ONE hundred
is a major exhibition at the Mitchell Library, and the centrepiece of our centenary celebrations this year. The Mitchell Library opened its doors on 9 March, 1910. During 2010 we celebrate one hundred years of collecting, collections and service to the people of NSW and Australia.

ONE hundred has items ranging in date from the late 1400s to the present day. It includes manuscripts, pictures, maps, books, oral histories and objects.

Mitchell Galleries
9 March 2010 – 16 June 2010

The Governor: Lachlan Macquarie, 1810 to 1821

On 1 January 1810, Lachlan Macquarie took office as the 5th Governor of New South Wales. To celebrate this 200th anniversary and examine Macquarie’s contribution to the development of colonial Australia, original letters, journals, watercolours, miniatures and realia from the Library’s collections will be displayed.

Mitchell Galleries
5 July 2010 – 10 October 2010

Moran Prizes 2010

Hosted in conjunction with the Moran Health Care Group and incorporates the Doug Moran National Portrait Prize and the Moran Contemporary Photographic Prize. Following the exhibition at the State Library, the exhibition is toured nationally by the Moran Health Care Group.

The Doug Moran National Portrait Prize was established by the Moran family in 1988 to celebrate Australia’s Bicentenary and is the richest portrait prize in the world. The exhibition of finalists is a vibrant and eclectic collection of 30 portrait paintings. Entry conditions for the competition stipulate that both the painter and their subject be Australian citizens, but it is not required that the artist’s subjects be well known.

Mitchell Galleries
9 August 2010 – 5 September 2010

World Press Photo 2010

This annual exhibition features the award-winning photographs from the prestigious World Press Photo Contest for press photography. Showcasing approximately 200 photographs in ten theme categories including: news, nature, portraits, arts and entertainment, sports, and daily life, this is the Library’s most popular guest exhibition.

Canon and TNT sponsor World Press Photo worldwide. The exhibition has been brought to Sydney by Canon Australia and supported by Getty Images, JC Decaux and TNT.

Mitchell Galleries
3 July 2010 – 1 August 2010

state Library of NSW

Disability information
Wheelchair access via Macquarie Street, toilets and courtesy wheelchair, hearing loop, parking on the corner of Shakespeare Place and Macquarie Street. Companion card provides fair ticketing at events and venues for people with a disability who require a companion to accompany them.

www.companioncard.org.au

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From the Editor

2010 is well under way and public libraries are busier than ever. Read on the wild side captured everyone’s imagination – see our feature article – but that’s not all that’s been happening over the summer. We hope you enjoy this issue and thank you to all our contributors.

VICTORIA ANDERSON
Editor
Read on the Wild Side!
Summer Reading Program across the state

The State Library of NSW purchased a Summer Reading Program left for all new public libraries.

BELLINGEN
NSW National Parks Senior Ranger Barbara Webster and Bellingen Shire Council Ranger Brett Hannaford spoke at the library about what they do. Senior Ranger Barbara bought some fluffy friends along to help demonstrate the importance of looking after wildlife, and Council Ranger Brett explained about the importance of registering animals and the variety of other jobs that he performs. The children were treated to face painting by award-winning international artist of the face and body, Emily from Fairy Good.

During the summer reading program the libraries held Read on the Wild Side competitions with prizes for all children who entered and a $50 book voucher for the winning adult prize. A total of 55 children across the Shire registered for the reading challenge, 40 participated in the children’s competition and 32 adults entered the book voucher competition.

SHARON UTHMANN
Bellingen Shire Librarian
Clarence Regional Library

BLACKTOWN
On Thursday February 18th, Blacktown City Mayor Charlie Lowles congratulated the children who had participated in our third Summer Reading Program, at the Bowman Hall in Blacktown as there was nowhere in the Library large enough for the crowd of over 650 participants.

Over the recent summer holiday period, 452 children completed the program, reading a grand total of 8,306 books! This is a growth of 30% on last year’s program. We’re delighted because it means more children are reading, making them more successful in preparing for the 2010 school year.

MARGARET REDRUP-MAY
Outreach Programs Team Leader
Blacktown City Libraries

CANADA BAY
We celebrated the 2010 Summer Reading Club with a visit by the Zoomobile. The kids came nose to nose with some stunning wildlife with the echidna stealing the show! At the Walk on the Wild Side workshop the kids were transformed into Wild Things by their headdresses, ears and claws.

We had our best response ever to the Summer Reading Club program - 236 kids registered, 109 kids completed the Reading Record, reading approximately 1500 books. These children were presented with their certificates by the Mayor, Angelo Tsirekas at the Summer Reading Club party.

WENDY BANISTER
Children’s Librarian
City of Canada Bay
COFFS HARBOUR

The City Library was pleased to take part in Read on the Wild Side, the Children's Summer Reading Club. This was the fifth year we have taken part in the state-wide initiative, and during this time have had 616 children take part.

Of the 234 children that took part this year, 63 attended a Cowboys and Indians Party at Coffs Library to celebrate their achievements. They all wrote book reviews, kept a list of the books they had read, and created some wonderful illustrations depicting the stories they had enjoyed. All the children received a certificate to acknowledge their commitment, with special awards being distributed to recognise outstanding achievements, including two children who have participated in the SRC for five years. We commended them for the wonderful example they have shown to the younger children.

The Summer Reading Club is a great opportunity for parents to introduce their children to the services offered by the library, and 50 children obtained their own library memberships to participate this year.

JUDY ATKINSON
Programs Officer
Coff Harbour City Library

COOLAMON

Coolamon Library kids joined the Summer Reading Challenge last school holidays. Everyone who signed up received a free sample bag filled with tattoos, an activity book, colouring-in pages, lollies and balloons. We also held a competition, and the prize was an ipod nano. The children had to identify and count the animal prints displayed around the library. It was a very successful holiday program and special thanks to Sharon from Riverina Regional Library for organising this at all the branches.

HELEN MCL OUGHLIN
Library Assistant
Coolamon Library

KOGARAH

Kogarah Library’s exhibition space was packed as 171 children, young adults, parents and carers enjoyed the Presentation Night for our Summer Reading Program. Special guest was author Chris Cheng who provided a lively and engaging presence as he awarded the prizes and spoke about having the best job in the world – as a writer. Chris encouraged the children and youth to work on their creative abilities and talked about the joys of writing.
The 109 participants had read 3,489 books which was a 41% increase in the number of books read from last year. The youngest ‘reader’ was eight month old Phoebe, which shows how important these reading programs can be to encourage parent’s commitment to the reading and imaginative development of their children. Chris Cheng wrote on his blog after the event, for any parents wanting to know great books to read to their children - the local library is the perfect place to drop in and ask questions - the librarians are full of information.

Great encouragement for us all!

_**LINDA HEALD**_
Coordinator Community and Cultural Services
Kogarah Library

**LAKE MACQUARIE**

The Summer Reading school holiday program was again held this year in conjunction with Maitland, Newcastle and Port Stephens Libraries. 14 activities were held throughout Lake Macquarie Libraries with 249 people attending. The attendance at events was 84% (of the predicted capacity).

Each day something new was held to keep children of all ages busy during their summer break and we made sure that there were some exciting new workshops, including Aquatic Minibeasts and How to Draw Circus.

At Aquatic Mini Beasts attendees got to fish for the names of aquatic mini-beasts such as sea stars and sea anemones. They then got the chance to see and touch the live creatures and study them under the magnifying glass.

Children were able to get creative and learn the art of drawing dancing horses, clowns, and all things circus at Belmont Library. The workshop went for 2½ hours and included the chance to try their hand with some circus tricks during the break.

In conjunction with the holiday activities, children were encouraged to continue reading during the school holidays. During these holidays participants read 970 books between them, this was a slight increase in the number of reading logs returned in 2009. As well as the incentive prizes such as tattoos, stickers and wristbands which children received for returning their reading log, we also had a number of bigger prizes on offer. The prizes included an Angus and Robertson gift voucher valued at $100 and 30 $10 vouchers.

_**RACHEL MALLABY**_
Library Technician Promotions
Lake Macquarie City Library

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**MARRICKVILLE**

One hundred and ninety children joined our Library’s Summer Reading Club. Club members enjoyed free reading kits, activity booklets, competitions, and lucky dips. The program concluded with a celebration featuring cake and a mask-making workshop presented by staff from Reverse Garbage.

_**LISA MARSCHALL**_
Coordinator, Community Programs
Marrickville Library

**NARRABRI**

We found a new way to launch our summer reading club! Since we couldn’t take the kids to the jungle we brought the jungle to the library! We constructed a palm tree out of balloons and it has been a huge hit not only with the kids but with the adults as well. We love the way that people choose to walk through the palm tree leaves rather than around it.

_**JENNY CAMPBELL**_
Librarian
Narrabri Library

**PARKES**

This year 2,455 books were read, a 400% increase from last year. We suspect our challenge - If Club members read more than 1,000 books the Library Staff and special guests will do the Chicken Dance outside the Library - had a little bit to do with this great increase! Kids who joined our Club received a reading bag, which included their reading record and an invitation to the Circus Workshop. Kids who completed multiple reading records got to draw a lucky prize.

Our next job is to convince the Mayor that he is a special guest and can do the Chicken Dance with us!

_**SHELLIE BUCKLE**_
Manager Library Services
Parkes Library

**WAGGA WAGGA**

Out of 150 participants in our Library Junior Summer Reading Club, 30 lucky children were treated to a guided tour of the Botanical Gardens. We billed the event as a Walk on the Wild Side, and wild it was! The main focus of the tour was the zoo, discovering interesting facts, eg. emus have double plume feathers and budgerigars pooh every fifteen minutes! The Library worked in partnership with the Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga for this event, so children from refugee backgrounds had the opportunity to meet and play with other children in the community while learning about Australian animals.

_**KIM MUSSCHE AND MICHAEL SCUTTI**_
Wagga Wagga City Library
Castle Cove Library Community Open Day

Willoughby City Library’s Castle Cove Library and Community Learning Space, our fifth branch, was officially opened on Saturday 21st November 2009. Castle Cove Library is located in the new over 55s residential living development, Watermark. The Mayor of Willoughby, Cr Pat Reilly, ward Councillors and the General Manager launched the new library and community centre.

The opening ceremony marked the start of a successful Community Open Day. Activities included a local history display, a community user survey, Pilates demonstration, castle-themed children’s storytime sessions and craft, as well as jazz music performed by the Castle Cove Primary School Stage Band and a sausage sizzle provided by the 1st East Roseville Scout Club. Library staff wore specially designed badges in the themed colours. Exciting and innovative environmental awareness packs were given away.

After the launch, large numbers of community members eagerly lined up to join the library, which is a brand new service for the area. Features of the library include the bright Children’s Section which is decorated with a giant-sized soft-toy Very Hungry Caterpillar; colourful photographic shelf subject guides; and historical Fact sheets giving information on the naming of the streets of Castle Cove. The library collection has been carefully selected with the community in mind, taking into account the residents of Watermark and the more diverse population of the local area. Members can borrow fiction and non-fiction books, DVDs, music CDs, audio books, children’s books and community language resources including Chinese and Japanese.

Highlights of the library layout include the following.

