Welcome to the Summer edition of the Library Newsletter.

Happy New Year from all the staff at Nedlands and Mt Claremont Libraries. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break as much as we did. We hope Santa was good to you and you received lots of books as Christmas presents!

Got nothing to do these holidays? We’ve got you covered! Nedlands and Mt Claremont libraries are running several children and youth events throughout the holidays. They book out quickly, so get in fast!

It’s Library Lover’s Day on Friday 14 February. To celebrate, we have author Sara Foster with us to talk about her latest novel, ‘You Don’t Know Me’.

As we start off a new decade, we wish you a happy, safe and prosperous new year. Happy reading!

– Nedlands and Mt Claremont Library staff
Family Fun Intergenerational Morning

10am-1pm  |  Tuesday 21 January 2020
at the Community Hive,
Mt Claremont Community Centre.

Come and enjoy a morning full of fun games and activities for parents,
grandparents and children alike! We will be celebrating Australia Day early
with a free sausage sizzle, lawn games, face painting and more. Brush up
your bocce, croquet and ten pin bowling skills. Or why not challenge your
grandparents to a game of giant Connect 4 or dominoes?

So grab your family, especially your grandparents and have a fun
intergenerational morning. BYO picnic blanket or outdoor chair!

Please RSVP by Tuesday 14 January. Bookings are essential.
Book online at nedlands.evanced.info/signup.
If you are a senior, living within the local area, transport is available. Please
indicate if you require transport when booking.
To find out more, email library@nedlands.wa.gov.au or call 9273 3644.

This event is organised by Nedlands Library Service and Nedlands Community Care.
Lizzie Burdett was eighteen when she vanished, and Noah Carruso has never forgotten her. She was his first crush, his unrequited love. She was also his brother’s girlfriend.

Tom Carusso hasn’t been home in over a decade. He left soon after Lizzie disappeared under a darkening cloud of suspicion, and now he’s back for the inquest into Lizzie’s death - intent on telling his side of the story. As the inquest looms, Noah meets Alice Pryce on holiday. They fall for each other fast and hard, but Noah can’t bear to tell Alice his deepest fears. Alice is equally stricken - she carries a terrible secret of her own.

Friday 14 February
10.30am-11.30am
Nedlands Library

Bookings essential. Book online at nedlands.evanced.info/signup.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Sara Foster has written five critically acclaimed novels: Come Back to Me, Beneath the Shadows, Shallow Breath, All That is Lost Between Us and The Hidden Hours. She was born and raised in England and moved to Australia in 2004. She lives in Perth with her husband and two children.
Kids' Corner
FREE School Holiday Activities

Macramé Wall Hanging Workshop
Ages 10+
Creating a beautiful piece of art with our resident craft expert Lisa Black. Whether you are a crafting novice or pro, you’re sure to have fun with this vintage craft! All materials are provided.

The Community Hive
Mt Claremont Community Centre & Library
Friday 10 January
10.30am-11.30am

Bookings essential.
Book online at nedlands.evanced.info/signup

Bubble Art
Ages 4+
Summer is here and few things are more fun than blowing bubbles in the sunshine! We’ll use bubbles to create some works of art, but we’ll also have plenty of bubble play time too. All materials are provided.

Tuart Room
Mt Claremont Community Centre
Thursday 16 January
10.30am-11.30am

Bookings essential.
Book online at nedlands.evanced.info/signup

DIY Key Rings
Ages 6+
It’s almost time to go back to school, so let’s give your backpack a mini makeover with some new key rings. All materials are provided.

Nedlands Library
Tuesday 28 January
10.30-11.30am

Bookings essential.
Book at nedlands.evanced.info/signup

Kids Chess Group
Ages 7-15
If you are aged 7 to 15 years and would like to learn the game of chess, or improve on what you already know, then this is the group for you!

The Community Hive
Mt Claremont Community Centre and Library
Every Thursday starting 16 January
4pm – 5pm

No bookings required.
Kids' Corner
FREE School Holiday Activities

BYO Games and Grandparents
All Ages
Are your grandparents looking a bit bored these school holidays? Why not bring them to the library and they can play a game or two with some new friends? Perhaps you'll find a new favourite game while spending quality time together. Some games provided, but BYO your favourite board game and a grandparent or two!

The Community Hive
Mt Claremont Community Centre & Library
Friday 17 and 31 January
10.30am – 11.30am

Bookings appreciated.

Sunday Screenings
Ages 4+
Catch a film at Nedlands Library these school holidays! Screenings of fun, family-friendly films will be held in the Children’s Library, with snacks provided.

Nedlands Library
12, 19 January and 2 February
2pm – 4pm

Please note that the finishing time may vary. No bookings required.

