

Library Newsletter Summer 2017

Food for fines and Christmas closures

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Library Newsletter.

Now that December is here, we are all busy preparing for the holidays and Christmas festivities. Our final adult event for 2017 was a success as we heard Janet Holmes à Court on Monday 4 December share with us some of her art works from her private collection. If you haven't seen her book *Muse: a journey through an art collection*, then reserve our copy to peruse and immerse yourself in art.

As we are leading up to Christmas, the Western Suburbs Libraries will be accepting donations of non-perishable food and other items instead of fines! All items collected at Nedlands, Mt Claremont, Subiaco, The Grove and Claremont Libraries will be gifted to The Salvation Army.

This is applicable to Western Suburbs Libraries administration fees only. Please donate items to the library that generated the fees. Be quick, our Food for fines finishes up on Friday 22 December. You don't need to have a fine to donate and to help deliver some Christmas cheer!



As we have been doing for the past few years, the Nedlands and Mt Claremont Libraries will close 3 pm on Friday 22 December 2017 and re-open 9.30 am on Tuesday 2 January 2018. So, stock up on your Christmas reading material – you can borrow up to 20 items on one library card.

Library staff would like to wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

The following regular programs and events held at our libraries are taking a little break over the Christmas period. Thank you to all who have attended and contributed to these sessions.

Nedlands Library Programs – Christmas Holidays		
Library program	Last session 2017	First session 2018
Justice of the Peace	6 December	17 January
Conversation group – Mandarin	4 December	15 January
Conversation group – Women's English	28 November	16 January
Conversation group – Italian	5 December	16 January
Conversation group – French	8 December	19 January
Storytime – Mt Claremont Library	14 December	1 February
Storytime – Nedlands Library	15 December	2 February
Baby Rhyme Time – Nedlands Library	12 December	6 February
Afternoon Bookclub – 2nd Thursday	14 December	11 January
Evening Bookclub – 3rd Thursday	16 November	18 January
Tech Help	6 December	17 January
Family History Workshop	13 December	10 January

Note: The Nedlands and Mt Claremont Libraries will close early at 2.30 pm on Friday 15 December 2017. The Nedlands and Mt Claremont Libraries will close 3 pm on Friday 22 December 2017 and re-open 9.30 am on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

Upcoming events

Nedlands people with Anthea Harris and Ro Galbraith

Residents of Nedlands haven't all been brilliant academics, medicos or politicians – although many of them have. They have come from all over the world, arriving with nothing – or with truckloads of prized possessions. Each unique story has its own fascination.

Let Anthea and Ro introduce you to some of these people who have called Nedlands home. There are so many to choose from but you will be surprised by some of the 10 or so selected for this talk.

Wednesday 7 February

10.30 am – 11.30 am
Nedlands Library

Free event, bookings essential
Book online at nedlands.evanced.info/signup



History of trams in Perth and Nedlands with David Brown

Tramlines truly put Nedlands on the map. Broadway was designed to accommodate traffic alongside of the new tramline through the bush from Subiaco to the Nedlands Baths. Other lines went along the Perth-Fremantle Road and around Mounts Bay Road.

Let David Brown, from the Perth Electric Tramway Society, share his fascination with this mode of transport and its impact on the community. David is a motorman (driver) on the trams in Whiteman Park and author of *Tracks by the Swan* (2010), a comprehensive history of the Perth trams and trolley buses.

Thursday 1 March

10.30 am – 11.30 am
Nedlands Library

Free event, bookings essential
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Essential oils – uses in cooking and for gut health with Claudia Pal and Frances Marsden

Since becoming a mother, Claudia Pal is always searching for healthy, environmentally-friendly and chemical-free alternatives. Claudia has embraced essential oils into her family life, using them in massages, diffusing them around the house and using them in food. Claudia has also completed a course in raw foods.

Frances Marsden is a clinical aromatherapist with 20 years' experience. Frances believes gut health is linked to many other issues we are not aware of, such as skin conditions, stress, brain function and many other conditions. Frances will discuss how essential oils can assist with gut health and general wellbeing.