- The integration of the junior and adult collections where adult and children’s non-fiction books are shelved together, following a trial at the Artarmon Library which proved to be very popular and resulted in a significant increase in loans.
- A sustainability collection, again using the Artarmon Library model. This stand alone Sustainability Collection has a wide variety of books and audio visual items on environmental subjects which have been selected in a collaborative project between the Library and Sustainability Section of Council. The Sustainability Collection, grouped together and specially labelled for ease of finding, is designed as a means for the community to have easy access to learn more about sustainability matters.
- Quartos including many coffee table style books have been provided as they are particularly in demand by the residents living in the apartments at Watermark. Usage statistics for this section of the collection have been high since the library opened.
- Outward facing display of the collection just like bookshops. Wherever possible, library material is displayed covers facing outwards to entice library members to examine and borrow the material as well as increasing the attractiveness of the library.
- Free Wifi wireless access to the Internet. Free Wifi has been available at Willoughby’s Central Library for some time but Castle Cove is the first branch library to have it. At any one time, up to 25 people have access to the Internet through their personal laptops, hand held devices or organisers.
- Book Club Kits are a new service for Willoughby City Library. Each kit features a set of 10 books with an author profile and a small selection of discussion questions. The kits include both popular fiction titles and themes such as travel, food, and war. The Book Club Kits will be extended to all our libraries because they have proven so popular. For information about the kits ask at any of our libraries or for details of the Castle Cove Book Club Kits, go to <www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Castle-Cove-Library.html>.

‘members eagerly lined up to join the library, which is a brand new service for the area.’
Castle Cove Library is a one person library which is open 17 hours per week. The Castle Cove Library and Community Learning Space is host to a range of ongoing events, activities and classes for the community, such as Talks@Willoughby, Book Club meetings, and activities for both adults and children including yoga, Pilates and children’s dance classes. Local groups such as Progress Associations or Sustainability Groups may also hire the space out of library hours.

The first talk in the Talks@Willoughby program held at Castle Cove Library in early December featured author, Alasdair McGregor, speaking about his book, Grand Obsessions: the Life and Work of Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin. Over 50 people visited the library to hear about the Griffins and their many developments in the nearby suburb of Castlecrag.

Before the opening of Castle Cove Library, there had been a comprehensive marketing campaign that included a letter box drop of invitations to residents of Watermark and the nearby streets; promotion through the local school and shops; as well as posters and flyers in Willoughby City’s other libraries. Publicity was also posted on Council’s Intranet and Internet pages. We designed in-house a 2.5m long, portable Library Open sign to attract attention on busy Deepwater Rd.

Since the opening of the library, the statistics have been very encouraging. For the nine days in November, 80 new members joined and nearly 700 items were loaned out to the community. Loans and memberships have grown strongly in December and January. Many community members were happy to write down their comments in our visitors’ book, with Beautiful. Plenty of space for kids, Lovely, modern, appealing and It is so good to have a library so close to home are just a few of the wonderful remarks made about the new library.

Castle Cove Library is certain to provide high quality local informational and recreational library services for the residents of Castle Cove, as well as enhancing Willoughby City’s Library Services overall by providing ongoing activities, events and classes for the community.

ALISON DAVIDSON
Community Information and Promotions Librarian
Willoughby City Library
What is Library-licious?

RYDE LIBRARY SERVICES has been planning for some time to have an expo for council staff to let them know what we do for the community and what we can do to assist council staff. With financial support from the State Library’s Local Priority Grant and with great enthusiasm from a team of library staff we started planning. First, we wanted something different, so we came up with a restaurant theme, and planned to hold it at lunch time with delicious food as an attraction. We brainstormed until we came up with the title, Library-licious: a degustation of information. That caught their attention! Next we planned the menu with tables for the different courses – for the entrée we had new members, library catalogue, setting up a profile, and information about purchasing. For mains we had local studies, genealogy, electronic resources, Standards, Community Information, Home Library Services, and our non-English collections. We also had a Collections smorgasbord with samples of all the different formats which make up our collection. Then for dessert we had all the children’s and youth services (including the toys and the kits for story time), Living Library, complete with a sample Book, and all the other events we hold – Knitting, Book Clubs, Talks, Internet Training, Ryde Writers’ Festival etc.

With two large display screens covered in colourful posters and photos depicting the wonderfully varied activities that happen in our five libraries we had the basis of a great expo. Add to the mix a few balloons and tables set with self-serve food and our colourful restaurant was up and running!

Enthusiastic library staff dressed in black and white like waiters took the opportunity to engage council staff in conversation about what we do. We had over 50 council staff attend this event and we have received many positive comments. We gained some new members and expanded the horizons of a lot of others! We put a lot of effort into the presentation as we wanted a really professional feel, and we are really pleased with the result. We promoted our library and made some great contacts with council staff. Library-licious was a success.

CAROL SOMMER
Information Services Coordinator
Ryde Library Services
Australian Newspaper Digitisation Program (ANDP)

ONE MILLION PAGES!

The millionth page was made publicly available on 14th December 2009, marking a project milestone. The millionth page contained the 10 millionth article; a 1901 edition of the Sydney Morning Herald. There will be 40 million articles available by 2011.

Digitisation started in 2007 and 4.4 million pages were targeted for digitisation over four years to be completed and publicly accessible as full text articles by June 2010. Three million of the identified 4.4 million pages have been scanned from microfilm into digital images so far, including the first 70 years, from 1831 to 1901 of the Sydney Morning Herald. Of the three million scanned pages one million have been converted into full text articles by the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) process and are publicly available.

Public users have enhanced the data significantly since August 2008 by correcting 8.13 million lines of text in 368,390 articles. This really improves the searching. Also 5,061 comments and 230,384 tags have been added to articles, which will be used for search and retrieval in the 2010 version of Trove.

Please be aware that some issues of the Sydney Morning Herald are missing. These are being sourced in hard copy from locations in Australia and will be added later in 2010. So don’t worry if you spot a missing issue, we know about it and it will appear soon.

The new Trove service integrates the searching of many different resources at once, including the Australian National Bibliographic Database, Australian Newspapers, Picture Australia, Australian Research Online, PANDORA, OAIster, Open Library, the Hathi Trust, the Internet Archive and the Library of Congress tables of contents, publishers’ descriptions and sample book chapters. Go online now and explore! <http://trove.nla.gov.au/>

ROSE HOLLEY
Manager Trove
National Library of Australia

AND THE LIVERPOOL HERALD

Liverpool is celebrating its Bicentenary this year – it’s been 200 years since Governor Macquarie founded the township - and with our Bicentenary in mind we approached the National Library of Australia (NLA) to consider digitising our oldest newspaper, the Liverpool Herald, from 1898-1907.

We were thrilled when the National Library said the Herald met their selection criteria regarding the publication date. This exciting project has involved Liverpool library sponsoring the digitisation of this newspaper. The cost for the digitisation is $2.00 per page and includes the following: quality assurance by NLA staff for every digital page image; scanning of microfilm to create the digital page image; one a 400 dpi master greyscale TIFF image and one a 400 dpi bitonal TIFF image optimised for Optical Character Recognition (OCR). There are 6,484 pages in the Liverpool Herald, so the total cost to us was $12,968.

We were required to request the State Library of NSW release the master negatives to the NLA where they would undergo digitisation in March, and then be sent off to India for OCR processing using the NLA’s specifications. This includes each article on every page being identified, articles linked across pages, and linked to relevant illustrations. The articles would be categorised using one of four categories, all text would be OCR’d and key elements of the OCR text would be manually corrected.

The NLA will then transfer the files to its Newspapers Content Management System and undertake quality assurance of the deliverable files on a sample basis. The newspaper will then be available online to users anywhere at anytime and freely accessible. It will also be searchable from one national access point which will contain over 90 Australian newspaper titles by the end of 2011.

Acknowledgement of our Library will be provided.

We can’t wait till the paper is available - hopefully by the middle of this year.

JO MORRIS
Liverpool City Library
In the Libraries

NEW LOGO

With the arrival of the New Year and a new decade, Southern Tablelands Regional Library (STRL) sports a new logo. STRL had considered updating its branding for some time and a graphic artist was commissioned to provide some new logo concepts. These were shown to the STRL Library Committee and library patrons, who were given the opportunity to vote for their favourite.

The winning design represents the rolling hills of our region and its sky, while hinting at our traditional core business, a source of literature. In deference to the past, the sweeping curves also provide a link to our previous logo.

The first item to be revised with the new logo is our new library card. The opportunity was taken to look at alternatives offered by various suppliers and what other organisations were doing with membership or loyalty cards. We discussed the common issue of our borrowers forgetting their cards and decided to go with the card and key fob concept. The feedback from staff and the public has been very positive, as people rarely forget their keys when coming to the library.

This is a very modern, refreshing new look which will be associated with continuing innovation and friendly service by those who use Goulburn Mulwaree, Upper Lachlan and Yass Valley Libraries.

HOWARD BOYLE
Information and Access Coordinator
Southern Tablelands Regional Library

THE NEW LOGO

FAMILY HISTORY AT THE HUB

An enthusiastic crowd of over 60 people from Grenfell and surrounds attended a Family History Research Resources Seminar organised by Grenfell Public Library on February 20th.

The purpose of the day was to alert people interested in researching their family history to some of the resources available locally and online. The genesis of the idea came from the Library’s recent subscription to Ancestry.com funded from the State Library of NSW’s Local Priority Grants program. The State Library agreed to send a speaker from their Family History Service, and the program grew from there.

The day included David Berry, State Library, talking about Ancestry.com and the Library’s online family history research guides; Christine Yeats from State Records spoke about the Archives kit (held at Parkes) and some of the lesser known State Records resources, and representatives from local family history societies had a panel discussion on the services and resources they offer.

The day ended with a review session and discussion of ideas about the future. For example we have decided to extend the library’s opening hours one Saturday every month to assist with access to the collections, and two family historians have offered to come in and assist beginners with their research.

The numbers attending is evidence of the wide interest in this particular topic. A small library like Grenfell cannot hope to offer the level of resources and expertise available in bigger services but we can provide a venue for independent research and the support and assistance of volunteer researchers, and of course, valuable seminars like this one.

ANNE GAULT
Librarian
Grenfell Library
**RABBITOHS**

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed South Sydney Rabbitohs Michael Crocker, Sam Burgess and John Sutton to Toormina Library. The visit was coordinated as part of the Souths Cares initiative, supported by the South Sydney District Rugby League Football Club and their sponsors <www.rabbitohs.com.au/Souths-Cares/Home.html>. The program promotes the benefits of education and a healthy lifestyle throughout both the South Sydney and Coffs Harbour communities. A group of children from Toormina Primary School joined us to hear from the footballers, including the benefits of reading, which also enabled us to establish a link between the Library and our community via the Souths Cares Program. We look forward to further involvement with the program, particularly as it affords us the opportunity to engage with the indigenous community.

**JUDY ATKINSON**  
Programs Officer  
Coffs Harbour City Library

**LIBRARY LOVERS’ DAY**

**COFFS HARBOUR**

Coffs Harbour has been brimming with events over the past few months, capped off by a terrific BBQ shared with our customers for Library Lovers’ Day. We held a free sausage sizzle on Saturday February 6th, giving us the opportunity to reward our weekend customers with an event all their own! We made a quick amendment to the promotion, and invited everyone to Be a Library Lover for the day, as we were holding it a bit earlier than the traditional LLD. With two and a half times our average Saturday attendance, the event was very successful, with an overflow of increased custom at both library branches as well. It was rewarding to have the opportunity to chat with customers, hear their latest reading exploits and genuinely thank them for supporting the library.

Authors of a range of interesting titles have given successful talks at the library, and these wine and cheese nights, held in partnership with a local book store, have gathered a regular following. Both fiction and non-fiction titles have been promoted, with many local authors keen to use the library to reach out to the community to either launch or promote their works.

We also had a surprise visit from Roy and Jeanne Huse, the editors of *Who Else Writes Like ...?* Roy and Jeanne were holidaying in our area, and staff were treated to an informative and entertaining morning tea as we heard about the development of this valuable readers’ advisory tool.

