

# 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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**Warm Christmas  
Greetings to you all and  
welcome to our Christmas  
bonanza issue !**



## CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The Berri Library will be closed over the Christmas to New Year break, so please check for details on opening times and dates as we move closer to Christmas.

Have you noticed our children's area lately ?  
We have experienced a total re-vamp with new shelving and changed the layout into a more appealing area to entertain our "little people".  
( little in stature but big on importance ! )

Also we are in the midst of another makeover with our shelving, re-locating some of our DVDs and our CDR locations, this should help with easier access for library borrowers !

We have trialled 4 touch screen computers for the Glossop High School students computer hub and they have been a great hit ! We are hoping at some stage to update our six public computers.  
Stay tuned !



## ABS Latest Census !

Some of our staff recently attended an informative training session with ABS staff members.

If you are interested, you can access the website, starts [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au) then enter Berri in the quick starts drop down menu. OR

request information at our front counter, staff have a printout of the basic community profile.

Hope you enjoy our bumper 8 page Christmas edition, brim filled with lots of reading to escape the Christmas chaos at your place..... for awhile at least !





Try these books to save you \$\$\$ this Christmas and throughout the coming year !

*Eat well, Save more* by Cathy Armstrong  
*The Contented Chook* by Gardening Australia

*From the Gardening Ground Up : Getting started with Edible Gardens* by Penguin Books

*Kitchen Garden Cooking with Kids* By Stephanie Alexander



Re-cycle your clothes and furnishings  
 with great saving ideas with.....

*Handmade Christmas* by Penguin Publishing  
*Op Shop Chic* by Rosie Lyons  
*The Weekend Carpenter* by Phillip Gardner  
*Craft from Re-cycled Materials* by Diana Cross  
*The Ultimate Book of Doing Up Old Junk* by Murdock Books  
*Jeanology : Crafty ways to re-invent your old jeans* by Nancy Flynn  
*Craft from Re-cycled Materials* by Diana Cross  
*The Cheap Bastard's Guide to the Good House + Home* by Josh Garskof



Prepare ahead and check out our Christmas cook books ! Also available Christmas craft books for all age groups, a present made is very unique and appreciated !  
 ( and economical too !)



## BERRI LIBRARY : POPULAR TITLES

### TOP 10 ADULT FICTION

*XO* by Jeffery Deaver  
*Wattle Creek* by Fiona McCallum  
*The Donovan Destiny* by Nora Roberts  
*Lighthouse Bay* by Kimberley Freeman  
*Nine Days* by Toni Jordan  
*Absolution Creek* by Nicole Alexander  
*The Devil's Bounty* by Sean Black  
*Deity* by Steven Dunne  
*The Mother's Group* by Fiona Higgins  
*We All Fall Down* by Peter Barry (listed in the FREE Get Reading Guide)

### TOP 10 DVDs

*Checking out*  
*Dan Candy's Law*  
*Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*  
*Miss Fishers Murder Mysteries Vol. 1*  
*The Adventures of Merlin (Series 4)*  
*Mabo*  
*Texas Killing Fields*  
*Safe House*  
*Chronicle*



**HEY KIDS !!!!!**  
**LOOK HERE !!**



## Summer Reading Club

Theme of "Untangled Tales"

Come in and pick up your

**FREE**

pack full of activities, games and stories !

Available from our library !

Berri Library & Information Centre

from 3rd December 2012 - 18th January 2013

You could win an

"iPOD"



**Reminder.....**  
**Christmas School**  
**Holiday Activities**  
**coming up ....**

**2:30 pm Thursday**

Suitable for children 5-12 yrs old,  
younger children will need to be  
accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

Come along  
for some  
holiday  
fun !



**National Year of Reading**  
**2012 Finale !**



**Photography Competition**  
**Read it ! Snap It !**

Take a photo of you or a friend reading one of our library  
books

in the park, on a tractor, at home, at  
school,

or wherever reading happens !!

The more creative the  
better !!



