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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

Welcome to this December edition, full of good wishes and Christmas cheer to you our valued customer. Another busy year for our library which the manager will include in his annual report..

What.. the
library closed over
Christmas !

*We
wish you
all a safe and
beautiful
Holiday season 2019*



CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

24th December

at 2pm

Re-opening

Thursday 2nd January

8:30 am

*Have you spotted our
elf on the shelf ?
His name is Larry ?
Follow him on our
facebook page
during Christmas.*



FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK...

This year has been a busy and productive one for both our libraries and we have been quite innovative in our approach by providing new services and events to interest our customers.

At Berri Library we introduced the new Seed Library service in April 2019 and to date we have had more than 80 people register to use this service. This past year also saw us introduce a new fun Little Bang Discovery Club program that provided pre-schoolers the opportunity to learn about collecting, classifying, measuring and experimenting so they could become young scientists.



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ADULT FICTION



To the Land of Long Lost Friends

by Alexander McCall Smith

Twisted 26 by Janet Evanovich

Guilty, Not Guilty by Felix Francis

The Sun Sister by Lucinda Riley

Blood in the Water by Jack Flynn

Gemini Man by Darren Lemke

Split Second by David Baldacci

The Deserter by Nelson Demille

Clear my Name by Paula Daly

Serenity Song by Finn Dervan



Know why this Christmas card
is awesome?
It's not an email. It's not a text.



Would Like to Meet by Rachel Winters

Bride Squad Runaway by Caroline
Grace-Cassidy

Our Stop by Laura Jane Williams

A Precious Gift by Rosie Goodwin



Steel Crow Saga by Paul Krueger

The True Bastards by Jonathan French

Port of Shadows by Glen Cook



NON-FICTION

Dutch Girl : Audrey Hepburn and World War II by Robert Matzen

Macrame : for beginner's and beyond by Amy Mullins

21 Lessons for the 21st Century by Yuval; Noah Harari

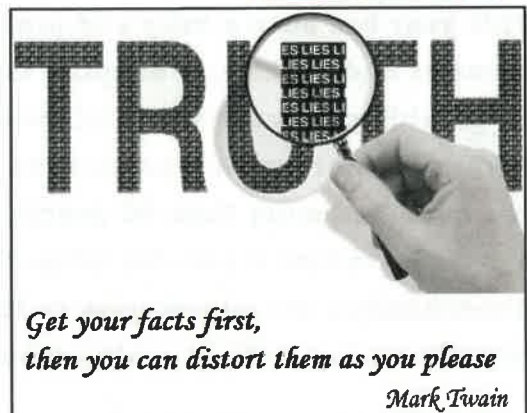
**A Cave in the Clouds : A young woman's escape
from ISIS** by Badeeah Hassan Ahmed

Go Dairy Free by Alisa Fleming

Raising Girls (in the 21st Century)
by Steve Biddulph

Trauma Treatment Toolbox by Jennifer Sweeton

**Jacinda Ardern : The story behind
an extraordinary leader**
by Michelle Duff





DVD's

- ~ The Bureau of Magical Things : season 1
- ~ Growing Op
- ~ The Full Monty
- ~ It's Complicated
- ~ The Lonely Guy
- ~ Halo 4: Forward Until Dawn
- ~ Winter Solstice
- ~ Queen and Country
- ~ The 7 Adventures of Sinbad
- ~ Last Night
- ~ Troy
- ~ Mr Bean Vol.1/2/3/4
- ~ FBI season 1
- ~ Harlots : series 3
- ~ Angel has Fallen
- ~ The Clovehitch Killer
- ~ Breaking In
- ~ Inside Man
- ~ The Good Karma Hospital : series 3
- ~ Frayed
- ~ Mystery 101 : collection 1
- ~ Game of Thrones : complete eighth season
- ~ Fast & Furious : Hobbs & Shaw
- ~ War of the Worlds
- ~ Agatha and the Truth of Murder
- ~ Rosehaven : series 1-3
- ~ The Name of the Rose
- ~ Good Omens
- ~ Here comes the Grump
- ~ The Minituarist
- ~ 10 Movies Classic WWII

HAPPY VIEWING !