Holiday Lego Club
Ages 5+
Calling all Master Builders!
These school holidays we are continuing our LEGO® Challenges. Working by yourself or in a team, you'll be re-creating famous landmarks or designing your own creature or building the longest bridge or... the list goes on. Each week your imagination and building prowess will be put to the test in a new challenge.
If you are five years and older come along to the Mt Claremont Library and Nedlands Library LEGO® Club!
DUPLO® will be available for younger siblings.

Mt Claremont Library
Thursday 9, 16, 23, 30 January
3pm – 4pm

Nedlands Library
Friday 10, 17, 24, 31 January
3pm – 4pm

No bookings required.
**Explore your world: weird, wild, amazing by Tim Flannery**
Get ready for a whole new look at the world around you. You’re about to meet the weirdest, wildest and most amazing animals on the planet. Are zombie jellyfish real? Do frogs like opera? Which animals eat poop? What’s it like to wrestle a python? Bursting with bizarre facts, packed with vibrant illustrations and guided by scientists, this deep-dive into the natural world will enthrall and enlighten readers.

**Funny kid next level by Matt Stanton**
Max is the funny kid and he’s trying to beat Redhill’s mystery pro gamer! Toilet snoozes, student protests, parent-teacher nights gone horribly wrong and an epic courtroom battle against Max’s baby sister are just some of the things in store for Max and his friends in this Funny Kid adventure.

**The poison jungle by Tui T. Sutherland**
It’s no secret that Sundew wants to destroy the HiveWings. It’s her life’s mission to exact revenge on the tribe that tried to wipe out the LeafWings and ripped every tree from the surface of Pantala. When Sundew the dragon teams up with her LeafWing friends to destroy the HiveWings, she uncovers an ancient secret that has the power to destroy them all.

**The Smeds and Smoos by Julia Donaldson**
The Smeds (who are red) never mix with the Smoos (who are blue). So when a young Smed and Smoo fall in love, their families strongly disapprove. But peace is restored and love conquers all in this happiest of love stories. There’s even a gorgeous purple baby to celebrate!

**A tale of magic by Chris Colfer**
Fourteen-year-old Brystal Evergreen risks everything by opposing her kingdom’s repression of women, but Madame Weatherberry, seeing her potential, invites her to a school where she hopes to change the world’s perception of magic.
Local Studies

That was my home: voices from the Noongar camps in Fremantle and the Western Suburbs by Denise Cook

Nedlands Library was lucky to host a talk with historian Dr Denise Cook and Lynette Coomer recently. Denise talked about her research and contact with aboriginal families who lived in the Noongar camps in the 1930s to 1950s, shared photographs and stories and discussed cultural protocols and cross-cultural tensions and friendships. Lynette was amazing and shared a wonderful wealth of first-hand recollections of her life growing up with her Grandmother and family in the Shenton park camp and beyond.

This book is truly a wonderful resource and a fascinating read for anyone interested to learn more about aboriginal life and families from the area and is filled with meticulously researched information, photographs and authentic stories and recollections.

Contains detailed notes and bibliography.

Note: The author followed Aboriginal cultural protocols in obtaining permission to include stories, photos and other information.

Prisoners in Nedlands?

In 1945, the State Government planned to build a new gaol - in Nedlands! This is one long-forgotten historical gem uncovered by the Trove database at the library’s monthly Trove workshops. The Sunday Times reported that the location was ideal because the area was "occupied by so many other unpleasant, but vitally necessary, adjuncts to our City.” These included the Sewerage Treatment Works, Claremont Asylum, the Infectious Diseases Hospital, the Dogs’ Home, Karrakatta Cemetery, pig farms, quarries and rubbish tips.

Being so near the City would enable prisoners’ families to visit easily and prison staff would be able to live in the local area. A “healthy and manly occupation” would be provided to the inmates to grow crops, using the sewerage sludge as fertiliser.

But the objections of the good people of Nedlands prevailed and the land is now occupied by the HBF Stadium, McGillivray Oval and CSIRO.

Pictured: The black coloured area is the proposed site for a new gaol. Although 225 acres, the actual area occupied by gaol buildings will not exceed 10 acres. Accommodation would be provided for 200.
Trove Workshops 2020

Would you like to search for and fix up Trove newspaper articles in a social environment? This database from the National Library of Australia has a huge number of digitised newspapers that need volunteers to fix the mistakes made by computers reading the articles as they were saved in the database. You’ll be guided in your search strategies and topics, so don’t worry. Just enjoy and share the funny or interesting things you discover. You might find articles about your home or family – what a bonus!

The summer workshops are on 22 January and 26 February.

The fourth Wednesday of each month
10am–12pm
Nedlands Library

Audiobooks and eBooks at Nedlands Library

Need something to read or listen to this summer? Your library card gives you access to thousands of free eAudiobooks and eBooks. Just follow the steps below to start browsing our two collections today.

