

The Word

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What's on at your Library

8 Dec - Sustainable Christmas gift-wrapping

11:30am - 12:30pm - Meeting room 1

11 Dec - Gingerbread Man story and cookie decorating

4:00pm - 5:00pm - Meeting room 1

15 Dec - Native Floral Christmas Wreaths

11:30am - 12:30pm - Meeting room 1

17 Dec - Little Library Elves Christmas Storytime

10:30am - 11:30am - in the library

23 Dec - Last day open for the year

JP - first 3 Wednesdays

10:00am - 11:30am - Meeting room 2

ESL - every Monday

5:00pm - 6:30pm - Meeting room 1

Mahjong - every Tuesday

12:30pm - 2:30pm - Meeting room 1

6:00pm - 7:30pm - Meeting room 1

***Rhymetime - every Wednesday**

11:00 am

***Storytime - every Thursday**

10:30am

Craft group - every Friday

9:00am - 12noon - Meeting room 1

*except during school holidays

A little smile, a word of cheer, a bit of love from someone near, a little gift from one held dear, best wishes for the coming year. These make a Merry Christmas!
- John Greenleaf Whittier

Library Christmas Closure

Bassendean Memorial Public Library will be closed over the Festive Season

EARLY CLOSE

Friday 19th December at 12:30pm

RE-OPEN

Saturday 20th December at 9am

CLOSED

Wednesday December 24th to
Sunday January 4th

RE-OPEN

Monday January 5th 2026 at 9am

Bassendean Memorial Public Library

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

Email: baslib@bassendean.wa.gov.au
library.bassendean.wa.gov.au



Opening Hours

Monday 9am - 5:30pm

Tuesday 9am - 5:30pm

Wednesday 9am - 5:30pm

Thursday 9am - 5:30pm

Friday 9am - 4pm

Saturday 9am - 1pm



Closed Sundays and Public Holidays

Hidden Disabilities Sunflower – A Symbol of Support and Inclusion



We're proud to announce that Bassendean Memorial Library and the Town of Bassendean are now part of the Sunflower Network, supporting people with hidden disabilities in our community.

Not all disabilities are visible, and this can make it hard for others to understand when someone needs extra help or time. To promote awareness and inclusivity, the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower was created.

From Wednesday 3rd of December, Sunflower lanyards will be available to customers in Bassendean Memorial Library and the Town's Customer Service Centre, which means that those living with a hidden disability can make their disability visible, ensuring staff can provide the support and adjustments Sunflower wearers may need.

Find out more by speaking to a Town staff member or visit hdsunflower.com/au



Local Studies Collection

Image in Focus

Mystery Update

These ladies belonged to the Inner Wheel, a group connected to the Rotary Club. We now have a colour copy of the picture, and thanks to everyone who helped us uncover these details!



One of our wonderful patrons Sandra, recognised her grandmother Edith Dunt in this photo. Edith and her husband Jim Dunt lived on Wilson Street, provided catering at the Masonic Hall and were both prominent members of the Bassendean community.

Important Update: Interlibrary Loan



We're moving to a new state-wide interlibrary loan system!

- From 1 December, we will not be processing any new requests as we prepare for the changeover.
- During this transition, current requests and deliveries may take a little longer than usual through the end of 2025.
- Requests will resume as normal when the library reopens in the New Year.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to improve your service.

New Books and DVDs

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

Adult Fiction

Final orbit / Chris Hadfield
Killing for sport / Dwayne Russell
The detective / Matthew Reilly
Left behind / Martine Kropkowski
Secrets / Judi Morison
Chosen family / Madeleine Gray
The Lucky sisters / Rachael Johns
Shadows of Wildstone / Mandy Magro
The last love song / Lucinda Riley



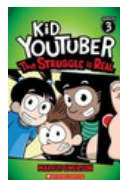
Adult Non-Fiction

Selfish : how to unlearn the rules that are breaking you / Turia Pitt
Seasons where the river bends / recipes and stories from the garden of Jane & Jimmy Barnes
Death in Yuendumu / Steven Schubert
Oliphant / Roland Perry
Softly, as I leave you : life after Elvis / Priscilla Beaulieu Presley
Guts / Melissa Leong
Last rites / Ozzy Osbourne
Quentin Bryce / Juliet Rieden



Junior Fiction

The rose field / Philip Pullman
Hungry for more / Marcus Emerson
Promise Boys / Nick Brooks - YA
The whirlpool at Mermaid Rock / Tasma Walton
The poisoned king / Katherine Rundell
The struggle is real / Marcus Emerson
Graphic novel series - I survived



Junior Non-Fiction

Robotics / Kate Peridot
Flags / Jonathan Litton & Laura Knowles

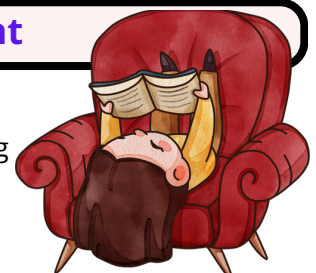
Book Review

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Poems & Prayers by Matthew McConaughey

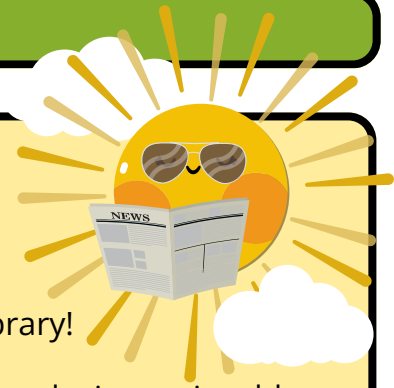
From the Academy Award-winning actor and #1 New York Times bestselling author of Greenlights comes an inspiring, faith-filled, and often hilarious collection of personal poetry and prayers about navigating the rodeo of life and chasing down the original dream, belief. An incredible book that dives into faith and encourages the reader to look inward to find what they are seeking outwardly.



Notice Board



Reading Challenge



Join the Summer Reading Challenge at Bassendean Library!

We're making reading fun this summer with exciting prizes and a relaxing, enjoyable challenge for all ages - adults and children alike.

How to take part:

Simply pick up a challenge sheet from the front desk and start your reading adventure!

What's in it for you?

Complete the challenge and you could win amazing prizes like:

- Vouchers for many local businesses such as - Jake's Continental Butchery, The 5 Four Store, Bassendean Pet Food Supplies, Natural Island Therapy and more.
- Books, board games, and toys
- Craft Kits and puzzles
- And so much more!

It's completely free to join, and the challenge runs all summer long.
Don't forget your sunscreen while you enjoy the season!

Come and make this summer a page-turning success at Bassendean Library.

Justice of the Peace

Witnessing services for December will be on the first three Wednesdays.

3rd 10am - 11.30am

10th 10am - 11:30am

17th 10am - 11:30am



Heads up!
From 15th December, we will be pausing our Nespresso coffee pod collection for the Christmas closure.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Story Box Hub is a beautiful online reading room, a place where the wonderful world of Australian children's literature comes to life as stories are read for children via video clips.

Story Box Hub provides the audience with a vibrant, interactive experience via a diverse range of storytellers, each sharing past and present book titles.

Visit <https://storyboxhub.com>

To login use your Bassendean Library membership barcode and password.