**JUDY ATKINSON**  
Programs Officer  
Coffs Harbour City Library
In the Libraries

CULCAIRN

Library Lovers’ Day was celebrated at the Culcairn Library on Friday 12th February 2010, with borrowers given the opportunity to take a book on a blind date. New books were wrapped in paper and presented on a display of hearts and roses in different shapes and sizes, providing a romantic background for members as they browsed the collection and ate the chocolates which were also provided. Many were excited at the prospect of taking home a book on a blind date and the feedback from this event has been positive, with the majority of members discovering new authors that they ordinarily would not have borrowed from the Library. A couple of borrowers were a little confused and thought that Library staff were asking them to go on a blind date! One particular lady was quite shocked at the prospect, and didn’t think her children would be very happy about her going on a blind date!

SUSAN KANE
Henty Library

EASTWOOD

Approximately 130 promotional kits were handed to commuters at Eastwood Railway Station on Friday 12th February and Monday 15th February. Each kit contained four items: a membership application form, a Membership Guide, A Guide to Services brochure and a Library Lovers’ Day bookmark, and had a chocolate taped to the top.

The preparation time for the kits was approximately 1½ hours, and we spent around 15 to 20 minutes each day handing them out, with our visits to the station carefully timed to fit with the train arrivals. Apart from the brochures, the only cost was for the chocolates.

Commuters were happy to receive the brochures, especially when they saw the chocolate taped to the top! Overall it was a positive experience which we would be happy to repeat next year.

DONNA RANGE AND ADELIA NATALE
Eastwood Library

HAWKESBURY

Love was in the air in more ways than one for Library Lovers’ Day this year at Hawkesbury Central Library in Windsor. A visit to the library on Sunday February 14th began with an offer of heart-shaped chocolates in red foil or strawberry sweets in pink wrappers. When one regular asked what she got for being our best library lover, the answer was, of course, more chocolate!

New members were also given a special welcome. The first 20 people to become patrons that day received a Hawkesbury Library bag packed full of goodies including copies of ALIA’s delightful Little book of Public Libraries and Hawkesbury City Council’s beautiful Macquarie 2010 Calendar, a selection of brochures focusing on using library resources such as online databases and the Family and Local History collection, @ your library bookmarks and postcards, the Hawkesbury Visitor Information Centre’s excellent Tourist Map, a range of brochures promoting Hawkesbury Regional Gallery (also housed in the Deerubbin Centre), and for good measure a heart-shaped lollipop and more strawberry sweets!

While in the library, patrons could enjoy the display headed What’s your passion? Share the love, with staff reviews of favourite books and DVDs alongside unreviewed titles on the theme, including Plants of passion and Gardens of the heart in the Gardens category, Baby love under Family, and golden oldies such as Angelique in love by Golon and Love conquers all by Barbara Cartland.

Finally at the check-out desk, borrowers received a specially designed magnet featuring the Library Lover logo and details of both the Central and Richmond Branch libraries including the URL for the library catalogue. Given the number of patrons who say they keep the print-outs of their family’s borrowings on the fridge where they can see them, this was not surprisingly a popular giveaway.

The day was judged a success from a number of points of view. At a time of the year when people are looking to clear their slates and borrow freely, our Library Lovers’ Day was designed to encourage patrons to return long overdue library items. As a library that doesn’t charge overdue fees, we offered
no fines, no questions asked, or as one newspaper
dubbed it, Chocolate for books.
The tone of the day also served to heighten the level
of engagement and awareness between staff and
patrons. Patrons basked in the light-hearted
atmosphere and the extra attention with an
additional staff member on hand ready to cope with
the hoped-for influx of new members. We had 15
new members join on the day, which is about twice
our average.

As for those items missing in action, one staff
member on the day found herself checking in a book
that she’d placed on reserve so long ago she could
barely remember doing so. And finally, holding the
event on a Sunday when we only open for three hours
had been a concern, but it proved to be a positive for
people whose library day is Sunday (often families).
They had the unusual opportunity of participating
in library activities which usually occur during
the week.

FIONA HOEY
Library Programs and Promotions Officer
Hawkesbury City Library Service

NEWCASTLE
We have always thought that everyone loves the
library and now we have proof. Newcastle City and
New Lambton Libraries ran a Why I love my Library
competition in conjunction with Library Lovers’ Day
and received a wonderful array of beautifully
decorated hearts from our junior borrowers. Among
the glitter, crayons and pain were some gems for us
to hold on to. For Aleeya, aged 12, the library is her
Number one fave place and Annelise, aged 9, wishes
everyone could like the library as much as I do. The
final word goes to Jade also aged 9 who tells us the
books are fun to read and read and read YAY!!

PAT ANNETTS
Newcastle City Library

NORTH RYDE
This year at North Ryde library we tried something
different for Library Lovers’ Day. In addition to the
usual in-house displays, romance books and hearts,
staff put together a promotional package of library
materials in an attractive environmentally friendly
bag – advertising Ryde Library Services, of course!
– and blitzed the local shopping mall.

Our colourful table and Ryde Library Services
banner attracted many enquiries from passers by
and the bags were a huge hit – we distributed around
200. And as a bonus, we logged up many steps on our
pedometers!

Plus our added incentive to join the library during
February – an entry into a draw to win a voucher
donated by a local book store. Altogether, a very
productive campaign.

NERI KEEVERS
North Ryde Library

PARKES
A local café helped us this year with our Library
Lovers’ Day promotion by donating a $50 gift
voucher. All the people who visited the library from
12th to 15th February entered the draw to win the
voucher. Keith, a library borrower of 18 years was our
winner. When I called Keith to tell him he had won
he told me that it was the first prize he had won
since 1946!

SHELLIE BUCKLE
Manager Library Services
Parkes
CUT YOUR POWER BILL – SAVE THE PLANET

This was the slogan used to promote Wagga Wagga City Library’s Home Energy Audit Kits. In November last year Wagga Wagga City Library launched the kits to coincide with National Recycling Week and as a reminder of how we can all do something to help make a difference to the environment. Library members are now able to undertake an audit of their domestic energy consumption using the Home Energy Audit Kits.

The kits contain a Home Energy Worksheet, a stopwatch, a room temperature thermometer, an infrared thermometer, a compass and a Power-Mate which is a device that plugs in between an electrical appliance and the power outlet and measures energy usage. The majority of feedback from library borrowers to date has been very positive and there has been a high turnover of the kits.

The Climate Rescue Group of Wagga (CROW) approached the Wagga Wagga City Library to provide access to the kits for local residents. This was based on a similar model in South Australian libraries where Energy SA was the sponsor. Funds for the purchase of the energy kits were made available by project partners CROW, Wagga Wagga City Council, Wagga Wagga City Library and the Friends of the Wagga Wagga City Library.

These five initial kits are part of a pilot project between the library and the project partners and the intention is to attract funding in the future to purchase additional kits, to increase the number of kits available to borrow.

MARGOT LUMLEY
Information Services Librarian
Wagga Wagga City Library
RIVERINA REGIONAL LIBRARY
BOOK CLUB

The RRL Book Club is up and running with 37 groups across the region on board for the club’s third year. The power of reading as well as the social benefits of book clubs ensures that they grow in popularity. For $400 per club, the library provides 10 tubs over the year. Each tub contains ten copies of the one title as well as background notes and discussion guides. There are 103 books on the book list and every book with a film version also has a DVD in the tub. Clubs are able to give us a list of the books they most wish to read and this list is consulted whenever they are allocated a tub. This model allows us to provide a service for everyone who wishes to join a book club and does not require us to run any of the clubs in the library. After a start up cost of $3000 the club is now self funding and the end of year party is a great celebration of the joy of reading and community.

AMY HEAP
Wagga Wagga City Library

SUMMER READING CLUBS FOR ALL AGES

Why should kids have all the fun? Summer is the perfect time for everyone to relax with a book so at Wagga City Library we had three summer reading clubs. Read on the Wild Side encouraged 150 children to get reading over the summer holidays and one young reader was thrilled to win an iPod nano.

We also created booklets for youth and adult summer reading clubs filled with reading suggestions and tips for finding fabulous books. Taking advantage of the popularity of vampire related fiction we called our club for young adult readers, 13 and over, Reading Sucks. 96 young people read for the chance to win an acoustic guitar provided by a local music shop.

The adults’ club was called Summer Shangri-La: A Readers’ Paradise and 85 adults vied to win a season subscription to the Civic Theatre. We went for a very simple approach that required little work from circulation staff. Club members simply took the age appropriate booklet or pack and every time they borrowed, put their slip in a box to go in the draw.

AMY HEAP
Wagga Wagga City Library

HAITI HELP

The staff at the Fairfield City Library Service donated more than $670 for Haiti. We decided that we would contribute to a fund that linked to what we are passionate about, so our contribution went to IBBY (the International Board on Books for Young People) and its Children in Crisis: Haiti fund. For the past year IBBY Haiti have been running a Children in Crisis <www.ibby.org/index.php?id=1000> project to train teachers, librarians and carers how to use the healing power of storytelling and books after natural and environmental disasters, such as the series of enormous storms that hit Haiti in recent years and the collapse of a school that killed many children in 2008. The earthquake on 12 January 2010 has wreaked so much more havoc and brought death to thousands, and a very uncertain future to millions more. The psychological impact on children of this recent disaster is not difficult to imagine. The latest news is that IBBY will be able to help with a reading and bibliotherapy program by sending funds for the reprinting of the books (that have been lost in the disaster), as well as for the training and support of the staff. For updates on IBBY’s work or to make a donation go to <www.ibby.org/index.php?id=1006>.

ANNE HALL
Manager, Library and Museum Services
Fairfield City Council

‘IBBY will be able to help ... by sending funds for the reprinting of the books’
In the Libraries

FESTIVAL OF ACTIVE LIVING
The Festival of Active Living was held at Castle Hill Library on the 26th, 28th and 30th October 2009. This three day festival covered hobbies, health and wellbeing and lifestyle options and included talks by gardening guru Sandra Ross, meditation expert Kevin Hume, media personality Ita Buttrose and author Mary Moody.

The library was buzzing with activity. There were stands from a lot of community groups and practitioners including yoga, artists, and chiropractors. There was even a stand where you could get your hearing checked for free. Festival attendees could enjoy free massages or a game of Wii, and sample healthy treats plus many more exciting activities. The Rock ‘n’ Soul Choir brought the library down and really showed just how loud and vibrant libraries can be! Each day brought hundreds of extra people into the library and we handed out hundreds of goody bags packed with freebies which everyone was keen to get their hands on.

The Festival of Active Living took months of planning but it was all worthwhile in the end to see many smiling faces and to read the positive feedback we received from attendees.

ERICA WORT
Projects & Promotions Officer
The Hills Shire

FOOD FOR FINES

From 1 December until 24 December 2009, Wollongong City Council got into the festive spirit by giving our customers the chance to pay their library fines with cans of food. In exchange for every can of food dropped off at any Wollongong City Library branch during this period, fines to the value of $5 were waived. The food was donated to Wollongong’s St Vincent de Paul Society which distributed the food to those in need during the festive season.

The Food for Fines Amnesty provided library members with an opportunity to pay off their fines by giving something back to the community. Every average size can of food was equivalent to $5 of library fines. That meant that customers with fines totalling $10 could simply drop off two cans of food to have them waived. Our ulterior motive was to encourage library patrons to revisit their local library and explore the new improved facilities now available, including our interactive technologies, CDs, DVDs and Internet resources as well as giving them the opportunity to clear their fines and contribute to the community.

The amnesty applied to library fines only, lost items still had to be paid for. The amnesty was very successful with more than $2000 worth of fines waived and 3153 cans donated to St Vincent de Paul. The food was distributed to Illawarra families and the money the Society saved was then used to assist other families in crisis.

Many of the Library customers were very generous, often donating more than was required to clear their fines, with some customers donating even if they had no outstanding fines. The amnesty certainly exceeded all expectations.