LIBRARY CHANGES



Hopefully you have noticed some small but effective changes in our library.

Staff have re-located the CDs and Audio's and spread out the DVD shelving in an endeavour to make browsing for these items more user friendly.

Further plans are in the pipeline, so stay tuned as we modernise our facilities.

Roll on 2020 !



YOUR MIND IS A GARDEN. YOUR THOUGHTS ARE THE SEEDS. YOU CAN GROW FLOWERS OR YOU CAN GROW WEEDS.



January 2020

seeds are...

Flower ~ Lobelia

Vegetable ~ Lettuce

Remember you can donate any spare seeds so we can share them with other garden minded customers.

- ~ So Fresh : Best Ever Christmas
- ~ Last Christmas (Songs from the movie) : George Michael & Wham
- ~ Just the Hits : Love Songs
- ~ Wildcard : Miranda Lambert
- ~ Like a Version 15
- ~ 100 Hits American Anthems
- ~ Hit country 2019
- ~ Deadly Hearts 2
- ~ So Fresh Winter 2019
- ~ Woodstock Anniversary Collection
- ~ One Voice : Believe Aled Jones
- ~ IL Divo : Timeless
- ~ Smoothfm ; Feel Good Favourites

CD's



LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

RHYME TIME

At the Berri Christmas wind-up we presented Sarah Plush with gifts and a special plaque for her five years service as Co-ordinator of Berri Library Rhyme Time. Sarah has done an amazing job with her easy going and kind nature she has welcomed and encouraged new Mums and provided their children with a fun and educational program.

Thankyou Sarah for all your hard work.

We will miss you !



BOOK HANDOVER

Ashmadyya Muslim Youth Association generously donated two books to our library, pictured accepting the donation is library Manager, Peter Ison

The books were titled "*The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam*" and "*The Holy Qur'an*."

The Muslim Youth mini bus toured the area while donating books to all of the Riverland libraries.

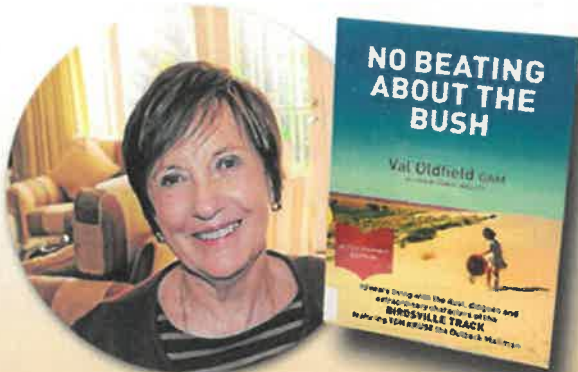


AUTHOR VISIT

MEET THE AUTHOR

Val Oldfield OAM

Thursday 17th October | 5:30pm
at the Berri Library



'No Beating About the Bush' traces Val Oldfield's life from her childhood years in the Adelaide sea side suburb of Semaphore, to her years living in the outback on the Birdsville Track and beyond.



Berri Library held a very successful "Meet the Author" event in October.

A well renowned speaker, Val Oldfield gave an enlightened recount of her book titled **"No Beating About The Bush"** which traces her childhood years from the seaside suburb of Semaphore all the way to the Birdsville Track and Mungeranie Station as a naïve newlywed. During the presentation we were given a rare privilege of viewing some very old footage of the outback and beyond !

The evening concluded with book signing and sales while everyone mingled and enjoyed some light refreshments.



BOOKS OF INTEREST

Joanne Fluke Fans....

For your Christmas reading pleasure two books by Joanne Fluke plus yummy recipes inside !

Plum Pudding Murder and **Christmas Cake Murder**. A right royal feast !

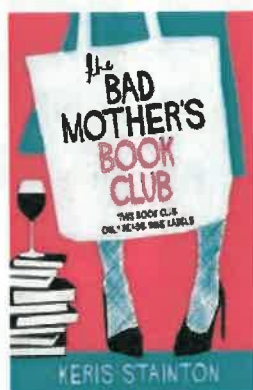


THE BAD MOTHERS' BOOK CLUB

by Keris Stainton

This book sounds like a bit of fun...