Together, Claudia and Frances will speak on:

- What is an essential oil
- How to use essential oils
- How to include oils in your food
- How easy taking care of yourself naturally can be
- Easy recipes for you to take home.

Tuesday 20 February

10.30 am – 11.30 am
Tuart Room, Mt Claremont Community Centre
107 Montgomery Ave

Mt Claremont WA 6010

Free event, bookings essential

Book online at nedlands.evanced.info/signup



Local Studies



Family History Workshops 2018

Join us each month to use the great resources at the Nedlands Library to find your relations, and maybe their friends and neighbours too.

Karen, from the WA Genealogical Society, and Library staff will be there to help you sift through the many databases available to break down those brick walls. Everyone celebrates as another family member is rescued from obscurity!

Meeting dates

10 January	11 July
14 February	8 August
14 March	12 September
11 April	10 October
9 May	14 November
13 June	12 December

The second Wednesday of each month

10 am – 12 pm

Nedlands Library

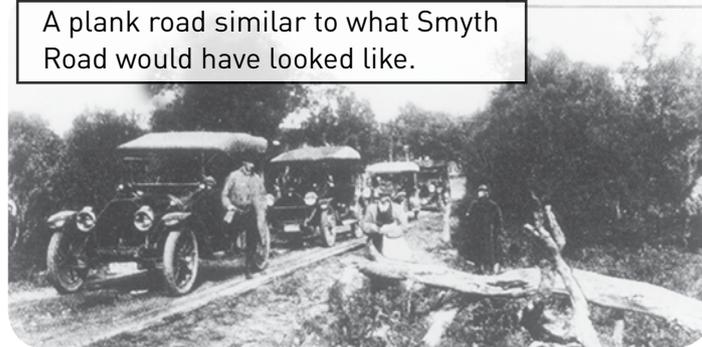
60-64 Stirling Highway, Nedlands

The mystery of Smyth Road

Can you imagine the road you turn into every day being a sandy track through the bush? Smyth Road linked the major Perth-Fremantle road (Stirling Highway) to the back of the cemetery. It was upgraded to a plank road so the wheels of carts could roll smoothly on wooden planks and the horses could walk on sand up the middle. As houses were built, residents agitated for a proper road and the South Subiaco Progress Association was formed to expedite this.

There are several Smyth claimants to the name. The City of Subiaco's website refers to Matthew MacVickers Smyth, a Nedlands resident who has Perth museum workers buzzing at the moment. He worked for the Nobel Explosives Company of Glasgow and travelled the state, selling his products to mines. On his way he collected samples of rocks and minerals, as well as Aboriginal artefacts. He displayed these in his home at 21 Bruce Street, Nedlands, and in the Elder, Shenton and Co's offices at 23 William Street, Perth.

A plank road similar to what Smyth Road would have looked like.



The search is on to find out where they are now. He had a son but was legally separated from his wife before he moved west and the family is unable to help.

But back to the mystery of the road name. It could not be this Mr Smyth because the road name was used long before he became a person of note.

So who is the original Smyth? Or should it be Smythe? The most likely contender is probably J W Smythe, who was secretary of the Claremont Road Board from 1903 to 1909 and lived in the area.

The family moved to the area around 1900 and Smythe's shop was a legend in its lifetime, remembered by many older residents in their oral histories – but not located near the present Smyth Road. The road board records have his name misspelt in many ways. His descendants have long claimed the road name is theirs and the spelling should be changed and the 'e' added. The City last refused to do this in 2001.

There's also the Government Assistant-Surveyor George Smythe, who first surveyed the area in 1837 and may have given his name to the original sandy track cut through the jarrah trees and wildflowers. Who knows? And should the elusive 'e' be reconsidered?

Kids' corner

Christmas activities



Christmas storytime

Ages 2 – 5

It's Christmas! The Christmas Fairy is coming in to lead our very last storytime for the year. Listen to some festive stories, sing along to Christmas songs and get into the Christmassy spirit.

Nedlands Library
Friday 15 December
10.30 am – 11.30 am

Free, no bookings required.