JULIE BARNINGHAM
District Librarian, Dapto
Wollongong City Library
MACQUARIE COMES TO TOWN

A group of about 100 people assembled recently at Hawkesbury City Library to enjoy a presentation on the life and times of Governor Macquarie. The special event was held on the 18th February 2010 at 6.30pm. The free event commenced with refreshments in the Young Adult section and the crowd made use of the open air balcony, followed by the talk at 7pm.

Tracy Bradford, Head of Manuscripts, State Library of NSW provided a lively and informative talk on Governor Macquarie to coincide with the five panel display created by the State Library and on show here at the Library throughout February. Captain-General and Governor in Chief of the colony of NSW, Macquarie was the longest serving governor (1810 – 1821) and left a significant legacy with his public buildings and infrastructure as well as his political policies. Despite Macquarie being a well-known figure in Australian history and it being the bicentenary of him being sworn in as the 5th Governor, there is much about his remarkable leadership that is only now coming to light. Attendees were also delighted to see several original artefacts on display for the evening as part of the event. These included a number of pages from Macquarie’s original journal and miniature portraits painted on ivory of both Lachlan and his wife Elizabeth.

Afterwards tea and coffee was served and guests had the opportunity to chat with Tracy. The main event was held in the centre of the library and was a great success. The space held seating for 100 very comfortably and we moved our periodical shelving, which has castors for easy manoeuvring. A number of guests commented on the delightful atmosphere in the library and the advantageous use of the space.

The Hawkesbury Calendar 2010 produced by the library to celebrate Macquarie was reduced to $5 as part of the event. The calendar has beautiful colour reproductions of paintings and historical images from the collections of the State Library of NSW and Hawkesbury Library. If anyone is interested find the order form at: <www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0008/14795/calendar2010_order_form.pdf>.

MICHELLE NICHOLS
Local Studies and Outreach Librarian
Hawkesbury Library Service
In the Libraries

PARTNERS

A partnership was formed between the Henty Library and the Henty Show Society as it was recognised from discussion between library staff and the show committee that both organisations would benefit from better promotion and greater participation by children from the local community.

Therefore, during the January 2010 school holidays children from the Henty community were invited to the Library to make craft items, which could be entered in the local show. All craft materials were provided at no charge although the children had to pay the 50c fee to enter their item in the show.

The Show Society donated $50.00 towards the program, with the money being used by the Library to purchase craft items; and the Library was also promoted in the Henty Show schedule.

The Library promoted the show and encouraged the children to make a range of craft items including decorated t-shirts, items made from paddle pop sticks and match sticks and a range of items made from recycled materials which would then be entered in the Henty Show.

The partnership between the Library and the Show Society was a great success with the Library experiencing an increase in the number of children using it during the holidays. And the Show Society received an increase in craft entries; up from last year’s 23 entries to a grand total of 84 in 2010, with the children so excited to have their craft items on display for everyone to see.

SUSAN KANE
Henty Library

INCONVENIENT CHILD

The Inconvenient Child gives an account of Sharyn Killens’ life, beginning as an abandoned child in the 1940s and her journey to find her African American father on the other side of the world. Sharyn and author Lindsay Lewis spoke at Toronto Library in November 2009.

Promotions Librarian Julie Dunn said the memoir has created a buzz and word-of-mouth has increased its popularity, with Lake Macquarie City Library’s copies in high demand. “The Inconvenient Child gives some fascinating insights into attitudes of the time and it is a testament to Sharyn who, with courage and passion, overcame the cards life dealt her and found success as a singer and entertainer,” Ms Dunn said.

The book explores attitudes to a mixed race child during the White Australia policy, Sharyn’s rescue by a visiting African American boxer, time spent in an orphanage and detention centres, and a personal struggle with drugs when caught up in a Kings Cross lifestyle.

JOANNE SMITH
Community Programs Coordinator
Lake Macquarie City Library

MAINTAIN MENTAL HEALTH

The library is a place people may not think to look when considering how to stay mentally healthy, but libraries can be a great health information resource.

Lake Macquarie City Library has developed its mental health collection in partnership with Kaiyu Enterprises as part of the Hunter Institute of Mental Health’s Access to Mental Health Information Initiative. Funds raised from Rockin’ the Black Dog music festival have been distributed to libraries to extend their mental health collection. Promotions Librarian, Julie Dunn, said, Having access to good quality resources allows people to protect their mental health. The Library’s resources can increase awareness of early signs and symptoms of mental illness, provide coping strategies for family members and friends and promote a greater understanding of what it is like to live with a mental illness, which can counter stigma within the community.

Students from Swansea High School visited the library to celebrate the launch of the Mental Health Resource Collection. Students had the opportunity to view a DVD, Tell Ya Digital Story, which was created by young people who attend Kaiyu and explores their journey with mental health. Students
also had the opportunity to ask questions about
the DVD and talk to other young people who have
experienced mental health issues. The students
perused mental health resources provided by Lake
Macquarie City Library and found out more about
the Mental Health Resource Collection.

JOANNE SMITH
Community Programs Coordinator
Lake Macquarie City Library

NEWS FROM MARRICKVILLE
Marrickville Library held its second adults-only
event to conclude our Marrickville Reads program
which is held in conjunction with our Summer
Reading Clubs for children and youth. The adults-
only event is designed to promote and develop our
adult reading community.
One hundred and ten people enjoyed the
opportunity to delve into the seedy side of life and
crime in the local community with Marrickville
Historian Chrys Meader, and to hear how crime
fiction has developed over time with Peter Milne,
crime book buyer for Abbey Books. Our last speaker
for the evening was prominent local author Peter
Corris, who suggested he might be considered the
godfather of Australian crime writing. Light
refreshments concluded the evening along with a
chance to view displays featuring newspaper articles
highlighting crime in the Marrickville local
government area and the option to purchase a book
and have it signed by Peter Corris.
We celebrated Chinese New Year with a special
afternoon tea. Over 100 local residents enjoyed
classical Chinese singing, tai chi performances, brush
painting and calligraphy demonstrations, and poetry
readings. The afternoon tea included a range of
Chinese and Vietnamese foods. We also celebrated
Chinese New Year at the library with a three-week art
and cultural display that highlighted local Chinese
businesses and artists in the Marrickville community.

LISA MARSHALL
Coordinator Community Programs
Marrickville Library Service

VIVA LAS VEGAS!
*All you need is a strong heart and nerve of steel*
Viva Las Vegas, Viva Las Vegas ...

We certainly needed strong hearts and nerves
of steel at Parkes Library to make it to the end of the
2010 CountryLink Elvis Festival! Our Elvis events
commenced on Wednesday 6th January and finished
on Sunday 10th. We were open extra hours and had
over 2,700 people come through the library doors!
We showed some Elvis movies including *Viva Las
Vegas*, this year’s theme, and two documentaries,
*Elvis Lives in Parkes* and *Elvis and his Gospel Music*.
Plus we hosted the Elvis Art Exhibition, an author
talk and even babysat Elvis’ last ever Cadillac! The
burgundy Cadillac, parked in the foyer, and all the
Library staff in silver vests and bow ties, set the mood
in the Library. The Cadillac was strictly hands-off but
we did manage to sneak in a group staff photo to
capture the event!

Hosting the Elvis Art Exhibition was a first for us.
It had previously been organised by a sub-committee
of the Elvis Festival group. With around 80 people at
the exhibition opening, over 1,200 visitors, 80
artworks and 11 sold stickers, we were very happy.

Shady Cosgrove, author of *She Played Elvis*
spoke and played to a large appreciative crowd. Shady
shared the story of her journey across America to
Graceland for the celebrations of the 25th
anniversary of Elvis Presley’s death, why she sang
Elvis songs at cities and towns along the way,
and then how she came to write her memoir.

The success of the Elvis Festival just amazes us
every year. We enjoy the opportunity to chat with
such a variety of customers, to help promote our
town and of course, to dress up a little!

SHELLIE BUCKLE
Manager Library Services
Parkes Library
In the Libraries

RANDWICK’S 150!

On the 10th December 2009, Randwick City celebrated the pinnacle of our program of sesquicentenary events with the launch of *Randwick* by Pauline Curby. The work is the culmination of almost three years of historical research, analysis and writing by our resident professional historian.

This major new history was launched by local resident and journalist, Paul Barry, at the scenic Prince Henry Hospital Community Centre, Little Bay. The launch venue is a panoramic location, dripping in history, not only of the heritage of the hospital, but also where Christo wrapped our coastline 40 years ago, in 1969. The occasion was enjoyed by over 200 residents and dignitaries, all of whom had been eagerly awaiting the release of this publication. Guests enjoyed a balmy night of celebration as book sales soared. Both the limited edition ($120) and the standard edition ($69.95) are selling well. The book has been reviewed by the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Daily Telegraph* and has been well received by professional historians and the local community. The work had been short-listed for the prestigious Australian Publishers Association Book Design Awards. It has also been nominated for the Energy Australia National Trust Heritage Awards 2010 and the Local Government Cultural Awards.

The successful completion of this project is testament to the support and collaboration that Randwick City Library enjoys from the community that we serve. It has been a rewarding experience and is largely a product of the vision, enthusiasm and unwavering commitment of the library management and staff – all of whom played a part in this grand production.

GEORGINA KEEP
Local Studies Librarian
Randwick City Library Service

CENTRAL WEST NEWS

RESOLUTIONS

Lester Public Library in the US used New Year’s resolutions to promote some of their collections. See <www.flickr.com/photos/lesterpubliclibrary/sets/72157622980921775/>.

We decided to try it ourselves and the following email was sent to all Council staff to help them get 2010 off on the right start!

Hi Everyone

Hands up if you made a New Year’s Resolution (NYR). Keep your hand up if it was the same (or similar to) the one you made last year, and the year before, and the year before that! I thought so, a sea of hands.

Don’t feel special - research demonstrates that we tend to make the same resolutions year in, year out and at best we’ll stay on the straight and narrow until Valentine’s Day (aka Library Lovers Day, 14th February). Investigations into NYRs also show that our good intentions tend to fall into four main areas. This year why not let the Library help you achieve your goals.

“*This is the year I’ll get fit*”

OK how many of you have said this? The Library has a wide range of resources to help you get motivated and stay that way. These include books, magazines and DVDs and cover areas such as exercise, diet and motivation. Worried that the Library staff will twig to your plan at check out time? Fear not - they would never say anything to you, or anyone else, our professional ‘cone of silence. But remember you can always use the self check.

“I’m going to learn something new”

Whatever the skill it’s likely that we’ll have something to help you; hobbies, languages, sports and pastimes - we’ve got them covered. We’re also a great place to pick up information about courses on offer in town as well as the programs we offer ourselves (eg Internet and family history classes). One colleague is determined to learn a language and we’ve got books and CDs ready for her “bon jour Claire!”
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resolutions
year in, year out
and at best we’ll stay on the straight and narrow
until Valentine’s Day

‘Look out, I’m taking control of my life!”
(why does this one sound sooo familiar to me?)
Whether you want to be more organised or take control of your finances, check out what we have on offer. Remember too, the fabulous range of online databases we subscribe to. You can access these from the Info @ Home button on our home page.

“I’m going to read more”
Are we the place for you! Step on up to see the great range of titles we’ve got on offer. These come in all formats including audio books and yes, we’re exploring e book readers for you (our first one arrived just before Christmas, we’ll report back soon). Come along to one of our author talks, writing seminars or join in with our book discussion groups. Regulars like our own Eva will give us the thumbs up.
To you all a very Happy New Year, we look forward to working with you.