BORROWBOX
- Download the BorrowBox app
- Select ‘Western Suburbs Libraries’ from the list of libraries
- Type in your library card number and pin
- Click ‘Sign in’
- Agree to the terms and conditions

You are now ready to browse and borrow

LIBBY, BY OVERDRIVE
- Download Libby, by OverDrive
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- When asked for a library, type in ‘City of Nedlands’
- Add your library card number

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Note: If you don’t have a mobile device you can browse and borrow from the collections by following the link to BorrowBox and OverDrive at:
www.nedlands.wa.gov.au/libraries/online-resources

* Your pin will be the same number you use to sign into the online catalogue.
Cilka’s Journey by Heather Morris

Having enjoyed The Tattooist of Auschwitz I was excited to read Heather Morris’ sequel following the story of Cilka Klein. After being liberated from Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp, she is charged as a collaborator by the Russians and sent to a prison camp in Siberia. Before reading this novel, I had no knowledge of Vorkuta or the Soviet Gulag camps. It was eye opening reading this work of fiction based on the experiences of women in the Siberian prison camps. Of women who against all odds were determined to survive to live another day. - Liz

Where the Crawdads Sing by Ophelia Owens

Where the Crawdads Sing is a gentle yet symbolic depiction of the valiant survival of Kya Clark, and mother nature has become Kya’s caretaker. A brilliant story that’s part coming of age, part love story, part mystery but full of depth and atmosphere. - Jade

King of Thieves (DVD)

Based on the events of the Hatton Garden Heist that occurred in April 2015, this enthralling film covers the events of the burglary from its initial conception, execution and in fighting that eventually brought the gang of criminals from performing the theft of a lifetime to being put into police custody. A must for any true crime aficionado. - Chris

Outback Songman: My Life by Ted Egan

Ted Egan is a contemporary version of my Australian hero figures like Banjo Paterson and Tom Collins. Living urban, rural and outback lives Ted has interpreted them in his songs and beautiful singing voice. His autobiography reveals more great things about the man than I ever realised. It’s a great read, with lots of photos to back up the story. - Anthea

Paper Florist: Create and Display Stunning Paper Flowers by Suzi McLaughlin

A beautiful book full of stunning floral creations just made from paper! Suzi shows you how to create these pretty flowers with easy to follow step by step instructions. The book also contains templates to help you create your flowers along with instructions on how to display your floral creations. Basic materials are all you need, so there are no excuses to be creative with paper. – Teagan
New and Popular

The Dutch House by Ann Patchett
A richly moving story that explores the indelible bond between two siblings, the house of their childhood, and a past that will not let them go. The Dutch House is the story of a paradise lost, a tour de force that digs deeply into questions of inheritance, love and forgiveness, of how we want to see ourselves and of who we really are.

Girl, Woman, Other by Bernadine Evaristo
Welcome to Britain and twelve very different people - mostly women, mostly black - who call it home. Teeming with life and crackling with energy, Girl, Woman, Other follows them across the miles and down the years. With vivid originality, irrepressible wit and sly wisdom, Bernardine Evaristo presents a gloriously new kind of history for this old country: ever-dynamic, ever-expanding and utterly irresistible.

Silver by Chris Hammer
Martin Scarsden vowed never to return to his hometown, Port Silver, and its traumatic memories. But now his new partner, Mandy Blonde, has inherited an old house in the seaside town and Martin knows their chance of a new life together won’t come again. Martin arrives to find his best friend from school days has been brutally murdered, and Mandy is the chief suspect. With the police curiously reluctant to pursue other suspects, Martin goes searching for the killer and finds the past waiting for him.
New and Popular

Red Joan (DVD)
Joan Stanley is a widow living out a quiet retirement in the suburbs when, shockingly, the British Secret Service place her under arrest. The charge: providing classified scientific information, including details on the building of the atomic bomb, to the Soviet government for decades. As she is interrogated, Joan relives the dramatic events that shaped her life and beliefs.

Talking to Strangers: What we Should Know About the People we Don’t Know by Malcolm Gladwell
The routine traffic stop that ends in tragedy. The spy who spends years undetected at the highest levels of the Pentagon. The false conviction of Amanda Knox. Why do we so often get other people wrong? Through a series of encounters and misunderstandings - from history, psychology, and infamous legal cases - Malcolm Gladwell takes us on an intellectual adventure into the darker side of human nature, where strangers are never simple and misreading them can have disastrous consequences.

The Weekend by Charlotte Wood
People went on about death bringing friends together, but it wasn’t true. Despite the three women knowing each other better than their own siblings, Sylvie’s death had opened up strange caverns of distance between them. Four older women have a lifelong friendship of the best kind: loving, practical, frank and steadfast. But when Sylvie dies, the ground shifts dangerously for the remaining three. Can they survive together without her?
Opening hours

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