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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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SPRING HAS SPRUNG !!

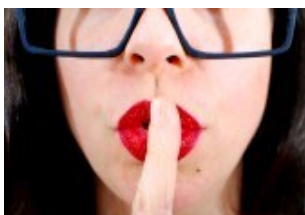


Welcome to our spring issue !

Come in and stock up on some great reading material,

the spring cleaning can wait !

Remember to stay tuned to ABC radio on Thursday mornings to listen to some of our Riverland librarians share their book reviews.



SSH !!

The book that everyone's talking about ??????

"Fifty Shades of Grey" by E.L. James is an erotic novel, set in Seattle. This is the first book of a trilogy, we stock all three, so come in and add your name to the reserve list. It's also available on our Kindles (eBook readers). Don't miss out on reading one of the most controversial books of our times !!



**National
Year of
Reading
2012**

William McInnes
PATRON of the
National Year of
Reading



This is what William McInnes said about his appointment as patron.....

Being asked to be Patron of the National Year of Reading is as great a pleasure as it is an honor. It's easy to be blasé about reading and books - easy to take them for granted. Yet when I think about it, reading to me is the key to so much. The key to a wider reach of information, a path to learning, the joy of entertainment and the exciting of the imagination. It's just so much fun. Helping to encourage people to remember that and maybe to discover that, is something I look forward to very much.

William McInnes



LOCAL HISTORY

These titles are now available in our Local History Collection, but not for loan.

- ♦ Tracing your ancestors from 1066 to 1837 : a guide for family historians by Jonathan Oates
- ♦ Protect your precious documents by Louise St Denis
- ♦ SA Convicts sentenced to transportation 1837-1851 by Graham Jaunay
- ♦ Researching South Australian military ancestors by Graham Jaunay
- ♦ Ships from Scotland to Australasia 1820-1860 by David Dobson
- ♦ Migrant ships to Australia and New Zealand 1900-1939 by Peter Plowman
- ♦ South Australian Newspaper Obituaries 1836-1900 (computer disc)
- ♦ Emigration to South Australia 1853 : Passenger lists and notices (computer disc)
- ♦ Unregistered deaths in South Australia from July 1842 (computer disc)



JUST IN ! NEW RSL BOOKS

The Battle for Lone Pine by David W. Cameron
The Story of Billy Young by Anthony Hill
Digger's Story by David Barrett Richardson
**Don't forget to come in and spend some time
browsing through our wonderful RSL Collection !**

The Riverland "BIG" Book Sale



Before the rush !!



Doors open.....

The crowd.....



A very popular and successful book sale was held in the Berri Town Hall from 10am till 3pm on a very cold Sunday in July.

Over \$4000 was raised to go back into buying new library books and resources. Thanks to all of you for supporting our sale, also a very special thank you to all the workers on the day and behind the scenes, getting prepared, setting up and packing up.

Well done !

Our "Cool 4 Kids" Concert

This concert held in the July holidays, proved to be very popular with the children especially with the Olympic theme and a special appearance by "Cool Bear" !



"Cool Bear" joins in !



The games !



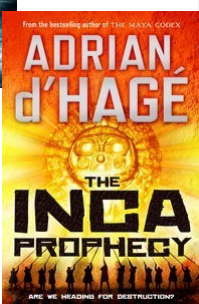
The flags !



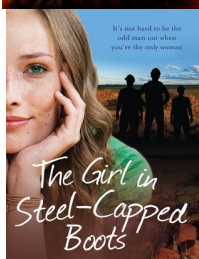
Come in pick up your free guide !

For the first time, all the books in this years guide are Australian, hand-picked by Australian booksellers, authors, publishers and readers.

Here are just a few you can select from.....



KATHY LETTE



*** REMEMBER ***

Storytime

&

Children's Activity

Each Thursday

term time - 9:30 am

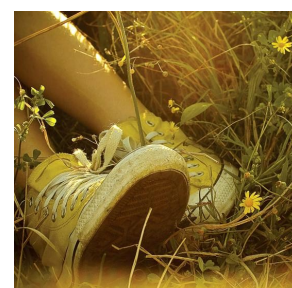
for children 0-5 years

All welcome !