JAN RICHARDS
Manager Library Services
Central West Libraries

THE WIRELESS TRAVELLER
Central West Libraries has an agricultural hinterland which attracts seasonal workers during picking seasons. These visitors to our libraries are often international backpackers who are easily identifiable as they stop for work during their travels around Australia.

Orange City Library experienced a huge influx of these visitors from late November 2009. It may have been the comfortable, air-conditioned (it was hot) and dry (it rained) space; it may have been the 7 day opening hours; it may have been that they could stay as long as they wished in those hours without being compelled to buy anything; it may have been an easy place to meet up with friends and fellow travellers. All of these were factors but the main attraction was wireless, WIFI, internet.
Orange had introduced free wireless access, facilitated by NSWnet connectivity, in January 2009. Cowra Branch has had wireless for a couple of years and receives steady use peaking in June. Forbes Branch also started its wireless service in 2009 and showed an initial impact which evened out over the following months. But the wireless travellers to

Orange blitzed the lot in December with 30% of the year’s use in just one month.
The impact of the wireless traveller was brought to my attention by the number who carried netbooks, laptops and a variety of other devices while their accommodation requirements were much more modest. Indeed, we were a bit concerned about some travellers who said they were staying with friends – nothing odd about that except that the friends were “living” in a car! From the vantage point of my desk, I could also see the herd behaviour happening as one or two at a table were joined by others gathering around a laptop streaming football with goals punctuated by much gesticulation and, to me, mimed conversation.

This time most of the travellers were from European countries, mainly Germany, France and Italy. Young men outnumbered the women. They were very little trouble for us and we know that they had a good experience in our library. They certainly added an interesting dimension to the library leading up to Christmas.

The next wave of seasonal workers is making an impact and word about visiting the local library seems to be well and truly out. This is another understated role we all play in the connected society.

ROS DORSMAN
Technical Services Librarian
Central West Libraries

And from the Central Western Daily, 19 March 2010

PETER GIVES COUNCIL MEETING A BUM STEER
If you happen to wander into the Orange City Library over the next few days and see librarians wearing latex gloves, keep reading for an explanation.
While praising library staff for their thankless and unassuming work at a public meeting in Lucknow this week, Cr Peter Hetherington made a rather unfortunate slip of the tongue, referring to the library as a wonderful “book suppository” rather than a “book depository”. When other councillors and members of the public gallery cracked up laughing, someone was quick to ask library manager Jan Richards if the shock claim public library books were being used as suppositories was indeed correct.
I really hope not, she laughed. Thank God for that, especially considering 126,708 books were loaned from the library between July and December last year.
In the Libraries

BOOKS TRAVEL THE WORLD

In October last year Waverley Library held a spectacular outdoor event, Musings in the Mall, as part of the inaugural Waverley Words Literary Festival. Musings in the Mall was held in Oxford Street Mall, a commercial and social hub in Bondi Junction, and it successfully caught the imagination of locals and visitors.

One of the most popular events on the day was our first Bookcrossing, where we became part of the global movement to make the whole world a library. Simply put, a book is left in a public place for anyone to find, take home and read. After it is read, the book is again left in a public place for someone else to find and enjoy – so the cycle begins again. What makes Bookcrossing unique is that it hosts a website where the book and its myriad journeys can be tracked <www.bookcrossing.com>.

Last year Waverley Library ‘released into the wild’ (that’s Bookcrossing speak for putting out in a public space to be found) 132 books. These books are now travelling the world and one of them has crossed the seas and turned up in a café in New York City. It is a significant book too, the winner of the 2009 CAL Waverley Library Award for Literature, Robert Gray’s beautifully poetic The Land I Came Through Last.

Along with the notification on the Bookcrossing site that it was now available, was a lovely comment left from the last person who read it. The author is now able to follow the books progress for the rest of its life, which is potentially till it physically disintegrates.

Go on, don’t throw those books out, ‘release them’ and make the whole world a library!

KIMBERLY O’SULLIVAN STEWARD
Waverley Library

INSIGHTS AT WEST RYDE LIBRARY

Since 2007, on the last Thursday evening in the month at West Ryde Library the meeting room doors are opened to a fascinating event - Insights People-Places-Films-Facts, a wine and cheese evening. About thirty adults meet informally for a couple of hours to hear a speaker, learn about our library collections and enjoy refreshments afterwards.

In February the topic ‘Genetics and DNA’ was presented by Emily Hyland, a high school science teacher. She gave an introductory guide to genetics and the inheritance of DNA, with a DNA experiment included.

Previous speakers have included Paul Brunton from the State Library of New South Wales speaking on the Mitchell Library Centenary, two library staff Jinru Zhu and Jeannine Gardner on ‘Helping Chinese People understand Australian Culture’ and Andrew Rogers on ‘Australia’s Connection with the Titanic’.

Lesley Muir, a local historian, will reveal all in April with the ‘Garden Palace Scandal.’ The Palace was built in 1879 to house the Sydney International Exhibition and burnt down in 1882 amid much controversy.

Customers are asked to fill in evaluation sheets, and with the average rating for the night being 9.3 out of 10 for venue and speaker, Insights continues to be a very successful library event. Some comments include: Have always enjoyed all topics – keep it going! and Great to see the community coming together at this wonderful venue.

PENELLOPE NORTON
Branch Librarian
West Ryde Library
A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP

It's a rare privilege to be involved in something that could benefit the overall library profession but the development of the new North Coast TAFE courses in library practice offered just such an opportunity.

A chance discussion with a TAFE consultant in January last year on the limitations of existing library courses has borne some impressive fruit. Just over 12 months later North Coast TAFE is offering Certificates III, IV and the Diploma course in library practice, and the student take-up has been impressive.

The great strength of the course development is the relationship that has built up between TAFE and practicing library professionals. At the outset TAFE established a steering committee made up of library managers from the North East Zone of Public Libraries NSW Country. They listened closely to what we had to say and put in place the mechanisms to achieve these goals. Course content development drew heavily from consultation with staff in our libraries (generally not the managers) and some of our staff are now even course teachers.

The result is a course that is available online, has current and relevant content, offers straightforward recognition of prior learning, utilises quality control measures and has excellent support staff. Not a bad outcome at all.

Students should find the courses better tailored to their needs and situation, and the workplace will also clearly benefit. By engaging with library professionals at the coalface the courses will be producing graduates that have the skills and knowledge to cope with the challenges of working in a contemporary library environment. A winner all round really. Over 50 students are already enrolled. For those who have missed the boat there will be a mid-year intake, so why not check it out?

CHRIS JONES
Manager Library Services
Great Lakes Library Service

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WYONG NEWS

Wyong Shire Library Service held its inaugural Living Library on Wednesday 10th February. We offered eleven ‘books’ for borrowers to choose from including a former border guard from East Berlin, a nurse from an immigration detention centre, two transsexuals and a person who had gone From poorhouse to penthouse and back. All ‘books’ were read more than once by the forty enthusiastic borrowers and the feedback received was overwhelmingly positive. We are looking forward to making this a regular event on the Library calendar, with many more people already signing up to be ‘books’.

Christine Yeats, Manager, NSW State Records, travelled to Tuggerah Library in February to speak on ‘Fallen Branches - Orphan Schools and Related Records’. As usual, family historians came out in droves and learnt some new areas of research. This area is a pet interest of Christine’s and she was able to provide a wonderful insight into the lives of those children sent to the Orphan Schools. Many discussions were had during the morning tea break and after the session and the general consensus was that everyone wants to discover an orphan in their family tree so they can utilise their newfound knowledge!

MICHELLE GOLDSMITH
Reference Librarian
Wyong Shire Library Service
Multicultural News

GREEK BOOKS

Marrickville Library recently celebrated the arrival and release of over 300 new Greek books into our collection. A morning tea was held with over 40 attendees from the Greek community who enjoyed Greek pastries from a local bakery and the chance to speak with library staff and local councillors. The morning tea celebrated the end of a project which began in June 2009 and the rejuvenation of our Greek language collection.

Lisa Marschall
Coordinator, Community Programs
Marrickville Library Service

MYLANGUAGE, YOUR LANGUAGE IN THE DIGITAL AGE

The first national MyLanguage Conference will be a major event presented by the State and Territory Libraries of the ACT, Northern Territory, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia. These libraries form the MyLanguage project consortium which began in 2004 with the development of the MyLanguage website, <www.mylanguage.gov.au>. The website hosts a wide range of publicly available information resources in over 60 languages.

The theme of the conference is Using digital technology to empower culturally and linguistically diverse communities (CALD) communities to achieve greater social inclusion and maintain cultural and linguistic identity. Potential topics for presentations could include:

• Understanding and responding to the information and cultural needs of CALD communities
• Language learning and literacy
• Cultural maintenance
• Social networking and connection with diasporas
• Access to settlement and community information
• Projects, case studies or research on youth, seniors, new settlers and refugees and Indigenous
• Building collaborative partnerships across sectors and within communities to develop multilingual resources and access
• Engaging effectively with CALD communities
• Filling the void – creating online resources such as digital stories, oral histories, e-books, community digital libraries and exhibitions
• Empowering communities to use new technologies to meet their own needs

The conference is targeted to representatives from CALD communities, peak bodies, government, service providers and public libraries.

Email: conference@mylanguage.gov.au
Tel: 03 8664 7001

4/01 MARRICKVILLE GREEK BOOKS
**TIBET ON THE NORTHERN BEACHES**

Back in November 2008 Warringah Library Service launched their first Tibetan / English bilingual books at the annual general meeting of Public Libraries NSW Metropolitan.

After brief speeches by Frances Sims, Director Public Library and Community Learning Services for the NSW State Library and Carol Yuen, Team Leader, Information and Library Services Warringah Council, the crowd of NSW public library managers enjoyed a reading of *The waterhole: a counting book*, in Tibetan by Phurbu Tobgyal with English translation by Dorjee Dudal. The translation from Tibetan top English drew smiles from the crowd when *ten kangaroos* was translated as *wild animal with pocket in front for baby*.

Funding for the creation of the books was possible by a Local Priority Grant from the NSW State Library. The Tibetan / English bilingual picture books are part of a new collection developed by Warringah Library Service. It is intended to assist and encourage library patrons with languages other than English to enjoy the inter-generational reading together experience in the library and at home that so many of us take for granted.

The project relied on a combination of effort and the skills of library staff and local Tibetan Australian residents, Dorjee Dudal and Phurbu Tobgyal, who translated and provided transcripts of the books in Tibetan for staff, who then continued with the typesetting processes of making a bilingual book. The books are very popular with Tibetans and non-Tibetans and are nearly always out on loan.

Warringah has a diverse community with over 40 languages spoken at home. Warringah Library Service now has 21 Tibetan / English picture books and we plan to expand the collection further. Most importantly, the processes developed from this experience to create a bilingual book are now being used to create bilingual books for the Tongan and Indonesian language groups in our local area.

**CHINESE DRAGONS**

According to the lunar calendar 2010 is the Year of the Tiger. Traditionally Chinese New Year lasts for two weeks and like Easter, depends on the phases of the moon. This year, New Year’s Day was Sunday 14th February.

Chinese New Year is a big festival in Willoughby City because the Chinese are the largest community group in the area - about 13% of the total population speak Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin).

To celebrate this year’s Chinese New Year, a series of activities and displays were organised in the Council and the Library.

Willoughby Council and the Chinese Cultural Centre of NSW joined together to hold a Chinese New Year display in the Council Foyer from 1st to 26th February 2010. Chinese traditional paintings of tigers, a lion head, a set of colourful and beautiful costume of Cai Shen (the God of Good Fortune), lanterns, firecrackers, and many other auspicious decorations were displayed. Information about some Chinese New Year customs such as Mark of Fu (Luck), Reunion Feast, Longevity Vigil and Colour of Luck – Red were introduced to the public. Last but not least, on the wall past which all visitors walk on their way into the Council offices, a set of six colourful and delicately made scrolls by local artist, Tianli Zu, were hung in welcome to Council.

