



the Word



Bassendean Memorial Public Library

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Happy 50th Birthday Bassendean Memorial Library!

On the 1st of July 2022, Bassendean Memorial Library celebrates its 50th birthday. 50 years of people, books, authors, events, art, history walks, cheese and crackers, maps, Microsoft, singing teapots, crying babies, tired parents and children with shapes and glitter.

We know our building is just a building, but a Library is something else altogether. A Library is a safe space. Sometimes quiet, often noisy, flashy, energetic, and hopefully, illuminating. Our Library is craft, story time, mah-jong, chess, meditation, history talks, kite flying and literary salons. And books. It is a place where people come to find. Bus schedules and poems, remedies, and thrillers. Courses are started, assignments are completed, work is done, bills are paid, tickets are booked, documents are scanned, and information is readily provided. Our library has always been a community space and continues to be so, 50 years on.

On our 50th birthday, in the month of July 2022, Bassendean Memorial Library invites you to come help us celebrate. A pictorial timeline in our foyer, a photo booth to play around in, a guest book to share your thoughts.

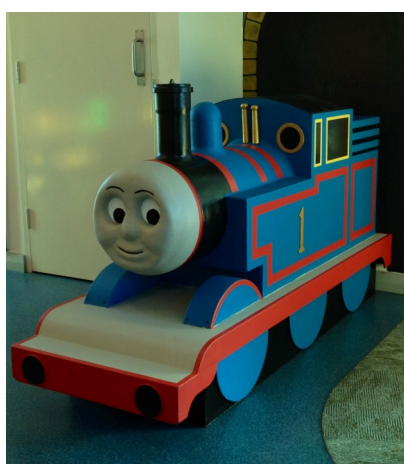
Come pay us a visit and explore.... Sometimes we have cupcakes too!

Thank you for your continued support - we Love Our Library!

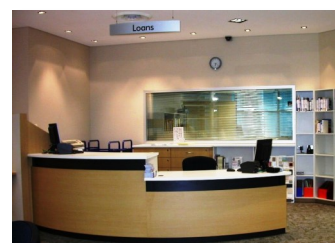
Your Library Team



Something old, something new



Packing up the old library



Our new service desk

Thomas the Tank follows us everywhere

Bassendean Memorial Public Library Timeline

1972 - The Bassendean Memorial Public Library opens on 1 July for 19 hours per week.

1986 - The Local Studies Collection is established.



1994 - Loans and stock management becomes automated.

1997 - Public Internet access and word processing facilities are made available.

2004 - The Library temporarily moves to 35 Old Perth Road.



2004 - The old Library building is demolished.

2005 - The new Library building is opened in October.

2007 - Better Beginnings Early Literary program for families with newborn babies is introduced, in partnership with the State Library of WA.



2008 - The Library website and public access catalogue goes live.

2010 - One-on-one computer assistance introduced with Broadband for Seniors.

2011 - The first issue of the Library newsletter 'The Word' is published in July.

2012 - eBooks are made available via Western Australia Public Libraries Digital Media Collection.

2014 - WiFi becomes available in the Library; the Library joins social media (Facebook).



2016 - New services are introduced to the Library including Literary Salons, Guided History Walks, the Craft Group and Lego League for kids.

2017 - Self check service becomes available for patrons. Broadband for Seniors becomes Cyber Citizens and expands to include digital devices.



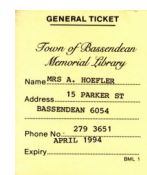
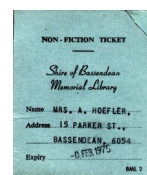
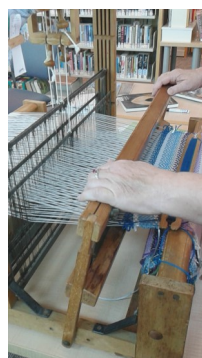
2018 - English as a Second Language classes are available in the Library.

2018 - MobilePrint Service is introduced for the library patrons.

2020 - Covid-19 changes Library services, with greater focus on technology and digital services; Click and Collect and Virtual Rhyme Time and Story Time are added to regular services.

2021 - RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) system for loans and returns of library stock is implemented.

2022 - The Library celebrates 50 years of service to our community.



Local Studies Collection



Did you know that the Local Studies Collection has been a repository of council and community history for over thirty-five years? The Local Studies Collection contains information in variety of formats about Eden Hill, Bassendean, and Ashfield.

It all began with the publication of Jennie Carter's commissioned history, 'Bassendean : A Social History 1829-1979'.

Local Studies Librarians have strategically collected information about the changes over time, and the

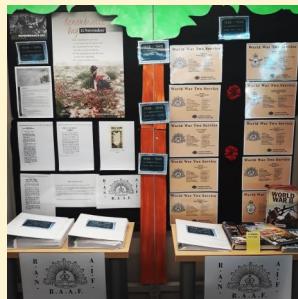
decisions made about local places. The Collection contains interesting information about architecture, changes to transport, the environment, geography, and public information about local Aboriginal history and significant places.

The strengths of the Bassendean Memorial Library's Local Studies Collection include oral history interviews, whereby local people talk about their memories, experiences and perceptions of the district, a vast photographic collection of people and places and significant military collections about community service in World War I, World War II and other conflicts.



Community history is made easily accessible to the public through a variety of ways such as free community walks during the last five years, a series of monthly themed talks in 2022, support and incursions for local primary school HASS teachers, and the past presentation of Annual Library History Lectures in a ten-year span.

While the Local Studies Collection continues to grow with the dedicated assistance of community members, volunteers and members of the Bassendean Historical Society, Bassendean Memorial Library is set to commemorate fifty years of community service and preservation of the rich history of the Town and its people.



Children's Services

Bassendean Memorial Library loves our Children Services because it's all about the kids.

Kids on Thomas the tank, kids sticky and glittery with glue, kids building and decoding, drawing, jiggling, and reading. We want our kids to love the library their entire life long, so we have created a space that is bursting with colour and energy.



What's on at



5 July – School Holiday Activity: Celebrating NAIDOC: Sensorium Theatre, 10.45am-11.30am

8 July - Talking History @ Bassendean Memorial Library 10.30am - 11.30am
Local Studies room

12 July – School Holiday Activity: Making Origami bags with Nami Osaki, 1pm-2pm

25 July - LEGO league. Ages 5 - 12. 4.00pm to 5.00pm

Craft group; every Friday. 9.00am - 12.00 noon
Meeting room 1

Mahjong - every Tuesday 12.30pm - 2.30pm
6.00pm - 7.30pm

ESL classes; every Monday - Beginners 5.00pm
Intermediate 5.30pm

Rhymetime; every Wednesday 11.00 am. No Rhymetime on school holidays

Storytime; every Thursday - 10.30am. No Storytime on school holidays

Justice of the Peace - Available for the first 3 Wednesdays of each month. 10.00am - 11.30am
Also on the first and third Saturday of each month 9.15am - 11:00am



The Library in its temporary location at
35 Old Perth Road
October 2004-2005

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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

The Town of Bassendean acknowledges the Nyoongar people as traditional owners of this land and their continuing connection to land and community.

We pay our respects to them, to their culture and to their Elders, past, present and emerging.