Samantha pull out all stops to find any scrap of evidence that will cast doubt on the conviction. Brodie, an ex-policeman in Glasgow before the war, seems to have a knack of getting to the bottom of things and he trawls the mean streets of the Gorbals and the green hills of western Scotland in his search for the truth.

If you are fan of English crime then this is the book for you. I have read some Stuart MacBride, (another Scottish crime writer with a hint of humour in his writing and liked them) now I have found a new crime author to sink my teeth into. I will definitely be reading his earlier books and the new Brodie book when it is released later this year.

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***Soft Target* by Stephen Hunter**

Soft Target is Stephen Hunter's latest thriller, released in December 2011, featuring Ray Cruz, the hero of his previous *Dead Zero* best seller.



Ray Cruz, a retired marine sniper and son of Bob Lee Swagger (the hero of Stephen Hunter's earlier Sniper books) is shopping with his girlfriend in America's largest shopping mall in suburban Minneapolis on Black Friday.

Suddenly gunshots ring out and Santa takes a fall. A group of armed gunmen, part of the *Brigade Mumbai* start shooting indiscriminately at shoppers while herding the majority of them to the shopping centres amusement park. Within minutes they have disabled The Mall security and have more than 1,000 innocent people hostage and at their mercy.

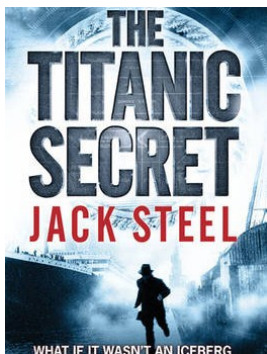
It doesn't take long for the local police and SWAT teams to surround the mall and the FBI moves in to help out. But the authorities are in the dark - all they know is that a group of armed killers has taken lots of hostages in *America, The Mall*, on one of the busiest shopping days of the year. Luckily for them, Ray Cruz is at hand, on the loose inside the mall, although without a gun.

You can bet that Ray won't take this lying down. He thought he was done with killing and war but now he is in the thick of it. It doesn't take long for Ray to get himself a gun and start making a difference. - You'll have to read this book to find out exactly how he does it though!

If you are a fan of the previous Stephen Hunter books you will not want to miss this worthy instalment to the Swagger family's sniper series. If you aren't and you liked the Bruce Willis Die Hard movies, I can guarantee you'll want to read this, it's a great story.

***The Titanic Secret* by Jack Steel**

This is a novel of mystery, conspiracy and adventure in the spirit of Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*. This book was published to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Titanic on April 15th, 1912.



The story starts in Berlin in early 1912 when British Intelligence find out through an informer that a conspiracy exists to lure Britain in to a war. The head of Intelligence, Maitland Cummings dispatches 2 highly trained agents, Alex Tremayne and Maria Weston on to the Titanic to ensure that the three pivotal figures in the conspiracy do not reach American shores alive.

What lengths are the British prepared to go to prevent a war?



Thought for the day ..

"The palest ink is better than the best memory"

Chinese Proverb

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