Children's Activities

Stories, songs, rhymes and craft
Tuesdays 11-12 noon

Don't forget **Baby Rhyme Time** sessions on Tuesday at 10.30 a.m. during term time.

All Welcome!

School Holiday Activities
July 3rd and 10th
2 - 3 p.m. Fun for all ages!

Contact us for more details!

kindle touch
Simple-to-use touchscreen with built-in Wi-Fi

NEW! Barmera Library has three new **Kindle Touch Screen E-Book readers**. Over 100 books on each, with something to appeal to all readers. Very easy to use and great fun! Come and check them out soon.

DATES TO WRITE IN YOUR DIARIES

1st July - Monster Book Sale at Berri Town Hall 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

26th July -2.30 p.m. Author Wendy Altschwager visiting Barmera Library at 2.30 p.m. Free afternoon tea provided.

National Year of Reading 2012

OPENING HOURS

Monday	9.30 - 1.00
Tuesday	9.30 - 5.30
Wednesday	9.30 - 5.30
Thursday	9.30 - 6.00
Friday	9.30 - 5.30
Saturday	9.00 - 12.00

(Council Closed Saturdays)
Closed Sundays and Public Holidays

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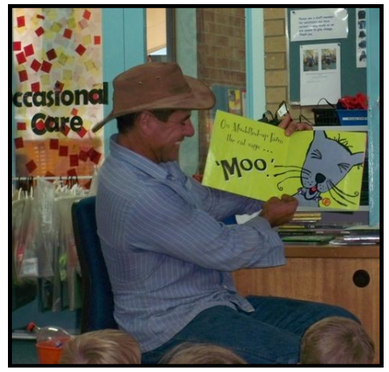
Barmera Bookworm

June 2012

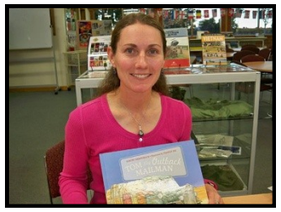
Barmera Library & Council Customer Service Centre Newsletter

Hello again! Time for the winter edition of the Barmera Bookworm.
A picture is worth a thousand words, as the old saying goes and so we thought we'd tell you what we've been up to lately in a series of pictures. Here they are!

Country Music Week saw the staff all join in the spirit of the festival. In case you don't recognise us—left to right Sue, Virginia, Jodie and Peg.



National Year of Reading joined with the Year of the Farmer! Farmer Steve Shaw was another guest invited to the Barmera Library to entertain the kindergarten children with the book the Muddled Up Farm.



Kristin Weidenbach, author of Mailman of the Outback was our guest at Barmera Library in May .She spoke to around 50 Year 7 students about how she made an adult book into a children's picture book. Children then workshopped some ideas around this theme of distilling the longer script to keep the essential story while making it much simpler to read.

Walter the wonky donkey was caught in the act of busking illegally outside the Barmera Library during the Country Music Week festival. We let him off because, as Sue pointed out "He's just a little hoarse!"

Adam, Bek and Grace-Lou loved their week at Barmera Library doing Work Experience.

Year 7 students from St Joseph's Barmera Primary School, seen here with Kristin after the workshop at the Barmera Library.

SA Bush Poets Ron and Heather were special guests at the children's activity session on Tuesday 5th June.

Home on the Range! Cowboys with their home- made cowboy belts.

Lilly and Sussan looked cool in cowboy hats!

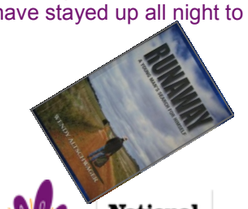
TheReadingHour
25 August 2012

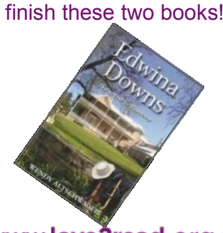
The Reading Hour on 25 August 2012 will be both a focal point for the National Year of Reading 2012 for all ages and also the call to action for families – "share a book with your child for 10 minutes a day, an hour a week".

Margaret Allen, chair of the National Year of Reading founders and State Library of WA, explained, "The Reading Hour itself is for everyone and there will be activities for all age groups, but there will be a special message for families. The phrase '10 minutes a day, an hour a week' is our 'slip, slop, slap'. It's the take away message that we hope will become the accepted norm. We know it's not always possible for parents to share a book at bedtime with their children, but if they can manage 10 minutes most nights, their child will have the best chance of becoming a good reader, with all the social and educational benefits that brings. Most of our brain development happens between birth and three years of age, so it's not enough to assume that children will learn to read when they get to school. Parents need to share stories and rhymes right from day one – and a good way of finding out more is to join ... Baby Rhyme time sessions at your local library."

