

# the Word

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## What's on at your Library

**6 December** - A Fairy Merry Christmas with Rebecca  
10.00am - 10.45am. Ages: 0 - 6yrs

**13 December** - Recycled Christmas decorations with Rowan  
1.30pm - 2.30pm

**15 December** - Library will close at 12.00noon.

**22 December** - Last day for the year. The library will be closed from Saturday 23 December 2023 until Saturday 6 January 2024

**Craft group** - every Friday  
9.00am - 12.00 noon  
Meeting room 1  
Last day 22 December 2023

**Mahjong** - every Tuesday  
12.30pm - 2.30pm  
6.00pm - 7.30pm  
Last meeting Tuesday 19 December 2023

**ESL classes** - every Monday  
5.00pm - 6.30pm  
Meeting Room 1  
Last day Monday 18 December 2023

**Rhymetime** - every Wednesday  
11.00am.  
Last session Wednesday 13 December 2023

**Storytime** - every Thursday  
10.30am.  
Last session Thursday 14 December 2023

**Justice of the Peace** - Available for the first 4 Wednesdays of each month. 10.00am - 11.30am  
Last session Wednesday 13 December 2023

### Bassendean Memorial Public Library

46 Old Perth Road, Bassendean  
Western Australia 6054  
Phone: (08)9279 2966

Email: [baslib@bassendean.wa.gov.au](mailto:baslib@bassendean.wa.gov.au)  
[library.bassendean.wa.gov.au](http://library.bassendean.wa.gov.au)

## Bassendean Memorial Public Library Newsletter

Bassendean Memorial Library  
will be closed from **12.00pm**  
on **Friday 15 December, 2023.**

We will be open as usual on  
**Saturday 16 December, 2023.**  
**9.00am - 1.00pm**



### Recycled Christmas decorations with Rowan

Bassendean Memorial Library  
**Wednesday 13 December 2023**  
**1.30pm - 2.30pm**



Please book via the QR code or trybooking link below:  
**[www.trybooking.com/CMTWI](http://www.trybooking.com/CMTWI)**



Bassendean Memorial Library  
will be closed for the  
**Christmas season**

**Saturday 23 December 2023**  
until  
**Saturday 6 January 2024**

We will re-open on  
**Monday 8 January 2024**  
**at 9.00am**



### Opening Hours

**Monday 9am - 6pm**

**Tuesday 9am - 8pm**

**Wednesday 9am - 6pm**

**Thursday 9am - 6pm**

**Friday 9am - 5.30pm**

**Saturday 9am - 1pm**

Closed Sundays and Public Holidays



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Bassendean

# New Books

Check the Library website for New Titles in Stock, updated weekly.

## Fiction

The Exchange / John Grisham  
 Past lying / Val McDermid  
 The wolf / Samuel Bjork  
 Everyone on this train is a suspect / Benjamin Stevenson  
 The secret / Lee Child  
 Dark horizon / James Swallow  
 Out in the cold / Stuart Johnstone  
 None of this is true / Lisa Jewell  
 Christmas by candlelight / Karen Swan  
 The Sugar Palace / Fiona McIntosh  
 The river gum cottage / Leonie Kelsall  
 P.S. come to Italy / Nicky Pellegrino  
 Lily Harford's last request / Joanna Buckley  
 Women & children / Tony Birch  
 Here in the after / Marion Frith



## Non Fiction

Unmasking the killer of the missing Beaumont children / Stuart Mullins  
 Naked city : true stories of crimes, cock-ups, crooks & cops / John Silvester  
 I'll let myself in / Hannah Divney  
 Normal women : 900 years of making history / Philippa Gregory  
 Double trouble / Geoff Wilkinson  
 Shakespeare : the man who pays the rent / Judi Dench

## Movies

The unbearable weight of massive talent  
 Mothering Sunday  
 Speak no evil  
 The imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus  
 Need for speed  
 The mothman prophecies  
 Bunker  
 Barbie  
 Oppenheimer



## New DVDs

### Non Fiction

The wolfpack  
 Big star : nothing can hurt me  
 Iris  
 Amy



## Book Club: The Next Chapter (2023)

Four best friends take their book club to Italy for the fun girls trip they never had. When things go off the rails and secrets are revealed, their relaxing vacation turns into a once-in-a-lifetime cross-country adventure.

This is the sequel to Book Club.



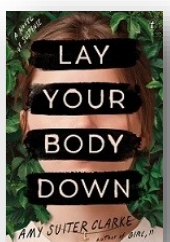
## Lay Your Body Down by Amy Suiter Clarke. (2023)

When Del fled her small hometown and its cult-like church six years ago, she vowed never to go back. Lars, the love of her life, was marrying local golden girl Eve, author of a popular blog about the church's 'Noble Wife' teachings. But now Lars is dead in an "accident". When Del returns for the funeral, she discovers the church and Pastor Rick have taken over the town. And Eve isn't acting much like a grieving widow. Del is determined to cut through the church's lies and corruption to find out what really happened to Lars – even if it means confronting memories.