**Adult Prize**

**a**

**Kindle eBook**  
**Reader !!**

Entries close 5pm Friday 30 Nov 2012

Competition open to members of

Berri Barmora Council

Libraries

Adult and Child/Youth divisions



Entry forms and terms & conditions

available from the Berri and Barmora libraries

**Kids**  
**win a**  
**Gear 2Go**  
**eReader**



## NEW ITEMS

### ADULT FICTION

*Bones are Forever* by Kathy Reich  
*The Convent* by Maureen McCarthy  
*The Tombs* by Clive Cussler  
*River of Destiny* by Barbara Erskine  
*Zoo* by James Patterson  
*Never More* by James Patterson  
*Assassin* by Tara Moss  
*Odd Apocalypse* by Dean Koontz  
*Red Rain* by R.L Stine  
*The Potter's Field* by Andrea Camilleri  
*The Great Deception* by Joy Chambers



### CHILDREN'S

*Dear Dumb Diary* by Jamie Kelly

*Brown bear, Brown bear by Eric Carle*



*Bears in Bed* by Shirley Parenteau  
*The Lost Stars* by Hannah Cumming  
*The Forever House* by Sofie Laguna  
*The World Almanac for Kids, 2013*

### ADULT NON-FICTION

*Royal Mistresses of the House of Hanover-Windsor* by Susanna De Vries  
*The Man who invented Vegemite* by Jamie Callister  
*Great Australian Ghost Stories* by Richard Davis  
*Citrus : A gardener's guide* by Bruce Morphet  
*Spies in the sky* by Taylor Downing  
*iPad for Seniors* by Nick Vandome  
*Fast Scrapbooking with 4 x 4 Photo's*  
*Sir Donald Bradman Australian Legend* by Colin Fraser



*Mrs Brown's Boys Hell on Wheels*  
*The Lucky One*  
*Jane Eyre*

DVDs

*My Favourite Martian*  
*Grand designs Series 2*  
*Above Suspicion*  
*Ghosts*

*The Bronte's of Haworth*  
*The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*  
*Keeping up with the Joneses*

### LARGE PRINT

*House of Shadows* by the Medieval Murderers !  
*Ghost House* by Gerald Verner  
*My Nine Lives* by Ruth Prawer Jhabvala  
*A Wreath of Poppies* by Charles Leader  
*On Her Majesty's Secret Service* by Ian Fleming  
*The Last Real Cowboy* by Donna Alwood  
*Antique's Knock-Off* by Barbara Allan  
*Deborah Goes to Dover* by M.C Beaton  
*Humble Pie* by Gordon Ramsay

Many, many more titles ; fifty large print now being processed, so look for them on our shelves shortly !!

### NEW MAGS COMING !!

*Pets* a must for all animal lovers, lots of good advice, a warm and feel good magazine !

*"The Last Post"* for war historians and our remembrance of the sacrifices of our past.

*"Inside History"* is becoming a popular subject , Australian /NZ genealogy, history and heritage.

*"Spress"* for secondary students, their very own mag full of interesting bits and pieces for the youth of today, music, gossip and more !





### *Three summers* by Judith Clarke.



Events certainly shape our path in life!

This story set in 1959 in Australia deals with the lives of two friends Ruth and Fee. Ruth Gower survives a car accident early in life, involving her family and she is raised by her grandmother. The older woman only wants the best for her granddaughter and she encourages her to pursue an education and a career. Fee is a country girl at heart, she has a boyfriend and enjoys country pursuits. Her chosen path in life is marriage and children.

There are some interesting events and occurrences but somehow the girls' lives which once went in different directions now seem to converge along a similar path later in their lives.

You will feel compelled to read on to the somewhat unpredictable conclusion. Girls of all ages, especially teenagers, will enjoy this one!



### *We all fall down* by Peter Barry

This novel set in Sydney paints a vivid picture of the issues of life in contemporary times. Financial security, work/life balance and business ethics are some of the memorable themes that surfaced.

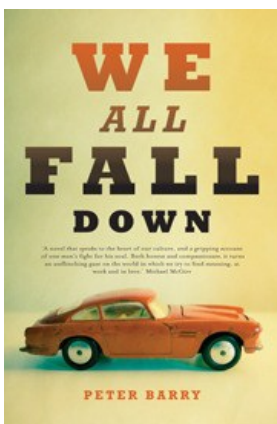
Hugh and Kate Drysdale are happily married with one child, Tim. They also have a huge mortgage which causes problems when the advertising agency Hugh works for experiences a downturn in business due to clients leaving. It's approaching Easter and the Drysdale family has planned to spend time together, however the Alpha Agency boss Russell, has other ideas! Hugh also faces an ethical dilemma when his boss asks him to use the results of a report that one client has paid for, to assist another client.

Does Hugh carry out his boss's wishes and keep his job?

Does the marriage survive?

The characters are memorable and you will feel a real desire to seek answers to the questions above.

This one is suitable for the more mature reader who has experienced life.







## *Say You're Sorry* by Michael Robotham

The last book I reviewed by Michael Robotham was "The Wreckage" in May 2011.

