Welcome to the Library Winter Newsletter.

There have been a few minor renovations at Nedlands Library. There is a new desk for the public computers. The computers are now together so they are easy to find now. The Internet PCs have been named so you can choose to log onto Austen, Tolstoy, Shelley or other classic authors!

We had the pleasure of having local and bestselling author Natasha Lester at Nedlands Library recently. She spoke about her latest novel – The French Photographer. Everyone enjoyed the evening as Natasha showed pictures of France and spoke about her research for the novel.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter!

- Nedlands and Mt Claremont Library staff
Upcoming events

Matters of the Heart by Fiona Palmer

Fiona Palmer is a writer of both women's and young adult fiction, working as a farmhand and caring for her two children in the tiny rural community of Pingaring, 350km from Perth.

A classic love story about manners, men and modern romance retold by bestselling Australian author, Fiona Palmer

Fiona Palmer reimagines Jane Austen's beloved classic tale of manners and marriage, transporting an enduring love story in this very twenty-first century novel about family, female empowerment and matters of the heart.

Copies of Matters of the Heart will be available for purchase.
Friday 13 September
10.30am – 11.30am
Mt Claremont Library
The Community Hive, Mt Claremont Community Centre
Book online at nedlands.evanced.info/signup

That was my Home:

Voices from the Noongar Camps at Shenton Park with Lynnette Coomer and Dr Denise Cook

Noongar families lived in camps at Shenton Park as recently as the 1950s. Join Lynnette Coomer as she shares memories of her young life with her extended family in the Shenton Park camps. Dr Denise Cook spoke to many people with connections to the camps and will share some of their histories, as well as discussing the importance of following Aboriginal cultural protocols. Denise Cook is an historian, oral historian, museum curator and interpretation specialist. Lynnette Coomer lived in the Shenton Park camps in the 1950s with her parents, grandmother Melba Bodney, and siblings.

Copies of That was my Home: Voices from the Noongar Camps in Fremantle and the Western Suburbs will be available for purchase.
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Library book club groups

Enjoy discussing books over tea and coffee? There are two book clubs at Nedlands Library (the second Thursday of every month from 1pm-2.15pm and the third Thursday of every month from 5.45pm-7pm.)

Mt Claremont Library is in the process of setting up a Monday evening book club. If you're interested in being the facilitator for this new Mt Claremont Library book club group, please call Nedlands Volunteer Centre on 9273 3641.

Already a member of a book club?

Book club sets are available for hire if you are already a member of a book club or wish to start one! There is a non-refundable fee for the hire of the sets which are loaned for 8 weeks: $30 per adult for a set of 10 books and $20 per junior for a set of 6 books. We can also transfer the sets to Mt Claremont Library for you to pick up! Contact Nedlands Library on 9273 3644 for more details.

Online resources - eMagazines

Need something to browse during your lunch break or while the kids are in a music lesson? Why not check out the eMagazines available through the Library. With over 400 titles available we have something for everyone. Popular titles include Choice, Grand Designs Australia, Women’s Weekly and National Geographic.

nedlands.wa.gov.au/libraries/online-resources

Is the print too small?

Are you finding some of the print in magazines and newspapers too small? Nedlands Library has a handheld electronic magnifier that can be used in the library. Just ask staff to use it while you are reading in the library.

Justice of the Peace available

A Justice of the Peace is available at the Libraries weekly to witness and attest documents, certify copies of original documents and witness signing of documents.

Mondays 5pm – 6.30pm
at Mt Claremont Library
105 Montgomery Ave, Mt Claremont
T 9383 1462
E library@nedlands.wa.gov.au

Wednesdays 1pm – 3pm
at Nedlands Library
60-64 Stirling Highway, Nedlands
T 9273 3644
E library@nedlands.wa.gov.au

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For more information, contact the library staff.
Childrens Book Week - Book Scavenger Hunt
All ages

We’re celebrating Childrens Book Week all month this August! Pick up a scavenger book hunt card, read some great books and hand in your completed card for a chance to win a Dymocks book voucher.

There are two designs to choose from and you can enter as many times as you like. But be careful as we will only be accepting unique entries and you must have a library card!

A prize will be available at both Nedlands and Mt Claremont Libraries.

All cards must be submitted by library closure on Friday 30 August.
Held at the Nedlands and Mt Claremont Libraries, free activity.
Special Event

Australian Reading Hour: Story Dogs at the Libraries

Come and read to Story Dogs Rambo, Aero, Priny or Molly during the Australian Reading Hour. Australian Reading Hour encourages everyone to pick up a book and escape in its pages for an hour.

This session is suitable for primary school aged children. If there are younger siblings, parents must be present at the allocated booking.

Bookings essential. Five-minute reading sessions will be allocated for each family. There will be activities to do while you wait your turn.

Book online at nedlands.evanced.info/signup or email library@nedlands.wa.gov.au

Thursday 19 September 2019
4pm – 5pm
Nedlands and Mt Claremont Libraries (concurrently)
In his first journal, middle schooler Rowley Jefferson, Greg Heffley’s sidekick, records his experiences and misguided decision to write a biography of Greg, who, in his own mind, is destined to become rich and famous.