In Chatswood Library our customers enjoyed looking at the festive Chinese New Year items decorating the library such as a Chinese dragon, fire crackers, lucky fish, the big tiger and lucky slogans. Many different red and golden Chinese New Year cards were displayed and Chinese traditional arts and crafts were showcased in the Library. There was also a display of art and calligraphy on Chinese tea ware.

It is the Library tradition that children who participate in the Chinese New Year activities each year are given a Chinese New Year red envelope and an activity booklet. A chocolate coin is put inside each envelope and the children are excited to discover the chocolate. The activity booklet this year was designed by a volunteer, Maggie Leung, from the Chinese University of Hong Kong Alumni Association Australia and distributed by Library staff. Stories about Chinese New Year and the animal of the year, mazes, proverbs, pictures for colouring in, games and craft are all included in the booklet which has always been very popular among children and adults.

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**ROS STRANGE**

Inter Library Loans officer
Warringah Library Service
Multicultural News

Seven sessions of story time featuring Chinese New Year were organised in Chatswood, Artarmon and Castle Cove Libraries. The children were taught how to say hello in Chinese - Ni hao- and learned some traditional Chinese New Year customs, such as wearing new clothes and letting off fire crackers. Stories about Chinese zodiac animals and dragons were told with interesting songs and rhymes. They were excited to join in the lion dance, and they all loved the tiger headbands they made in the craft time, but most of all they were happy to find a chocolate coin inside the red envelope given to them at the end of the story time! Both the children and their parents and carers thanked the Library for organising the special activity and the little gift.

On Sunday 14th February, Chatswood Library held the Chinese New Year Lucky Slogan Writing Workshop in the lobby outside the Library. Franz Cheung, a local Chinese calligrapher, taught participants how to write a lucky slogan with a Chinese brush. Chinese and non-Chinese customers joined us to practise Chinese calligraphy, and children and adults alike enjoyed the writing and were proud that they could write in Chinese.

Dragons symbolise potent and auspicious powers in Chinese culture, and as part of our celebrations two Chinese dragon puppet craft workshops were organised on Saturday 20th February and Tuesday 23rd February in Chatswood and Artarmon. Three different designs of the dragon were prepared for the children to choose according to their age. All the children and their parents and carers loved doing the craft and decorated the dragon puppet in their own special way. They coloured the dragon head and decorated its body with shiny and colourful stickers, and when they finished they couldn’t help holding it up and showing it to everyone!

The 2010 Chinese New Year celebration at Willoughby City Council and in the Library was an enormously successful event. A lot of positive and encouraging feedback from the community on the displays as well as the activities was received.

VIVIEN CHUNG
Ethnic Services Librarian
Willoughby City Library

IN-LANGUAGE BEADING
South Hurstville Branch Library held a beading workshop specifically aimed at over 18 Mandarin speakers as part of their Chinese New Year’s celebrations. The workshop was well attended and the library became a good ‘connection place’ for local Chinese women. Children’s activities were also provided to make the whole experience even better.

LINDA HEALD
Coordinator Community and Cultural Services
Kogarah Town Square Library and Cultural Centre
Children's Book Week (22nd-28th August 2009) was celebrated at Bellingen and Dorrigo Libraries with lots of activities.

Bellingen Library displayed the short listed books in the foyer area, and there was a lot of interest shown with many reservations taken for the books during the display period. Laminated safari themed bookmarks were given out to all the children visiting the library during the week and a colouring competition was held with winners in three age categories. The children’s works were then displayed in the library. Everyone who participated received a special certificate.

A special storytime was held on Wednesday 15th August with 15 children and their carers attending. They all had fun singing songs and acting out animal sounds and movements around the Library. The session concluded with each child making an elephant mask using paper plates.

Urunga Library celebrated Book Week with a visit from the Urunga Community Preschool. We read Class two at the zoo by Julia Jarman, and the children sang songs about animals and made masks of lions, elephants and monkeys. We ended up with glue everywhere but they all had lots of fun.

Mount Saint John’s Primary School visited Dorrigo Library - 75 students in three separate groups participated in a range of activities. The first group of years 4, 5 and 6 students participated in a Book Safari Challenge. They were provided with a map of the Library and a number of questions to answer. The questions required them to use the Clarence Regional Library website, and their computer and library searching skills. Questions included, Who wrote these series; What is the Clarence Regional library homepage URL; What services are available at Dorrigo Library; and a Dewey Decimal number search. They also had to label each area found in the Library on their treasure maps.

The kindergarten and year 1 children in Group 2 had a safari bookmark hunt, as did Group 3 (boys and girls from years 2 and 3) in the afternoon. Group 3 also had a challenge – list the Library collection signs, e.g. junior fiction, large print, etc. We read Going on a bear hunt, an old favourite, and the little ones happily joined in. We also made up our own poem, Going on a book hunt.

Groups 2 and 3 were allowed time to choose a book and to read. It was a delight to see the children’s enthusiasm when choosing their books and they enjoyed having a short time reading to themselves in the library.

Prizes were awarded to all winners of the challenges and everyone received a take home pack which included a Book Week Find the animal puzzle, a Book Week colouring sheet, a small safari toy, e.g. a snake or frog, an animal mask, an animal sticker and a library information book mark highlighting services for children such as YourTutor, Tumblebooks and ZipTales.

Louise Bravery, Sue O’Donoghue, Robyn Van Zanten, Elaine Cullen & Sharon Uthmann
Bellingen Library

Decorate The Christmas Tree
Christmas at Canada Bay was celebrated with our annual get together to decorate the library Christmas trees. Over 100 kids and parents gathered at Concord and Five Dock libraries to make Christmas craft such as wrapping paper, gift tags, tree decorations, etc. Everyone enjoyed a Christmas supper and all the kids received a bag of magic reindeer food to take home for Rudolph and friends. As the kids left the library they were invited to place a decoration on the Christmas tree. A very enjoyable evening for everyone, especially the Children's Library Team!

Wendy Banister
Children’s Librarian
City of Canada Bay
EUMUNGERIE VISIT

Eumungerie School made a special visit to Dubbo Branch Library during February. Eumungerie School and library recently burnt down and with the school term about the start the school needed to find local venues for the children to visit. The library jumped at the chance to offer 20 children and teachers a storytelling session and visual presentation of historical items from the old days. The branch’s Young Peoples’ Services team of Melanie Hubbard and Fiona Dunn introduced the children to the library and read stories to the enraptured group.

Local Studies Officer, Sandra Smith conducted a 20 minute presentation on everyday items that were used in the old days, with children and teachers fascinated by the artifacts. The children went on a brief tour of the library as many children had not previously visited the library. The library donated a $150 book basket to the school with a selection of picture books, junior fiction and non-fiction books to start off the school’s new library collection. The book basket was presented by Director John Bayliss to the school’s captain, John Ciappara. John then announced that all Macquarie Regional Library branches would accept good quality children’s books to be donated to the new Eumungerie School library.

KATHRYN MOORE
Dubbo Branch
Macquarie Regional Library

MEET THE INSTRUMENTS

Arriving with armfuls of instruments, from a trumpet and tuba to violin and flutes, the teacher from a local music school invited the children participating in Kogarah Library’s Meet the instrument workshop to come play a note on each of them. With her assistance, each child produced a sound, sheer delight for everyone!

Choosing which musical instrument your child should play can be a difficult decision so this workshop provided an opportunity for parents to ask questions about the most suitable instrument for their child and other practicalities of playing music. This is the second round of Meet the instrument workshops that the library has held and will host another series in the later part of the year.

LINDA HEALD
Coordinator Community and Cultural Services
Kogarah Town Square Library & Cultural Centre
TREASURE TROVE

This Summer was the twelfth year that Mosman Library has run our very successful Treasure Trove Summer Holiday reading program for kids. Over the December/January period we had over 300 children sign up for the Pirate themed program, which is now well known to the reading families of Mosman. Visits to school assemblies (in full pirate costume!) at the end of last year helped to promote the program more widely, and many kids who came in to register could be heard saying, Oh- you’re the pirate that came to our school!

Feedback from the parents is always so overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting that their children showed surprising dedication to the program. For every two books read, children get a sticker for their reading log and a star with their name to put up on our reading display. Their enthusiasm for the simple act of collecting stars shows that the incentive doesn’t have to be all that large or valuable- just enough to recognise the effort they have put in.

This year the program was supported by events such as a Pirate Games Show by the singing, dancing, all-round wonderful Pirate Pete, a performance by our favourite storyteller, Bronwyn Vaughan, a world trivia challenge afternoon, and crafts and activities throughout the holidays.

We celebrated the end of the program with a Pirate Party and Prize Presentation Ceremony, hosted by the Mayor of Mosman outside on our Village Green. And everyone dressed up, of course!

KATE STEWART
Children’s Librarian
Mosman Library

SHARE THE SPIRIT

The Library joined Mayoress of Lake Macquarie, Lyn Piper, in urging local residents and businesses to embrace the Christmas spirit by donating to the Mayoress’ Toy Appeal 2009.

The Mayoress launched the appeal on Friday 13th November at Lake Macquarie Variety Playground, Speers Point Park. The launch featured a special storytime session with Nana Sue from Swansea Library. Local charity, The Salvation Army, distributed all donated toys to needy families in the Lake Macquarie area. Library branches were a drop off point for the unwrapped donated toys.

JO SMITH
Community Programs Coordinator
Lake Macquarie City Library
Children’s News

FAMILY FUN
Warilla Library kicked off 2010 in style with the entire community invited to participate in our very first free Family Fun Day. Over 1000 people attended the event, with jumping castles, Lapsit storytelling session, sausage sizzle and a farm buddies petting zoo among the many activities on offer for the entire family.

Library staff were pumped for action and got involved in the event by running PS2 SingStar, Buzz and Guitar Hero competitions, face painting and hair spraying - hundreds of children eagerly waiting their turn to be transformed into a beautiful butterfly or their favourite super hero. Even our manager Diane Cranson, couldn’t resist dancing along with The Doogles Puppets and the library staff dancers.

The Free Family Fun Day was the perfect opportunity for residents to reacquaint themselves with the library and take advantage of the many free services on offer.

MICHAEL JAZBEC
Planning and Development Librarian
Shellharbour City Library

MOUNTAIN STORIES
In the upper Blue Mountains at two small branch libraries in Blackheath and Wentworth Falls, our story times are conducted a little differently than in the other larger mountain branches. Both these branches are one-person remote libraries, and in order to conduct story time and manage the library simultaneously, we have come to rely on a lovely band of volunteers.

At Wentworth Falls we have Grandmas Read (all our story tellers are grandmothers!). These ladies have great experience and the patience required for such a task. Each Tuesday morning, since August 2007, our Grandmas have shared a roster and taken it in turn to read stories, sing rhymes and occasionally manage small craft activities with a gathering of pre-schoolers and their carers. We base the stories around a theme, and use props such as toys and other objects to complement this theme. Special effort is made for occasions such as Easter, Christmas and Mothers and Fathers Days. With just a small break over Christmas and New Year, the Grandmas continue storytelling throughout the school holiday periods, often encouraged by a growing audience of older siblings joining the sessions. I meet with the grandmothers every 6 months over a morning tea, to discuss the roster and weekly themes and renew our friendships. As the librarian, I feel truly blessed to have these wonderful women volunteering their time.