Plus

School Holiday Activities

coming up 2:30 pm Thursdays



NEW ITEMS

Lose yourself in a good book !

ADULT FICTION

The Watch Tower by Elizabeth Harrower
 War Lord by David Rollins
 The Mandrake File by Cedric Bannel
 Another Brick in the Wall by Stefan Raicu
 Afraid to Die by Lisa Jackson
 The Jane Austen Marriage Manual by Kim Izzo
 The Cleverness of Ladies by Alexander McCall Smith

ADULT NON-FICTION

Cooking in 10 20 30 40 minutes by Australian Women's Weekly
 Lantern Cookery Classics by Maggie Beer
 The Chamberlain Case by Ken Crispin
 The Complete Idiot's Guide to Google by Michael Miller
 The Contented Chook by Gardening Australia
 Type 2 Diabetes for Dummies by Lesley Campbell
 Explore Australia by Camping around SA

We welcome a new magazine to the shelves !!

SAGardens

Spring/Summer 2012.



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Great news !! NEW LARGE PRINT

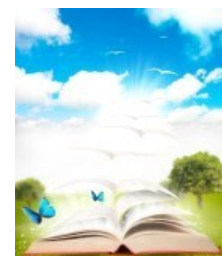
Runaway bride by Barbara Hannay
 The winter of Frankie Machine by Don Winslow
 The night gardener by George Pelecanos
 Wicked business by Janet Evanovich
 The Castlemaine murders by Kerry Greenwood
 The Patriot's club by Christopher Reich
 Hot to trot by Lou Wakefield

Also there's lots of fantastic new children's books for that "small" person in your life !!

BERRI LIBRARY : POPULAR TITLES

TOP 10 ADULT FICTION

Far from Home by Anne Bennett
 The Lost Years by Mary Higgins Clark
 A Skirmish in Africa by Daryl Sahli
 Flesh and Blood by Mark Peterson
 Holy City by Guillermo Orsi
 The Switch by Sandra Brown
 Blackwater Creek by Geoffrey McGeachin
 Liar Moon by Ben Pastor
 Jackal's Revenge by Iain Gale
 The Light between the Oceans by M.L Stedman



TOP 10 DVDS

Against the Dark
 12 Monkeys
 Armadillo
 Grand Designs: series 9
 Step Up
 Land Girls: series 1
 Mission Impossible : Ghost Protocol
 Return to House on Haunted Hill
 American Gangster
 Crouching tiger, Hidden dragon



Just in time for the warmer weather approaching and a great enticement to freshen your garden and outside living area.
 Roll on the sun !!

DVDs

War Horse
 Texas Killing Field
 Jack and Jill
 Upstairs Downstairs
 The decoy bride
 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries: series 1

Stalag 17
 Single father
 Downfall
 The vow
 Angel Baby



BOOK REVIEWS

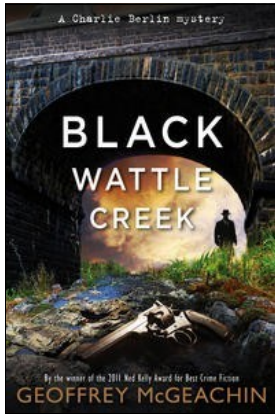


"Blackwattle Creek" by Geoffrey McGeachin

This is a follow-up to the greatly acclaimed *Digger's Rest Hotel* by Geoffrey McGeachin. Charlie Berlin is the war damaged ex-Lancaster bomber pilot who returned to policing after the war finished. It is now 1957, 10 years since his first adventure at the Diggers Rest Hotel and Charlie's detective career has stalled, he is relegated to investigating Melbourne's missing person cases. The story begins with Charlie starting a well-deserved 1 weeks leave, and he intends to put it to good use by building his wife a dark room in their Pascoe Vale backyard. Before he gets started though, his wife has asked him to do her a favour and help a recently bereaved friend who had just buried her husband. This he does but one thing leads to another and before you know it, Charlie's world is in danger of collapsing around him.