The Reading Hour is nominally 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on 25th August. For more information visit: www.love2read.org.au

Author Visit - Looking for a good book by a local Author—try these by South Australian author Wendy Altschwager who will be coming to our Library on Thursday, July 26th at 2.30 p.m. Come in and have a free cup of tea or coffee and listen to her talk about her books, 'Runaway' and the sequel 'Edwina Downs'. Readers tell us they have stayed up all night to finish these two books!





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You may have noticed some work going on at the nearby Bonney Theatre—we thought this cartoon was appropriate!

SPOTLIGHT ON SOME OF OUR VOLUTEERS!

Barmera Library would like to pay tribute to and thank each of these special community members.

Melanie Allder, our dedicated and amazing Baby Rhyme Time co-ordinator, who regularly attracts crowds of 40 to Baby Rhyme Time sessions.

Rob Todd and **Malcolm White**, instructors extra-ordinaire who give computer lessons for beginners and who have both received glowing commendations from their very grateful pupils.

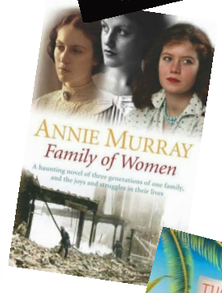
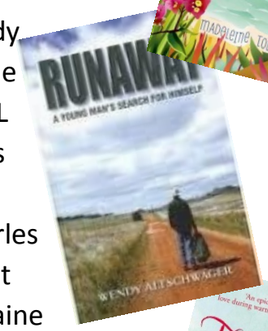
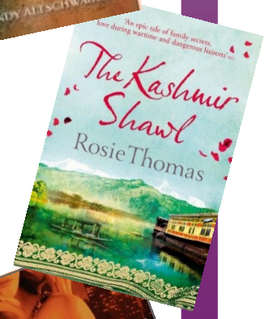
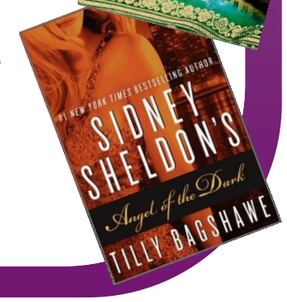
Di Tillett, librarian, mentor and local history guru, is also our Barmera Book discussion Group co-ordinator and very learned Radio Book reviewer.

Wendy Parks, is a genius at book covering, shelving items, mending books, cleaning DVDs, Pioneer research and provider of scones.

Virginia Mahoney is a whiz at office admin, proof reading, book processing, special displays, Pioneer research, general library housekeeping, staff and customer support.

A very quick calculation of the hours these selfless individuals have given to the Barmera Library over one year – and this is a conservative estimate- would be around 25 hours per week or 1300 per year.

Barmera Library and our community is richer because of our volunteers. We thank them!

New Books

Angels flight	Connelly, Michael
The betrayal	Erskine, Y. A
Better together	O'Flanagan, Sheila
Bitter greens	Forsyth, Kate
Blackwattle Creek	McGeachin, Geoffrey
The book of madness and cures	O'Melveny, Regina
Crystal gardens	Quick, Amanda
Deadlocked	Harris, Charlaine
Family of women	Murray, Annie
Fifty shades darker	James, E. L
Fifty shades freed	James, E. L
Fifty shades of Grey	James, E. L
The girl and the ghost-grey mare	Treasure, Rachael
The girl who fell from the sky	Mawer, Simon
Gods behaving badly	Phillips, Marie
How to forget	Brill, Marius
Indomitable	Brooks, Terry
Jacaranda	Magro, Mandy
The Kashmir shawl	Thomas, Rosie
The light between oceans	Stedman, M L
The magnificent rogue	Johansen, Iris
Morgan's law	Lane, Karly
Oliver Twist, or, the perish boy's progress	Dickens, Charles
The Provence cure for the brokenhearted	Asher, Bridget
Real murders	Harris, Charlaine
Runaway : a young man's search for himself	Altschwager, Wendy
The sea on our skin	Tobert, Madeleine
Sidney Sheldon's Angel of the dark	Bagshawe, Tilly
The soldier's wife	Trollope, Joanna
The trader's sister	Jacobs, Anna
Trunk music	Connelly, Michael
War at our door	Drummond, Irene
The wayward bus	Steinbeck, John
Whispers	Goodwin, Rosie
Winds of change	Jacobs, Anna