I was really looking forward to this one not only because the synopsis sounded so intriguing, but also because I thought the author's debut, 'Girl, 11' was a fantastic read. Well the author has hit it out of the park with this current book as well! Del's hometown is a creepy feeling town that has been basically taken over by the church run by Pastor Rick. Del has only returned after learning that her first love Lars is dead in extremely suspicious circumstances that has been deemed an accident. Intersecting the chapters is posts from Eve's blog about being the perfect "Noble Wife" which are disturbing to say the least. Del's personal investigation into Lars's death is tense, with church members blocking her every step of the way. Her own history with the church and Lars is gradually revealed. This was an excellent read and I loved the clever ending.

Overall: highly recommend this terrific book for any readers who enjoy thrillers.

- One Woman's brief book reviews





# Local Studies Collection

## Amazing Architecture on Old Perth Road Precinct

Learn about the history and architecture of certain properties on Old Perth Road including ;

- Bassendean Post Office
- Bassendean Hotel
- Old Perth Road Shops
- Padbury's Building



1950



1935

Recommended reading below!

[Architecture Styles in the Town of Bassendean](#)

[A Selected Guide to Architecture Resources in the Local Studies Collection](#)

Learn about state heritage sites in the Town of Bassendean:

[Town of Bassendean State Heritage Sites brochure](#) [Inherit](#) state heritage site information

[State Heritage Sites in the Town of Bassendean presentation](#)

1947



## Residential History

Researching the history of your house is made easy with the free guide [How To Trace the History of Your House](#) by Carol Leigh. To help identify when your house was built and its type of architecture, a title can be purchased online from Landgate.

Other relevant information about your house and previous owners can be sourced from the Local Studies Collection including;

- the West Guildford Rate Books
- local history texts and Town publications
- oral history audio interviews and transcripts,
- war service records of soldiers,
- family history details from biographical files
- local pictures provided in the Library catalogue,
- WA Post Office Directories provided by the WA State Library,
- local newspapers online from Trove, courtesy of the National Library of Australia and by checking the Town of Bassendean Local Heritage Survey (LHS) and previous Municipal Heritage Inventories.

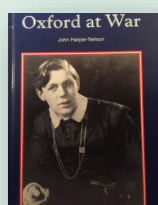
Free use of the Library Edition of Ancestry.com provides access to online records of the WA Government Railway employees and Western Australia's electoral rolls.

Access information at [Local Studies Collection » Bassendean Memorial Library](#)

As a home owner, you can also arrange to view house plans by contacting Planning Staff at the Town of Bassendean [Customer Service](#)

## Local Studies Collection December 2023 Reading Challenge

### Biography or Autobiography ...of a local identity!



## Notice Board

**A FAIRY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
WITH REBECCA**

A VERY SPECIAL RHYMETIME AND STORYTIME IN DECEMBER.



It's time to celebrate Christmas with our fairy friend, Rebecca! Rebecca will sing and dance to Christmas songs, tell a delightful Christmas story and share all her fairy magic with everyone listening. There will be bells and bubbles, sparkles and stories and our special fairy friend will make sure all our little people have a beautiful, bright, festive time at Bassendean Memorial Library.

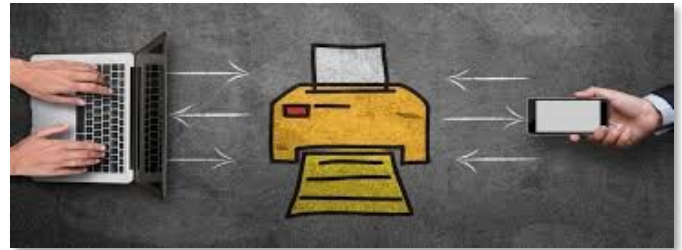
This event will replace our normal Rhymetime and Storytime sessions for that week.

BASSENDEAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
**WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2023**  
**10.00AM- 10.45AM**  
**AGES: 0- 6YRS**

PLEASE BOOK VIA THE QR CODE OR TRYBOOKING LINK BELOW

[WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CMZYC](http://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CMZYC)

Time and date were correct when posted but may be subject to change.



**Print from anywhere, pick up at the library.**  
With our MobilePrint Service, you can use your personal computer or mobile device to print to the library's printers from anywhere.



Call today to make a free appointment!  
**9279 2966**



FOGO bags are available from the Library after 5.00pm weekdays and on Saturdays 9.00am - 1.00pm.



We are pleased to announce that we have a new JP for the Wednesday Witnessing Centre. This will now be available the first 4 Wednesdays of each month.

**SUMMER READING QUEST**

EPIC ADVENTURES AWAIT

Say goodbye to summer boredom - and win great prizes!

[www.summerreadingquest.net](http://www.summerreadingquest.net)



Summer is here and we would just like to remind patrons to not put your library books in your bag with your drink bottles, keeping them away from possible spills. If your items are returned in a damaged state, you may have to pay replacement costs. Wet books can lead to mould, which is dangerous if exposure occurs.