

Launch into Library Research – Researching Your Bestseller Program

Session / Time	Topic		
Session 1: 10.00am – 10.45am	Getting the most of out the Library catalogue		
Session 2: 10.45am – 11.30am	Secret Librarian Tools		
Session 3: 11.30am – 12.30pm (concurrent sessions)	Option A: What can maps bring to your research?	Option B: What can pictures bring to your research?	Option C: What can magazines & journals bring to your research?
Lunch Break: 12.30pm – 1.30pm			
Session 4: 1.30pm – 2.30pm (concurrent sessions)	Option A: Using Trove online newspapers	Option B: Using oral history as a research tool	Option C: Eresources for historical research
Session 5: 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Inspiration from the Collection		

The program includes the following sessions:*

Getting the most of out the Library catalogue

The Library catalogue is the best place to begin your research. We'll show you some key searching tips to get you started and help you find what you're looking for.

Secret Librarian Tools

An overview of card catalogues, indexes, guides and other excellent research tools that are not available online.

What can maps bring to your research?

Discover how maps can provide a wealth of fascinating information to enhance your writing. The session will focus on maps in the Library's collection.

What can pictures bring to your research?

Every picture tells a story. This session will demonstrate how an image can provide inspiration and information for your bestseller.

What can magazines & journals bring to your research?

Round out your characters, events and locations with details discovered through magazines and journals. In this session, we encourage you to bring along a name or an event and we will do some live research demonstrating the value of these information rich resources.

Using Trove online newspapers

Trove provides free online access to over 21 million digitized pages from Australian newspapers. Find out how to search Trove to locate news items and articles to add historical context to your writing.

Using oral history as a research tool

Oral history complements the more traditional forms of history making such as written histories and biographies. Hearing the spoken word can move, inform, surprise and inspire in ways that written text cannot. Find out how to search and access the Library's oral history collection to add further depth to your research.

Eresources for historical research

This session will highlight some of the best online databases for your historical research. Find out how to access these excellent resources for free using your Library card and get tips on how to search them to locate relevant primary sources.

Inspiration from the Collection

Many bestsellers have been inspired by the material from the Library's collections. This session will provide an opportunity to see some of the collections that have inspired authors including Patrick White, Kate Grenville and many more.

** Some sessions run concurrently. Please check the website for full details. There will be a lunchbreak between 12.30-1.30. Please bring your own lunch, or there are a number of food outlets nearby, including Café Trim at the Library.*