The thing that this author does really well is describe everyday Australian life in Melbourne during the late fifties. It is a joy to read about fish and chips being wrapped in newspaper, Ford Zephyr cars, buying mixed lollies for the kids at the local milk bar (milk bottles, cobbles, pink musk, sherbet bombs, jaw breakers), the Melbourne Olympics, IMT on Channel 9, PMG phone boxes and everything stopping for the family Sunday roast.

A great story with some real characters that you can relate to and a definite 'must read!'



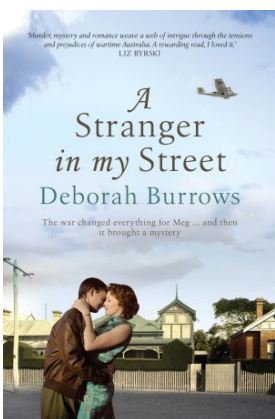
A Stranger in my Street by Deborah Burrows

An enticing mix of murder, mystery, romance and historical fiction, *A Stranger in my Street* is Deborah Burrows' debut novel. In Perth in 1943 the city is 'occupied' by American soldiers, who like to show Australian women a good time.

In the opening chapter, Meg Eaton, a resident of Megalong Street meets her dead lover's brother Tom standing over a dead woman found in a neighbour's air raid shelter. The dead woman, Doreen Luca is a resident of Megalong Street and shares a house with Betty Barwon. The first and most obvious suspect for Doreen's murder is her husband Frank, a hot-headed Italian who did not approve of his wife socialising with the Americans. This solution is however, far too simple!! Meg becomes involved in assisting to solve the crime,! She also develops a close relationship with Tom Lagrange, the brother of her lover who was killed in the war 18 months ago. There is a complication however, Tom is engaged to the well to do socialite Phyllis Gregory who has seen him through some of his worst times.

There are many murder suspects..... too many to list here !

One outstanding thing about this book is the attention to detail and accuracy regarding the history of Perth in wartime.



BOOK REVIEWS



"The Girl Who Fell from the Sky"

by Simon Mawer

I was initially drawn to this book by its appealing cover and of course the intriguing title. This fictional adventure story is about one of the remarkable women in the Special Operations Executive in the Second World War.

Marian Sutro has a desk job in London and is the daughter of a diplomat. She is recruited to carry out secret operations in wartime France and is able to speak French which will most certainly be an advantage. In order to do this type of work she lies to her parents and friends about the actual nature of her job. She is sent to Scotland for training. She is trained in sabotage, she learns how to perform under interrogation and how to kill ! She is pleased there is another woman involved in the training; Yvette has a daughter, but can she be trusted?



Marian parachutes into wartime France with the task of acting as an undercover courier. Her real destination is however Paris, where she must make contact with Clement Pelletier who was the object of her teenage desires. She has a letter for Clement which is concealed in a microdot which is part of a key. Marian is to deliver the key to Clement. The organisation uses her connection with Clement Pelletier, a physicist to try to entice him to return to England. She learns from her brother Ned that Clement Pelletier is in France working on developing an atomic bomb that will end the 2nd WW. The English scientists are also working on this and are at a critical and advanced stage of development and would benefit from Clements expertise in this area.

Does Clement return to England ?

What is next for Marian ?

You will want to read to the end to discover the answer to these questions.

Marian does learn that undercover work is lonely and risky and that you can trust no-one, war certainly changes our lives !



POET'S CORNER

On Friday 10th of August our Glossop High School students were lucky indeed to receive a visit from well known poet Geoff Goodfellow as part of their English studies with Ben Hornsey. This was well received by all.

Over Geoff's respected twenty year career in poetry he has written nine books, including "Punch on punch off" which our students are studying at present.

Thought for the day

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail

instead of his tongue

Anonymous