Emma Chance is the typical bored and lonely housewife. When she moves with her husband to a seaside location, Emma is invited to an exclusive School mums' book club, it isn't at all what she had expected and after a time, is ungraciously evicted from the somewhat snobby club. Emma seeks revenge and with the help of other like-minded mums and starts her own book club, hence the book's title. The rules are simple ..no polite chit chat, definitely no books... but a lot of wine !



THE SHELLEY BAY LADIES SWIMMING CIRCLE

by Sophie Green

The book is advertised as

Australian as a lamb roast !

Four lonely women find friendship in Shelly Bay.

Adults find it much harder to forge friends later in life, but with these four, it is just what they all need so persevere they do. They survive heartbreak through good old fashioned humour and they each come out stronger for it.

A feel good aussie story.



THE DOCTOR

by Lisa Stone

Dr. Burman and his wife Anita have new neighbours, Emily and Ben. Eager to fit in Emily tries to befriend the doctor's wife who is a virtual recluse, very quiet and aloof. A few weeks later Emily is missing, Ben is left with a note explaining she had run off with another man.

Ben refuses to believe this and thinks her curiosity about the suspicious neighbours may have put her in danger or even cost her life.?



BOOKS OF INTEREST

THE LAST TRAIN TO LONDON

by Meg Waite Clayton

If you like sad stories, this one won't disappoint. Set in pre World War II, in 1936. Tante Truus is a kind soul and through these dark times she sets off on a race against time to lead hundreds of children on a treacherous journey to their freedom.



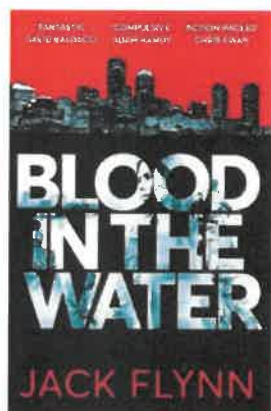
Jacinda Ardern :

The story behind an extraordinary leader

by Michelle Duff

This is a look at the New Zealand Prime Minister by highly regarded journalist, Michelle Duff. A quote by Jacinda from the book...

"Yes, we need a robust democracy, but you can be strong and you can be kind"



BLOOD IN THE WATER

by Jack Flynn

This is an action packed thriller about international extreme Terrorism. Homeland Security agent Kit

Steele is rightly nicknamed "the Hunter", she is committed to avenge terrorism at all costs.

Her set prey is Vincente Carpio, a ruthless worldwide criminal. Also heavily involved in the plot is Harbour Chief Cormack O'Connell who lives his life above and below the law, however unwittingly his nineteen year old daughter becomes a pawn in this deadly game.

Does family win over power ?

eBook holiday reads

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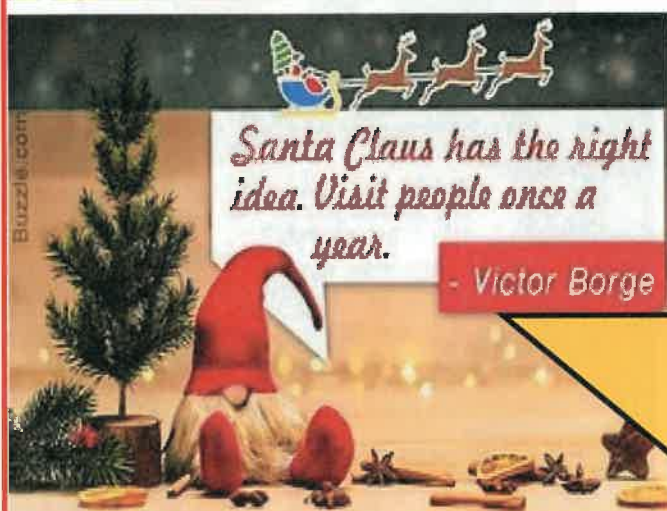
FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK cont.....

We celebrated the Berri Library's 20th birthday in January 2019 with a special history and photographic display that highlighted some of the staff, activities and services we have offered to customers since we first opened in late January 1999. History month in May was especially busy with our unique and interesting wedding dress's display that attracted more than 400 visitors to the library.