Make your own Christmas decorations

Ages 6 – 12

Do you like art and craft? Come to the library and make your own Christmas crafts and decorations for your tree at home. All materials are provided.

Nedlands Library
Thursday 21 December
10.30 am – 11.30 am

Bookings essential, as there are limited places, at nedlands.evanced.info/signup



January School Holiday Activities

Holiday Lego® Club @ Nedlands Library

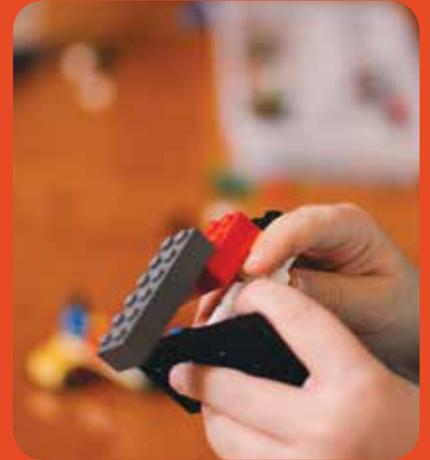
Ages 5+

Calling all Master Builders! Working by yourself or in a team, you'll be re-creating famous landmarks or designing your own creature. Each week your imagination and building prowess will be put to the test in a new challenge. DUPLO® will be available for younger siblings. Free activity, no bookings required.

Nedlands Library

Fridays – 5, 12, 19 January 2018

3 pm – 4 pm



STEAM challenge #4: stop-motion animation

Ages 7 – 12

Get creative with technology as you learn all about stop-motion animation before directing your own short film.

Bring your own camera and stand or tripod – but we'll supply all the props and backdrops.

Mt Claremont Library

Thursday 11 January 2018

10.30 am – 12 pm

Bookings essential, as there are limited places, at nedlands.evanced.info/signup

Weaving for beginners

Ages 8 – 12

If warp and weft sound like a secret code to you, then come to our beginner's weaving class. We'll show you the ins and outs of weaving, give you a loom to keep, and you'll create a wall hanging to take home! All materials are provided.

Nedlands Library

Thursday 18 January 2018

10.30 am – 11.30 am

Bookings essential, as there are limited places, at nedlands.evanced.info/signup



January School Holiday Activities

Rock 'n' Toddle

Ages 0 – 6

Bring your mini-moshers to the library for an underwater-themed dance and music gig, perfect for Summer. Get ready to rock your socks off with Rock 'n' Toddle!

Nedlands Library
Tuesday 23 January 2018
10.30 am – 11.30 am

Bookings essential, as there are limited places, at nedlands.evanced.info/signup



Summer Reading Challenge

All ages

Our book scavenger hunt is back on for the Summer Holidays and it's easy to join in!

All you have to do is:

- Pick up one of the scavenger hunt cards
- Borrow a book that matches each clue
- Fill in your library card details
- Drop off your completed card

Enter as many times as you like for your chance of winning a book voucher.

But be careful, as we will only be accepting unique entries and you must borrow books on your library card. A prize will be available at both Nedlands and Mt Claremont Libraries.

All cards must be submitted by library closure, 5 pm on Sunday 28 January at either Nedlands or Mt Claremont Library.

What's hot – kids

Junior fiction

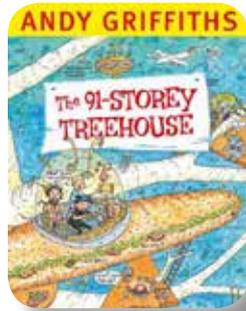
The 91-storey treehouse
by Andy Griffiths

Double Down by Jeff Kinney

A Fashionable Mystery
by Thea Stilton

Family, Friends and furry creatures
by Liz Pichon

Mistakes Were Made
by Stephan Pastis



Junior non-fiction

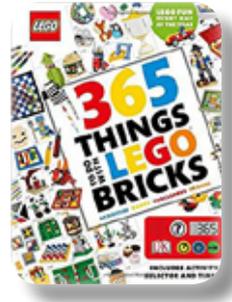
365 things to do with LEGO bricks
by Simon Hugo