At Blackheath we call the group the Blackheath Bookworms. On the first Thursday of every month one of our volunteers reads three or four stories on a theme and then conducts a related craft activity. We pay attention to annual occasions and try to provide a craft activity which will produce a little gift item. The volunteer team is growing and through the school holidays we are able to put on extra storytimes in order to fill the gap created by the absence of activities provided by other community groups; and I am hopeful that it will soon be possible to run additional sessions, at least twice a month. I have been delighted by the response to my request for volunteers and also by the response of the parents and carers who bring their pre-schoolers along. I have noticed also that a couple of parents who are home-schooling their young children take advantage of the opportunity to come to the library and meet other people. I rely on the Children’s Services team for assistance with the provision of books and/or craft – it’s a joint effort and a community event.

MELANIE ELKAN
Blackheath Branch Library

ROSLYN CUSITER
Wentworth Falls Library
WYONG NEWS

As usual, Wyong Shire Library Service offered a wonderful array of programs over the Christmas Holidays. Mallory from Facefiction presented a wonderful Balloon Animals program at Tuggerah Library with the end result of the Library being filled with rubber parrots, turtles and giraffes. Children were stepped through each creation in order of difficulty and really enjoyed the event. Special balloon presents were handed out to those with the best designs and Mallory amazed us all with her ‘balloons within balloons’ demonstration.

A psychedelic party was held at Toukley Hall, adjacent to the Library. Chris Vanderson acted as DJ, with lighting, fog machines and appropriate music. Face painting proved to be extremely popular with the young hippies, who walked away with peace signs, flowers and smiley faces painted in psychedelic colours. Other crafts included ‘hippy swirls bottles’ and ‘groovy glasses’. Morning tea was provided to top up the energy levels depleted by dancing. Mums seemed to enjoy themselves as well, with everyone (including the Children’s Librarian) jumping up to dance when Nutbush came on.

The ever popular Bob Turner was again a crowd pleaser at Lake Haven Library. Bob is wonderful with the children and involves everyone with his creepy crawlies. Pedro the python always has everyone squealing but no one ever declines to have him draped around their neck!

Jungle animal craft was held at The Entrance and Bay Village Libraries. 3D animals were made using amazing maize and these proved to be very popular. Imagination ran wild as all sorts of jungle animals were created.

Our evening storytimes continue to grow in popularity. This year we held events at Tuggerah and Lake Haven Libraries and there was a good turnout at each location. A certain bearded gentleman even took the time to visit Tuggerah, much to the delight of the young patrons, one of whom asked for a satellite! Santa told him that he would look into it for him. We are yet to find out if his wish was granted!

Tuggerah Library wanted to be involved in a community event for Christmas, but which one? One of our staff, Rhonda Lance, suggested the Children’s Charity Network. They run a program called Books for Kids that donates books to children considered to be ‘at risk’. Almost $600 was raised by Tuggerah Library staff and Wyong Shire Council and this was used to purchase books on the recommended list. The public also contributed to this worthy cause. We are hoping to make this a much bigger enterprise next Christmas. Details can be found at <www.childrenscharity.com.au>.

KIDS CLUB

Easter came early to Leeton Library this year with an Easter theme being adopted for our monthly kids club at the library during March. 14 kids from years 3 to 6 attended. We started by talking about books we had been reading during the past month. Then a couple of chapters of Emily Rodda’s Bob the Builder and the Elves were read to the children.

Thanks to the local Leeton Men’s Shed we had a large wooden Easter egg with a hole in it. We then had a game throwing bean bag Easter eggs through the hole. This was harder than it looked! The boys were all forced to the back of the children’s area for their throws as they were very enthusiastic! We broke up into 2 teams and had an Easter egg hunt with a difference. Each team was given an envelope containing a clue to the location of their first egg. When this egg was found it had a clue with it that led to egg number two and this carried on until all 20 eggs were found. Some clues were more tricky for the children than others, but they learned a lot about where various books and resources were kept in the library and had to use the catalogue to help them with a few clues. Great team work ensured that the teams were neck and neck down to the last egg.

To finish up every child chose a real Easter egg from our library treasure chest.

SANDRA WATSON
Leeton Library

MICHELLE GOLDSMITH
Reference Librarian
Wyong Shire Library Service
ME AND MY...

Me and my... is one of a series of competitions that runs under the Audacious Imaginings program at Kogarah Library. The program consists of four competitions that are held each year aimed at encouraging a creative response from the young people aged 12 to 18 in the Kogarah Local Government Area. The competitions cover art and a variety of creative writing styles including manga, hip hop rhyme and prose. Each of the competitions culminates in an exhibition of the entries in one of the library’s exhibition spaces.

Me and my... invites the young people to submit an artwork about you and the thing you love most in the world. It can be a drawing, painting, computer art or a photograph. There are voucher prizes and winners are announced in Youth Week celebrations at Kogarah. Some of the entries are added to the library’s Local Studies Collection as source documents relating to the social history of Kogarah.

LINDA HEALD
Coordinator Community and Cultural Services
Kogarah Town Square Library and Cultural Centre

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Swansea Library services a large area on the south eastern side of Lake Macquarie. Whilst a Youth Centre operates out of our building, limited public transport and other facilities in the area mean our local youth often complain of nothing to do. We decided to work on some programming for them, but our initial offer of programs was met with little interest. Unsure what we were doing wrong we decided to go back to basics and take time to develop a youth program that would be both attractive to the youth and meet our requirements.

Previously staff had implemented ideas they had seen work elsewhere or thought would be popular youth events. The mediocre response to these programs highlighted the fact that we need to ask our youth what they wanted. We are located near a large public high school so this seemed like the best place to start. We still weren’t sure as to the best way to engage the kids and to have them tell us what they wanted. However, we had just commenced a program where Year 7 students visited the library to learn how we can assist them with research and recreation, and we decided this was the perfect audience.

A simple survey was drawn up, asking three questions: What event would you be interested in attending at the Library? When would you be interested in attending an event? and How would you prefer to be contacted? We made it as quick as possible to fill out, with suggestions of days, times and contacts listed for them to circle. The kids were enthusiastic about the survey and nearly all completed it by the end of their sessions. Staff realised gaming would be high on the results list and lobbied management to purchase Wiis as part of this process, a fact we mentioned to the kids when filling out the surveys.

A few weeks later during Drug Action Week, the Youth Centre organised a Drug Awareness Day for year 8s. Part of the day was a visit to Swansea Library
and again we took the opportunity to hand out the survey. We now had a large number of results from years 7 and 8, but we still needed to tackle the rest of the school. The principal told us about a group that meets at roll call that are made up of representatives of each year and she organised for us to visit during roll call and chat to them. They agreed to hand out surveys.

The response to the surveys was amazing with over 200 being returned! Requests ranged from Internet and Wiis to ping pong, sports, karaoke, discos, bands, and parties. Most of these are events or activities we can do at little or no cost so we were pleased. Some of the requests like karaoke and bands are on our ‘to do’ list but, interestingly, the most popular request was simply having a space to hang out with friends.

Staff organised Teen Zones will be held every month starting in August 2009. The most popular timeslot according to the surveys was Wednesday evening, after library hours. This gives the kids the run of the library. We offered Wiis, board games, ping pong and the Internet, let them choose the music they wanted to be played and supplied supper. Mostly it was a place to hang with their friends and it was very popular.

Teen Zone was very similar to previous programming yet the attendance was much larger. By giving our youth a say, we learned that it was less about the event or program and more about when they could attend and how we contacted them to promote it. We now promote the events through the school and directly, using email and Myspace (their preferred methods of notification). We also advertise in the school newsletter and local papers. This has ensured solid attendances of between 10 and 15 at most events.

You do need to be persistent, as youth can be a fickle group. You need to be positive and willing to promote each event enthusiastically and continually. Our youth programming is still very much a work in progress, but we have had a good response and are hoping to expand the program further in 2010.

JO SMITH
Lake Macquarie City Library

TEEN SUMMER READ

Marrickville Library provides an annual challenge for young people aged 12 to 18 who reside or attend school in the local government area. Two challenges are offered to participants: read as many youth books and/or graphic novels as possible, or write at least one book review from the books you have read during the challenge. Over 80 young people participated, with lucky draws determining the winners. As usual, the reading club challenge ended with a party, with this year’s highlights including a hip hop writing workshop with a local rapper and pizza, which was quickly devoured!

LISA MARSCHALL
Coordinator Community Programs
Marrickville Library Service

READING RAVE

This summer Mosman Library again held its annual reading program for teens, Reading Rave. The program ran over the summer school holidays and was a huge success with over 80 local teens participating and reading for a combined total of over 1,500 hours. A couple of entrants read more than 250 hours themselves!

The library took advantage of school open days in the nearby youth centre to promote the program and supportive events. This was very effective, resulting in a large number of sign-ups!! The program also allowed for teens to review the books they had read, and the reviews were published on the library’s Wired 4 Teens blog. This was useful in getting teens to interact with the library and get them feeling ownership in the Wired 4 Teens blog.

In February the Reading Rave awards night was held to distribute prizes and hand out the grand prize winner. Councilor Denise Wilton did a fantastic job of hosting and distributing the prizes.

DARREN ELLIS
Promotions and Youth Services Librarian
Mosman Library

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MUSE

MUSE is a group for young adults aged 13 and above that runs every second Wednesday from 3:30pm until 5pm at Lake Haven Library and Council Service. One session a month is run in a more typical book club style, where we discuss a book that the whole group has read in the preceding month. In the alternate meetings we discuss a genre, author, or period. We’ve even had a creative writing session, where members wrote about a post-apocalyptic Central Coast. We are lucky in that our local pizza store kindly donates two pizzas every session, much to the joy of the ravenous group.

DARRYL KANE
Branch Officer Lake Haven
Wyong Shire Library Service

NEW MOON

47 excited teen twi-hards showed up for Wallsend District Library’s New Moon Party on Monday 16th November 2009. The party venue was decked out in red, black and white with Twilight quotes, pictures and information galore. Apart from declaring their undying love for Edward or Jacob, fans of the Twilight Saga played pin the tail on the werewolf, competed in our Twilight Trivia competition and screamed and drooled over the YouTube preview clips for New Moon.

Whilst debating over twilight facts, our twi-hards munched on candy heart cupcakes, sipped Bloody Bella punch and visited the Angus & Robertson book stall to purchase the latest and greatest Twilight paraphernalia.

The party was a huge success, and all who attended received a Twilight bookmark and had several opportunities to win prizes from toffee apples, to Bella Bracelets to Twilight t-shirts and posters. We can’t wait to host an Eclipse party, which we hope will eclipse all the parties that have gone before!

NATASHA AYAZ
Newcastle Region Library

WYONG NEWS

To learn what the young people of the Shire want from their Library service, the Children’s and Youth Services Librarian held a Popcorn and Planning evening. Whilst numbers weren’t as large as hoped, the small but enthusiastic crowd developed many innovative and exciting program ideas – and some were even non-Twilight related!!! These will be taken into account for future school holidays.

As a result we held a Henna Tattoo workshop at Tuggerah Library. This was a very popular event. Design suggestions were available to the participants but most created their own amazing body art designs. We even attracted three young men as well as a mother, who proudly wore her son’s designs. We plan to hold this again soon.

MICHELLE GOLDSMITH
Reference Librarian
Wyong Shire Library Service
Seniors News

BROADBAND FOR SENIORS

Liverpool City Library is the latest public library to join the Broadband for Seniors project. Broadband for Seniors is an Australian government initiative aiming to give free access to computers and broadband services, as well as training on computer use and Internet lessons, to seniors. NEC Australia Pty Ltd and its participating associates, Adult Learning Australia (ALA), the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA) and the University of the Third Age Online (U3A Online) have been commissioned to deliver this initiative throughout the nation.