Our annual events and activities for adults as well as children have been very well attended. Our Library Customer Activity survey provided valuable feedback as well as direction for the future especially regarding the content of our digital literacy based *Get Savvy* sessions. A highlight of the year was the visit by the Libraries Board of South Australia which gave us a chance to show the role of our libraries in the community and to also receive feedback from board members.

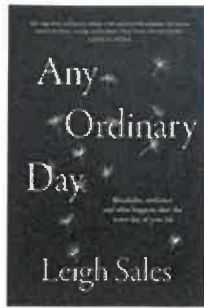
The future of our libraries looks promising. This year, as with most years, both libraries have hosted school students for work experience so it is evident that teenagers see employment in libraries as a rewarding career choice.

Peter Ison, Manager



A huge thankyou to Dane Carroll for donating his time to decorate our Christmas tree again this year. Well done !





BOOK REVIEW

Any Ordinary Day

by Leigh Sales

ABC 7:30 host and journalist Leigh Sales deals with reporting on out of the ordinary occurrences such as disasters, floods and other tragedies that lead to near death experiences, or even actual death, on a daily basis, it is part of her professional life. Watching these tragedies occur, as well as suffering her own near death experience whilst giving birth to her second child has prompted her to write this book. She questions the likelihood of certain events occurring as well as how the human brain copes with these things.

To prepare for the task of writing she enlisted the services of a friend who is a research librarian to provide her with access to articles on a wide range of topics such as trauma, grief, adaptation, blame, memory and survival. She uses information and statistics gleaned from her research to make a point and add real interest to her writing. She shares with us the likelihood (or probability) of survivor Louisa Hope of being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis as well as experiencing the Lindt Café siege (one in 1.39 billion) as well as the chances of Stuart Diver being widowed a third time (it is more likely that he will pass away first).

The most interesting aspect of her writing is her interviews with people who have suffered some form of tragedy or loss such as Stuart Diver and Walter Mikac (who lost his entire family in the Pt. Arthur Massacre) as well as those whose job it is to be in the midst of a crisis such as a social worker, a police officer, a priest and even a prime minister. There's an interesting interview with former Prime Minister John Howard who is our second-longest-serving prime minister; during his tenure there was an unusual series of mass-fatality events.

(Such as the Black Hawk helicopter crash, the Thredbo landslide, 9/11 Twin Towers incident and the Bali bombings.) As prime minister, Howard felt that he needed to address the public to try and unify Australians after each of the tragedies. He often spoke from the heart and off the cuff in an effort to comfort Australians. It is probably for these reasons that he was the only government person formally invited to attend the twentieth anniversary of the Port Arthur massacre.

Sales also touches on religion and ponders whether having religious beliefs allows you to re-adjust to life better after a tragedy. She is critical of the way she has conducted interviews in the past, especially her coverage of Hurricane Katrina, for which she received Australia's highest journalism honour, a Walkley Award.

This is a work of non-fiction that proved to be so enthralling that I have now made a decision to read non-fiction on a more regular basis.



CHILDREN'S CORNER



Bookweek is a popular event held annually. This year we hosted a class from Glossop Primary school. Library Manager, Peter Ison read the story of **Heads and Tails - Insects** to a small but excited group. Then followed a "bug" inspired craft session with Children's Library Co-ordinator, Bree. The Bookweek theme for this year was **"Reading is my Secret Power"** with Bree's unique foyer display featuring "Matilda" a Roald Dahl character from the book of the same name.



~ **Matilda** ~

If you have missed this book as a child or haven't seen the family movie, it's well worth catching up on !



Children (pictured above) from our Thursday Activities group also celebrated by dressing up, seen here with staff members Bree Freeman and Susanne Fisher as "Matilda's".



CHILDREN'S



LATEST CHRISTMAS BOOKS !

The Wiggles : Go, Santa, go !

A Guinea Pig Nutcracker : Bloomsbury Publishing

How to catch an Elf by Adam Wallace

Macca's Christmas Crackers by Matt Cosgrove

Ho! Ho! Ho! There's a Hippopotamus on our Roof eating Christmas Cake by Hazel Edwards



Larry loves children's craft !