How Food Works
by Sarah Brewer

100 Things to Know About Space
by Alex Frith

Myths and Legends
by Sandra Lawrence

How to Play Guitar in 10 Easy Lessons
by Dan Holton



Junior audiobooks

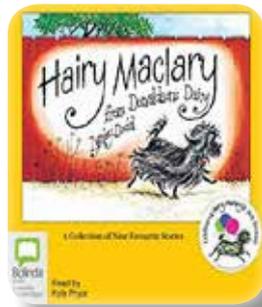
Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy
by Lynley Dodd

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
by JK Rowling

The Enormous Crocodile
by Roald Dahl

How to Seize a Dragon's Jewel
by Cressida Cowell

Excellent Excuses (and other good stuff)
by Liz Pichon



Junior kindy

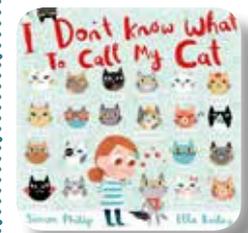
I Don't Know What to Call My Cat!
by Simon Philip

I Love my Daddy
by Giles Andreae

When I Grow Up
by Gill McLean

The Everywhere bear
by Julia Donaldson

Ada Twist, Scientist
by Andrea Beaty



Junior DVDs

Boss Baby

Finding Dory

Storks

Pete's Dragon

BFG



What's hot – adults

Fiction

Murder Games

by James Paterson

The Good Daughter

by Karin Slaughter

The Secrets She Keeps

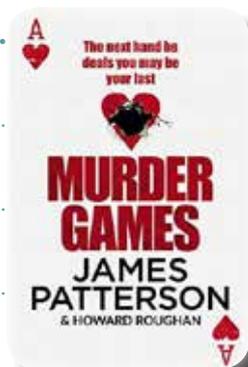
by Michael Robotham

Camino Island

by John Grisham

Come Sundown

by Nora Roberts



Audiobooks

A Man Called Ove

by Fredrik Backman

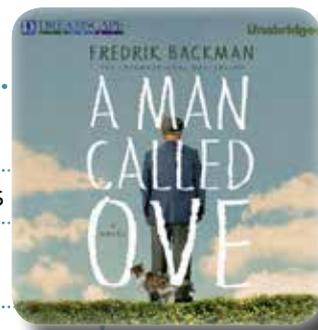
Cold Earth by Ann Cleeves

Cometh the Hour

by Jeffrey Archer

Nutshell by Ian McEwan

In Bitter Chill by Sarah Ward



Non-fiction

The Life-changing Magic of Tidying by Marie Kondo

The Clever Guts Diet

by Michael Mosley

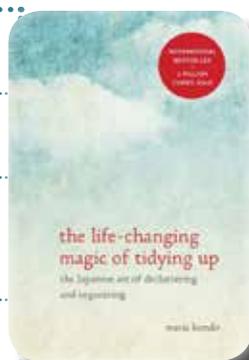
101 ways to save money on your tax – legally!

by Adrian Raftery

Diana: Her True Story

by Andrew Morton

Victoria the Queen: an intimate biography of the woman who ruled an empire by Julia Baird



DVDs

Alone in Berlin

Eye in the Sky

Hunt for the Wilderpeople

La La Land

The Great Wall



Please help us! If you borrow a DVD or audiobook that doesn't work properly, please notify staff. Details, such as the disc number that doesn't work, are also greatly appreciated.

Staff picks

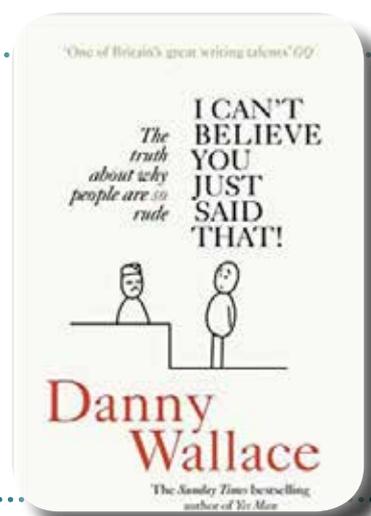
Here are a few of our favourites from the library collection

***I can't believe you just said that: The truth about why people are so rude* by Danny Wallace – non-fiction**

After Danny Wallace had a bad customer service experience while ordering a hot dog, he set out to discover the truth behind rudeness.