The project’s aim, as stated in the manifesto, is as follows:

- Provide older Australians with access to computers and the Internet via free Internet kiosks
- Support seniors to gain confidence and build skills in using new technology
- Address the issue of older Australians feeling isolated and left behind in a technological age
- Build community participation and social inclusion amongst older Australians

This project is supposed to run over three years ending in 2011, so there’s still plenty of time for other libraries to apply as Kiosk Hosts. For more information about this initiative, go to the website <www.necseniors.net.au>.

As a Kiosk Host, Liverpool City Library received two PCs and accessories, tables, chairs and resource materials for use by the volunteer tutors and students. Our kiosks went live in late 2009, allowing seniors free access to broadband services. For those with little or no knowledge of computer and internet use, the Library offers lessons every day of the week. Volunteer tutors conduct these classes.

The very first thing we did before we started the classes was to invite all seniors interested in computer classes to attend an orientation program. On that day we explained what the project was all about and what the expected outcomes of the lessons would be. The attendees were then asked to fill in a survey questionnaire asking the extent of their computer literacy skills, if any, and what they hoped to learn from these classes. Based on their answers, the participants were then grouped into Beginners or Intermediate classes. This made it easier for the tutors to adapt their teaching style in order to maximise the learning experience of their students.

One challenge that our library is facing is teaching computer and Internet lessons to seniors with very little or no English at all. But we also consider this an opportunity to go beyond English-based lessons. Perhaps in the future, we will be able to get tutors who can speak a language other than English or the lessons and tutorials will be in the language of the students.

CARMEL MARTIN
Access Services Librarian
Liverpool City Library

HLS CHRISTMAS

Marrickville Library Service hosted a Christmas morning tea for some of our home library customers. This was quite an adventure for them and library staff, and involved staff travelling out to the homes of customers and transporting them to the library and home again at the end of the morning. We dedicated our reading room to the event. The tables were set with the finest china and handmade decorations were laid out in preparation for our special guests. The catering included tried and true favourites such as fruit mince pies, gourmet sandwiches and savoury pastries. Sixteen of our home library customers attended the event and celebrated the Christmas spirit by singing their favourite carols with staff and piano accordionist extraordinaire, Allan Duncan.

LISA MARSHALL
Coordinator, Community Programs
Marrickville Library Service

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ACQUISITIONS, CATALOGUING AND PROCESSING IN NSW PUBLIC LIBRARIES

One of the key ways the State Library assists public libraries across NSW is to commission and publish research on relevant issues. In order to facilitate this, we convene the Public Library Network Research Committee to advise on topics and projects - the Committee has representatives from country and metropolitan public libraries as well as the State Library.


Across NSW public libraries, there are many different approaches to how these processes are managed. Some libraries outsource one or all of these functions (either fully or partially), while others do the work in-house. Buying books shelf-ready (i.e. already covered and labelled) is becoming more popular. The Research Committee advised that there is very little available information on how a library would go about deciding whether or not to outsource these functions. As a result this research project was commissioned.

The report is a significant piece of research which explores, analyses and documents the costs and benefits of outsourcing procurement, cataloguing and processing in a variety of contexts relevant to the NSW public library network. The report looks holistically at the issue and does not equate outsourcing with loss of staff positions - rather it looks at the benefits of the reallocation of staff time gained to the provision of direct services to the public, who, as we know, are using libraries in ever growing numbers across the state. The State Library plans to host a forum later in the year which will explore the concepts and tools presented in the report.

Other research reports published by the State Library are also on our website. <www.sl.nsw.gov.au/services/public_libraries/network_research/pln_research_projects.html>

CAMERON MORLEY
Manager Funding and Advisory Services
**POSTERS COLLECTION - GOING FOR GOLD!**

My colleague Colin Warner and I have been given a mission - to create electronic records for a collection of over 3,000 posters in just one year. At the moment these posters sit in splendid isolation in plan cabinets in Mitchell stack, tracked only by drawers of shelf list cards situated in the Mitchell Reading Room.

Users of the State Library's posters collection can find out about subjects as diverse as entertainment, sport, travel, politics and public health as well as the actual techniques and styles of printing used to bring about these works of public information and art.

Posters, like other forms of ephemera, are a valuable historical tool, a kind of time capsule, tracking the actions and thoughts of people at a particular time in history; in this case predominantly the 1970s and 1980s (with significant older sub-collections like the posters from World War I and II as well).

I know what you’re thinking, cataloguing posters, that’s kind of ho hum, isn’t it? Not so. Posters are an incredibly interesting form of non-projected graphic with an incredibly varied range of images and purposes. Posters can be used to sell tickets, sell ideas and even send people off to war!

Cataloguing on Libraries Australia allows us to make the whole cataloguing process more efficient by the use of templates. Standard lists of fields are set up as part of a personal template and generic subject headings (like Theatrical posters and Travel posters) can be included easily in a fraction of the time, which makes for a better, timelier process.

Cataloguing posters on Libraries Australia has changed our cataloguing strategies quite a lot. When the posters collection was catalogued onto the Library's old Picman database we used post co-ordinated subject headings sourced from the Australian Pictorial Thesaurus. Now we use Library of Congress subject heading strings, just as one would use to catalogue a book.

The poster illustrated below is a great example of how useful the posters collection can be. When I was cataloguing it one of my colleagues said Isn't that Rick Mitchell, the athlete? Mitchell is, according to Wikipedia a 'Triple Olympian who competed in the 400 metres', but no pictures of him were readily available on the Internet. The poster photo of Rick with his silver medal may be the best one you’ll ever get. Or maybe not! With two and a half thousand posters still to be catalogued, Colin and I are going for gold!

**SUE THOMAS**

**eRecords Project**

**DISCOVER COLLECTIONS**

More and more of the State Library’s unique, iconic and just plain quirky collections are being made available online at Discover Collections.

<www.sl.nsw.gov.au/discover_collections>

A small selection of the stories already available online are *Terra Australis to Australia: Tales of the First Fleet*, which includes the Library's unrivalled collection of First Fleet journals, letters and artworks; *The Macquarie Era*, which celebrates the decade of Macquarie's governorship from 1810; and *People and places - local histories of Sydney’s northern and eastern suburbs.*

As well as providing clients with added context around a collection item, the Discover Collections stories also include extensive links through to the fully digitised items on the Library's catalogues.

Recent additions to Discover Collections include: Women in Cricket: Cricket in Australia which uses photographs, scrapbooks and realia to tell the story of women's cricket in Australia from the earliest matches in the colony through to the increasing professionalism of the 20th century women's teams. A Miner's Life: Eureka! The rush for gold tells the story of entertainment on the goldfields, with a particular focus on Lola Montez and her infamous spider dance. Henriette Lamotte: French in Australia is the story of French milliner Lamotte who owned exclusive hat salons in Sydney in the mid-20th century. The online collection features digitised photographs, scrapbooks and realia.

**EMMA GRAY**

**Discover Collections**
For public library staff across NSW looking for professional development opportunities, 2010 has got off to a great start.

In February we welcomed back John Shannon and Becky Schreiber to run the very popular Leading From Any Position workshop. This three day program which includes Enneagram typing has proved to be one of our most successful workshops. The focus for participants (and this year we had 30) is on developing their personal skills to improve their organisation’s culture for better customer service.

The Enneagram workshop (Leading From Any Style) was followed by an introduction to Peter Senge’s Five Disciplines methods for creating a learning organisation within and among the public libraries of NSW. Participants were encouraged to take initiative from whatever position they hold to challenge the status quo and move their library toward enhanced organisational effectiveness.

This year John and Becky also presented a two-day workshop, Measuring Library Effectiveness. This is a new program, and we were delighted to trial it with 32 public library managers. The workshop looks at measuring the internal functioning of libraries based on Peter Senge’s Five Disciplines of a Learning Organisation, with the intent of using those measures for continuous improvement of their processes. Participants learnt how to make data-driven decisions which will position their libraries as more effective and more responsive to customers.

March was drug info and LIAC forum month, with capacity audiences at all four forums. The forums are held every year to evaluate the success of current strategies and to plan for the future. And are also a great way for public library staff to network with their colleagues.

Also in March we held our first Making Connections program for 2010. These one-day overviews of the State Library and the services it offers to public libraries are always sell-out successes! But we do have places in future programs. See our website for dates and booking information <www.sl.nsw.gov.au/services/public_libraries/library_mgt/connections.html>.

Another sell-out day was the Readers’ Advisory Seminar with special guest, author Matthew Reilly, and a technological first for us – a Skype linkup with American Diana Tixier Herald, senior editor of the Genreflecting Advisory series. For those who couldn’t make it, presentations are available on the website <www.sl.nsw.gov.au/services/public_libraries/library_mgt/prof_development.html>.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions on our professional development program. Please email Victoria on vanderson@sl.nsw.gov.au or contact her by phone on 02 9273 1526.
IN THE STATE LIBRARY GALLERIES

ONE hundred

ONE hundred is a major exhibition at the Mitchell Library, and the centrepiece of our centenary celebrations this year. The Mitchell Library opened its doors on 9 March, 1910. During 2010 we celebrate one hundred years of collecting, collections and service to the people of NSW and Australia.

ONE hundred has items ranging in date from the late 1400s to the present day. It includes manuscripts, pictures, maps, books, oral histories and objects.

Mitchell Galleries
9 March 2010 – 16 June 2010

The Governor: Lachlan Macquarie, 1810 to 1821

On 1 January 1810, Lachlan Macquarie took office as the 5th Governor of New South Wales. To celebrate this 200th anniversary and examine Macquarie’s contribution to the development of colonial Australia, original letters, journals, watercolours, miniatures and realia from the Library’s collections will be displayed.

Mitchell Galleries
5 July 2010 – 10 October 2010

Moran Prizes 2010

Hosted in conjunction with the Moran Health Care Group and incorporates the Doug Moran National Portrait Prize and the Moran Contemporary Photographic Prize. Following the exhibition at the State Library, the exhibition is toured nationally by the Moran Health Care Group.

The Doug Moran National Portrait Prize was established by the Moran family in 1988 to celebrate Australia’s Bicentenary and is the richest portrait prize in the world. The exhibition of finalists is a vibrant and eclectic collection of 30 portrait paintings. Entry conditions for the competition stipulate that both the painter and their subject be Australian citizens, but it is not required that the artist’s subjects be well known.

Mitchell Galleries
9 August 2010 – 5 September 2010

World Press Photo 2010

This annual exhibition features the award-winning photographs from the prestigious World Press Photo Contest for press photography. Showcasing approximately 200 photographs in ten theme categories including news, nature, portraits, arts and entertainment, sports, and daily life, this is the Library’s most popular guest exhibition.

Canon and TNT sponsor World Press Photo worldwide. The exhibition has been brought to Sydney by Canon Australia and supported by Getty Images, JC Decaux and TNT.

Mitchell Galleries
3 July 2010 – 1 August 2010

STATE LIBRARY OF NSW

DISABILITY INFORMATION

Wheelchair access via Macquarie Street, toilets and courtesy wheelchair, hearing loop, parking on the corner of Shakespeare Place and Macquarie Street. Companion card provides fair ticketing at events and venues for people with a disability who require a companion to accompany them.

www.companioncard.org.au

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In Touch with the State Library

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 2009/10 ANNOUNCED

The annual Library Development Grants program administered by the State Library of NSW provides funding for NSW local councils for projects which provide significant public benefit and develop improved public library services for NSW communities.

$3.381 million was available this year (including the $2m Country Libraries Fund). Demand from councils was very strong with a record $9.2m of requests received this year. The successful projects were announced by the Hon Virginia Judge MP, Minister for the Arts in State Parliament on 10 March.

Library Development Grants 2009/10

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Country Libraries Fund (additional $2m provided as part of the State Government’s Building the Country package)

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Total: $2,000,000

CAMERON MCBRIDE
Manager, Funding and Advisory Services
State Library of NSW