Hopping Weird! by Anh Do
Mum’s got a cool new job at the animal hospital... but now Weir’s house is like a ZOO! How can Bella and Weir help look after all the animals AND finish their school project?! It won’t be easy... but it will be FUNNY!

Fing by David Walliams
Myrtle Meek has everything she could possibly want. But everything isn't enough. She wants more, more, MORE! When Myrtle declares she wants a FING, there’s only one problem; what is a FING? Mr and Mrs Meek will do anything to keep their darling daughter happy, even visit the spooky library vaults to delve into the dusty pages of the mysterious Monsterpedia. Their desperate quest leads to the depths of the jungliest jungle where the rarest creatures can be found. But will they ever find a FING?

Muhammad Ali by Ma Isabel Sánchez Vegara
As a child, young Cassius Clay had his bike stolen. He wanted to fight whoever stole his bike, but a police officer told him to control his anger, and learn how to box. After training hard in the gym, Cassius developed a strong hook and a stronger work ethic. His smart thinking and talking, inside and outside the ring, earned him the greatest title in boxing: Heavyweight Champion of the World.

Spider-Man, Into the Spider-Verse (DVD)
Miles Morales is the new Spider-Man but must also walk the balance between his personal high school & family life and his life as a superhero. While being Spider-Man, he becomes familiar with the Spider-Verse, where there are endless variations on Spider-Man. All of the various Spider-Men will have to band together when villains threaten the safety of the Spider-Verse and of the world itself.
After the second World War, there was a shortage of accommodation and demand for real estate in Nedlands was booming. This advertisement appeared in the West Australian.

According to Athol Thomas in his book “A Terrace Walk and Half a Rood – The History of Real Estate in Western Australia Since 1829”, the advertisement received 443 replies, mostly within 4 hours. The housing shortage affected everyone – doctors, dentists, bank managers, ex-servicemen, the well and the unwell, young and old. One woman pleaded that her husband had lost a hand, an eye and sixty per cent of his hearing in Syria; another said her daughter had contracted polio three years earlier and needed to be near the river for swimming exercises. An ex-AIF officer claimed his wife had lost twin girls recently because of the family’s poor living conditions. A woman with four children made a point of mentioning that her husband was ‘One of the original Tobruk Rats’. A Chidlow man offered £1700 plus an extra £50 and was prepared to wait a month or two for possession. The cheekiest applicant enclosed a tin of tobacco with his letter and confessed that it was ‘Merely to make a bulky package and thereby increase the chance of engaging your attention ... however, if you smoke, please accept it with my compliments’. A big percentage of correspondents were prepared to buy the property sight unseen.

In 1911, experts of the “natatorial art” (didn’t they love long words back then?) proposed a swim through Perth where swimmers – including ladies (shock horror!) would swim from Applecross through the City. The Nedlands to Applecross swim was held the following year. It had a great attraction in that swimmers would start and finish on Nedlands sandy river beach instead of the smelly mud of Perth.

The prizes were significant – a cup valued at 10 guineas was given to the winner. In 1913 the prizes were even better and were displayed in the premises of the Boardwalk Boot Company in Hay Street.

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Special trams were laid on and auctions of the blocks of land in the new suburb were timed to start before the race. The cost of nearby blocks was 25 pounds – 2 pound deposit and 1 pound monthly. Steamers were hired to follow the swimmers’ progress, but they blocked the view of those on the land and the hotel had to handle the disgruntled customers.

Jellyfish proved troublesome but the Hardy Natatoes enjoyed the clean, clear water for the two and three quarter mile swim that took the fastest of them about an hour and a half. The last Nedlands to Applecross and return swim was held in 1914 but the Swim through Perth continued.
**Staff picks**

**Another Book About Bears by Laura Bunting (Junior)**
A cute and funny story about, well bears. But not really. You see these bears are on strike and refuse to be part of any more stories! Can you imagine the story of Goldilocks without the three bears? What animal could possibly replace them?
– Teagan

**Chateau de Gudanes : a true love story never ends by Karina Waters**
This is a beautiful book detailing the history of Chateau de Gudanes and most importantly how Karina Waters and her family came to be the current owners of Chateau de Gudanes left in ruins but now coming to life through their dedication to its restoration. – Susan

**Circle by Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen (Junior)**
The first time I saw this book the circle with eyes intrigued me. From the first page I wanted to keep reading and see what was going to happen to Circle and her friends Triangle and Square. The illustrations are beautiful and the storyline simple but engaging. – Liz

**City of Lies by Sam Hawke**
“I was seven years old the first time my uncle poisoned me”. If that first line doesn’t get you hooked to read this novel then you can be sure the rest of the book will. Jovan is fulfilling the family tradition of being a poison expert and tester for the ruling family when a series of murders, including that of his uncle, when an unknown poison throws things in Salista out of balance. Jovan’s best friend Tain is then elevated to the throne and it is up to Jov to solve the mystery of who poisoned his uncle and to protect the new ruler. An awesome read full of political intrigue, secrets, lies and murder mystery. – Jade