This book sees the character of psychologist Joe O'Loughlin return. Joe is looking forward to spending some quality time with his daughter Charlie in Oxford and they travel down on the train and book into a swanky hotel. No sooner have they arrived when the police turn up and enlist Joe's help in solving the brutal murder of couple who had been found dead on a nearby farm.

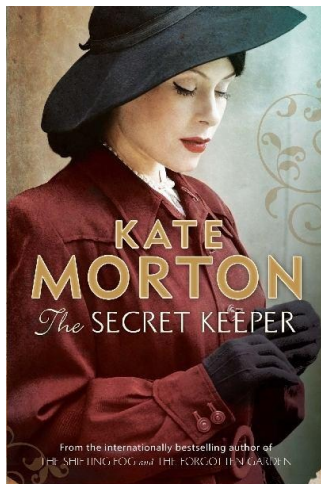
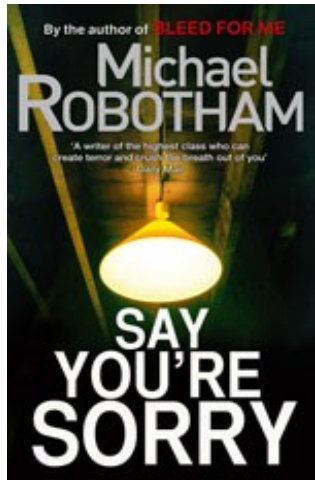
What starts as a seemingly simple case for Joe investigating the main suspect, Augie Shaw for these killings, turns into something more complex and sinister when evidence suggests that Augie may have something to do with the Bingham girls who had been missing in the same area for 3 years! Piper and Tash were best friends who disappeared after attending the town fair and were never seen again. Some people thought they had run away, others thought they had been murdered. To the families of the girls they were still just 'missing'. Around the same time as the Oxford Police and Joe are investigating the murders at the farmhouse, a body of a young girl is found trapped under the ice in a local pond. She has died of hypothermia but why didn't she have shoes on and is she connected to the murders in the nearby farmhouse?

I found this book to be a bit slow to start but once I made it past the first 3-4 chapters or the first 40 or so pages I was hooked! A great read for those who love crime stories or police procedurals.

## *The Secret Keeper* by Kate Morton 2012

Kate Morton's latest book is a compelling read with great twists and turns that kept me intrigued and enthralled right to the end! With the family story beginning in Queensland in 1961, Vivien Longmeyer's young life is filled with magical, imaginative places and adventures. Suddenly her world is turned upside down and she finds herself sailing for England to live with a distant relative. War is declared, London is in turmoil and Vivien's life takes another turn when she meets Henry, Dolly and Jimmy. Fast forward to 2011 ... Laurel, a descendent, is desperate to solve a long standing family mystery and uncovers a past that is filled with fear and treachery.

I love Kate Morton's books! There is an enduring quality about this book which remains with you long after the saga ends. The Secret Keeper holds true to Morton's evocative and descriptive style and to her wonderfully drawn characters. Historically researched and cleverly plotted, her latest book keeps us mystified and guessing until the last few pages! mlr



The DVD  
of  
"Christmas  
at  
Downton Abbey"



If you are a fan of Downton Abbey (like WE are !!) and have religiously sat through series one and two, you won't be disappointed by "Christmas at Downton Abbey"

This episode just caps off season two brilliantly and is just enough to keep us all enticed for next years season three !! Make sure your name is on the reserve list!

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Left : The author Glen Edwards with Councillor Rhonda Centofanti

The Berri RSL recently organised a book launch by Glen Edwards titled 'Beyond Dark Clouds', which was held at the Berri Library. With 50 people in attendance, the evening was a great success. Glen also spoke to school groups in the Riverland and to a team of local Doctors in an effort to promote an understanding of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, a condition suffered by many returned war veterans.

This book is available for loan at the Berri Library & Information Centre.



Thought for the day .....

He who has not Christmas in his heart,  
will never find it under a tree !

By Roy L. Smith.



*Remember to come in and pick up  
your free Seniors Guide from  
our front counter.*



### Farewell to our 2012 TAFE & GHS students

Best wishes to all our student library members. We hope you have had a successful year with your studies and receive encouraging results for your hard work. The library staff have been pleased to provide educational support to individual students, classes, lecturers and teachers. We look forward to working with a new cohort of students next year and providing course materials, online research skills, study support and an inspiring learning environment!



**2013**  
*Here we come !!!*