His journey takes him across the world as he talks to people from all walks of life to discover why we are rude, how rudeness is contagious and how a small incident of rudeness can snowball into a disaster.

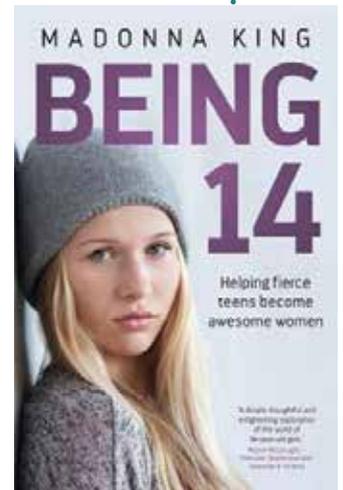
If you've ever had someone be rude to you (or, if you've been rude to someone else!), this book is for you! – Lisa



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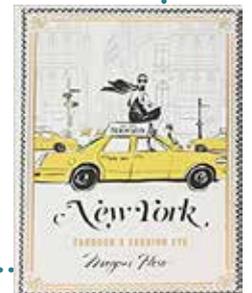
***Being 14* by Madonna King – non-fiction**

Madonna King's *Being 14* reminded me of Rosalind Wiseman's *Queen Bees and Wannabees* (loosely made into the movie *Mean Girls*) but more up-to-date (2002 vs 2017) and Australian-based. She looks at the general issues surrounding 14-year-old girls, as well as those particular to today's breed, who have grown up with mobile devices and social media. Her comparisons to her own role models – the athletic Farrah Fawcett, the talented Agneta Faltskog – to the cast of *Pretty Little Liars* illustrate a massive generation gap that is difficult to overcome in the best of times (and 14-year-old-girls rarely represent "the best of times"). Some of her insights are quite profound and funny and, despite not having children of my own, I found it very engaging and relatable. – Gabbie



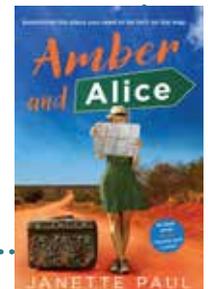
***New York: through a fashion eye* by Megan Hess – non-fiction**

Megan Hess is an international fashion artist who works with some of the most prestigious fashion brands around the world. Megan takes you on a little adventure through New York, giving you a tour of the best places to eat, see and shop! All beautifully illustrated in her elegant style. – Teagan



***Amber and Alice* by Janette Paul – fiction**

A refreshing old-fashioned women's magazine type of romance set in a modern day off-road trip with a realistic portrayal of grey nomads, families and others making up a party exploring inland South Australia and Northern Territory. – Anthea



***Geekerella* by Ashley Poston – young adult**

Since her father died, Elle feels like she's living alone, in the wrong universe. The right universe would be one in which both her parents are alive but, in this one, Elle lives with her stepmother and two stepsisters, works in a food truck, and dreams about leaving everything behind her forever. When her favourite sci-fi TV show, *Starfield*, is rebooted as a movie franchise Elle is devastated to find that her stepsisters' favourite soap-opera heartthrob is cast in the leading role but determined to win the ExcelsiCon Cosplay Contest nonetheless. But as the convention grows nearer, and her beauty-blogger stepsisters try to sabotage her chances, Elle will learn what it really means to be a fan. – Lisa



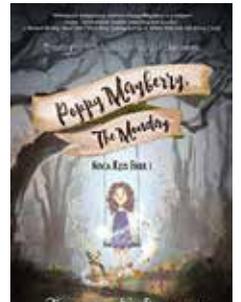
Flawed by Cecelia Ahern – young adult

Cecelia Ahern's *Flawed* (and its sequel, *Perfect*) is a dystopian young adult novel set in a futuristic society where members who demonstrate the kind of character defects that once led to political scandal and failing financial institutions are marked as "flawed" and banned from spheres of influence. In reality, though, they haven't done anything illegal and it makes them second-class citizens ripe for exploitation. Protagonist Celestine North finds herself in a situation that causes her to make an instinctive decision with monumental consequences for herself, her loved ones and the very fabric of her society. I found the concept fascinating as well as very thought-provoking, as it asks the age-old question – who polices the police? – Gabbie

**Poppy Mayberry: The Monday by Jennie K. Brown – junior fiction**

Imagine if the day of the week you were born on determined what special power you had! If you were born on a Monday like Poppy Mayberry then congratulations, you have the power of telekinesis.