**An Exact Replica of a Figment of My Imagination by Elizabeth McCracken**
Fascinated by stories of grieving, I find them both uplifting and comforting and they certainly develop my awareness of the human condition. This is such a well written story of the experience of a stillbirth – and the life of a couple of itinerant writers. It’s the brain download of a new mother, a year after her first child was born dead. It’s profound, reflective and an excellent read. Our society does not deal well with death yet deceased loved ones never leave us, nor, as this book illustrates, should they. The title reflects the humour and questioning that makes this such a good book to read. – Anthea
Staff picks

Feast of Souls by Celia Friedman
In this dark, fantasy world where magic has dire cost to those who would wield it, an ancient evil lurks in the north, waiting for the world of men to weaken. A king slowly goes mad under the influence of his corrupt Adviser. A dying prince is determined to grasp his fate or die trying. And a young woman, unlike any who has come before, rises to power with consequences that ripple across the world. – Stella

Murder in My Backyard by Ann Cleeves (Audiobook)
I thoroughly enjoyed Murder in my backyard because it is one of the earlier mysteries penned by Cleeves and it raises social issues still relevant today. It is the second book in the Inspector Ramsay series. Local uproar over a proposed housing development results in murder. Ramsay faces challenges not only from suspects but also his own colleagues. But more importantly, will he be in time to prevent another murder? – Martina

Open Mic Night at Westminster Cemetery by Mary Amato (Young Adult)
A story written as a play of two acts. Lacy wakes up in Westminster Cemetery, the famous resting place of Edgar Allen Poe, to find out she’s dead. The first new resident in the cemetery in over 100 years, this “modern” must navigate its out-of-date rules and find her place. An interesting read in an unconventional format. – Keira

The Runaways by Fatima Bhutto
I was intrigued by the development of the characters from their different backgrounds to when they end up as vastly changed personalities in the desert Ninevah - but saddened by an ending that seemed to give no hope. So I don’t know if I enjoyed this novel, although perhaps I understand a little about how vulnerable young people can become radicalised. – Anthea
New and Popular

Boy Erased (DVD)

Boy Erased tells the courageous story of Jared Eamons, the son of a Baptist pastor in a small American town, who must overcome the fallout of being outed to his parents. His parents struggle with reconciling their love for their son with their beliefs. Fearing a loss of family, friends, and community, Jared is pressured into attending a conversion therapy program. While there, Jared comes into conflict with its leader and begins his journey to finding his own voice and accepting his true self.

Conversations with Friends by Sally Rooney

Frances is a coolheaded and darkly observant young woman, vaguely pursuing a career in writing while studying in Dublin. Her best friend is the beautiful and endlessly self-possessed Bobbi. At a local poetry performance one night, they meet a well-known photographer, and as the girls are then gradually drawn into her world, Frances is reluctantly impressed by the older woman's sophisticated home and handsome husband, Nick. But however amusing Frances and Nick's flirtation seems at first, it begins to give way to a strange—and then painful—intimacy.

The Fast 800: How to Combine Rapid Weight Loss and Intermittent Fasting for Long-Term Health by Dr Michael Mosley

Recent studies have shown that 800 calories is the magic number when it comes to successful dieting—it's an amount high enough to be manageable but low enough to speed weight loss and trigger a range of desirable metabolic changes. Depending on your goals, you can choose how intensively you want to do the programme: how many 800-calorie days to include each week, and how to adjust these as you progress. Along with delicious, low-carb recipes and menu plans by Dr Clare Bailey, The Fast 800 offers a flexible way to help you lose weight, improve mood and reduce blood pressure, inflammation and blood sugars.
New and Popular

Machines Like me and People Like You by Ian McEwan

Machines like me occurs in an alternative 1980s London. Charlie, drifting through life and dodging full-time employment, is in love with Miranda, a bright student who lives with a terrible secret. When Charlie comes into money, he buys Adam, one of the first batch of synthetic humans. With Miranda's assistance, he co-designs Adam's personality. This near-perfect human is beautiful, strong and clever - a love triangle soon forms. These three beings will confront a profound moral dilemma. Ian McEwan's subversive and entertaining new novel poses fundamental questions: what makes us human? Our outward deeds or our inner lives? Could a machine understand the human heart?

The Scholar by Dervla McTiernan

When Detective Cormac Reilly's girlfriend Emma stumbles across the victim of a hit and run early one morning, he is first on the scene of a murder that would never have been assigned to him. The investigation promises to be high profile and high pressure: the dead girl is carrying an ID, that of Carline Darcy, heir apparent to Ireland's most successful pharmaceutical company. Darcy Therapeutics has a finger in every pie, including the laboratory where Emma works. As Cormac investigates, evidence mounts that the death is linked to the lab and, increasingly, to Emma herself. Cormac is sure she couldn't be involved, but how well does he really know her? After all, this isn't the first time Emma's been accused of murder...

A Star is Born (DVD)

During the downward spiral of his own music career due to alcoholism and his age, Jackson Maine helps a young singer and actress find fame
Opening hours

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