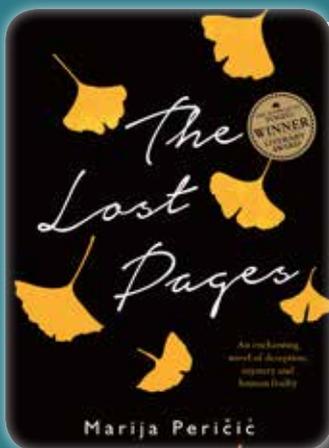
Poppy's difficulties with her power has landed her in remedial summer school – but with the help of some new friends they uncover an amazing secret. A very funny book and a great start to the Nova Kids series. – Keira

**Spotlight on online resources – Road to IELTS**

Are you or someone you know preparing for IELTS (International English Language Testing System) exams?

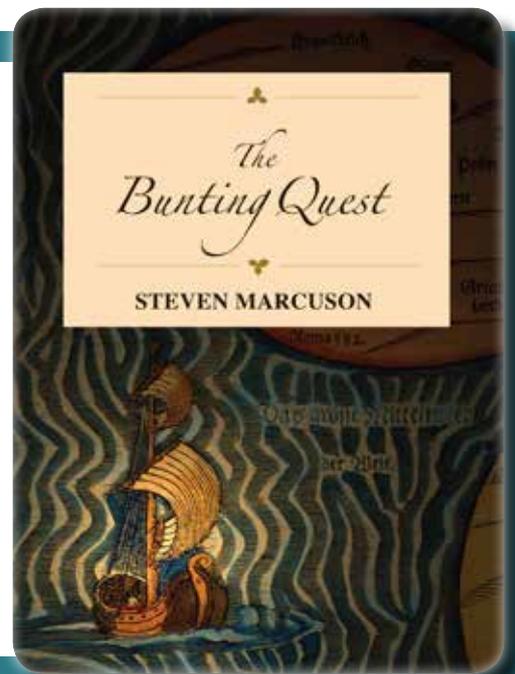
Nedlands Library provides access to Road to IELTS as an online resource developed by the British Council to help you develop the skills and provide resources to help you with the tests.

Use your library card membership number to login to either the General IELTS training or the Academic IELTS training.

**Book club sets**

Can't make it to our book clubs? Why not start your own? Nedlands Library has book club sets available for hire. The hire fee is only \$30 (non-refundable) for a set of 10 books. The loan period is eight weeks. We can also transfer the sets to Mt Claremont Library for you to pick up!

In the past three months, we have added four new book club sets. Two of the new titles are *The Bunting Quest* by Steven Marcuson and *The Lost Pages* by Marija Perić.





Tech help at Nedlands Library

Do you need help with your laptop? Have questions about your eReader or iPad? Maybe you just want to know a bit more about computers and technology in general? Nedlands Library has free 30-minute, one-on-one tech help sessions where you can bring your device(s) and have your questions answered. Book your session today!

Every Wednesday

11.30 am, 12 pm, 12.30 pm, 1 pm

Bookings required through our events calendar at nedlands.evanced.info/signup

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Opening hours

Nedlands Library

Monday	9.30 am – 6.00 pm
Tuesday	9.30 am – 8.00 pm
Wednesday	9.30 am – 8.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 am – 8.00 pm
Friday	9.30 am – 6.00 pm
Saturday	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
Sunday	1.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Mt Claremont Library

Monday	9.30 am – 7.00 pm
Tuesday	9.30 am – 6.00 pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9.30 am – 6.00 pm
Friday	9.30 am – 5.00 pm
Saturday	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
Sunday	Closed

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