

Notice Board

Bassendean Memorial Library's Building is Turning 20!

Can you believe it's been two decades since our "new" library first opened its doors? We think that's the perfect excuse for a party... and you're invited!!

Date: Wednesday 29 October 2025

Time: 2:30-3:00pm (official birthday fun) but celebrations will roll through all day

Where: Bassendean Memorial Library

Who: Everyone's welcome!

JOIN US FOR:

- A fun photo booth
- Book giveaways
- Delicious cake
- Plenty of memories, laughter and good vibes

We can't wait to see you there!

Mahjong



at Bassendean Library

This group meets every Tuesday

12:30pm - 2:30pm

&

6:00pm - 7:30pm

No booking required

Suitable for beginners and all skill levels

MAGIC The Gathering

at Bassendean Library

Whether you're a seasoned spellcaster or just starting your journey through the Multiverse, the Magic The Gathering Club at Bassendean Memorial Library is your new battlefield. Bring your deck, test your mettle, and forge alliances (or rivalries) as we tap lands, cast spells, and battle for glory across the planes.

Details

Where: Bassendean Memorial Library

Who: Adults (or late teens +)

When: Saturday fortnightly | 11:00am

Cost: Free to join, no booking required.

Bring your own deck or borrow one of ours!

For more information, please see library staff or email: rachel.jack@bassendean.wa.gov.au

Justice of the Peace

Witnessing services for October will be on the first four Wednesdays.

1st 10am - 11:30am

8th 10am - 11:30am

15th 10am - 11:30am

22nd 10am - 11:30am



Bassendean Memorial Public Library Newsletter

The Word

Issue 157 October 2025

What's on at your Library

1 Oct - STEAM Challenges with Rachel

2:00pm - 3:00pm - Meeting room 1

2 Oct - Terrariums with Einsteins Australia

10:00am - 11:00am - Meeting room 1

3 Oct - Lunch Time Interlude - Clay Workshop with Sara Art Studio

11:00am - 1:00pm - Meeting room 2

4 Oct - Magic the Gathering

11:00am - In the Library

6 Oct - Hand Puppets Workshop with Spare Parts Puppet Theatre

10:00am - 11:30am - Meeting room 1

8 Oct - Bath Ballerina Storytime, craft and bath bombs

10:00am - 11.30am - Meeting room 1

14 Oct - Local History Walk Down Old Perth Road

9:45am - 11:30 - Meet in Library foyer

15 Oct - Modern Cloth Nappy Workshop

12:00noon - 2:00pm - Meeting room 1

18 Oct - Magic the Gathering

11:00am - In the Library

21 Oct - Children's Week Storytime with Midvale Hub

9:30am - 11:00am - in the Library

27 Oct - LEGO League

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

29 Oct - The Library Building is turning 20!

2:30pm - 3:00pm - Library foyer

29 Oct - Literary Salons in the Library - Deb Jordan

The River Whispers

5:45pm - 7:45pm - Meeting room 1

JP - first 4 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

*No Rhymetime or Storytime during school holidays

Bassendean Memorial Public Library

46 Old Perth Road,

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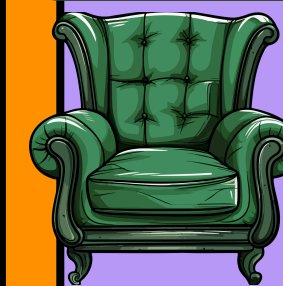
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**By the pricking of my thumbs,
Something wicked this way comes.
— William Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet**

Literary Salons in the Library Proudly presents



Deb Jordan

interviewed by Sallyanne Bond

Wednesday 29 October 2025

5:45pm - 7:45pm

Light refreshments provided

Bookings essential via QR code or booking link



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

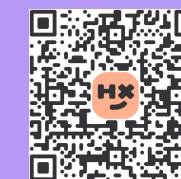


Deb Jordan is a pianist, primary school teacher, and writer. After twenty years abroad, including time in Peru, Ghana, Costa Rica and across Africa, she has now made Perth, Western Australia her home.

With degrees in Japanese and Russian, Deb once dreamt of secret missions and far-flung adventures. These days, she finds inspiration in observing people, collecting stories, and seeking out the joy in everyday life. Above all, Deb writes.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Two best friends. One tragic accident. One deadly secret. After a car crash ends her career and shatters her friendship with Abby, Sasha tries to leave the past behind. But when Abby is found dead and a baby is abandoned nearby, Sasha is drawn into a dangerous mystery. Set amidst the haunting beauty of Western Australia's Swan River and Swan Valley vineyards, *River Whispers* is a gripping tale of betrayal, loss, and the fight for redemption that will keep you on edge until the final page...



Book now:

<https://events.humanitix.com/a-literary-salon-with-deb-jordan>



Opening Hours

Monday 9am - 5:30pm

Tuesday 9am - 5:30pm

Wednesday 9am - 5:30pm

Thursday 9am - 5:30pm

Friday 9am - 4pm

Saturday 9am - 1pm

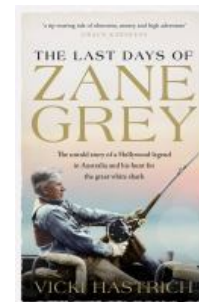
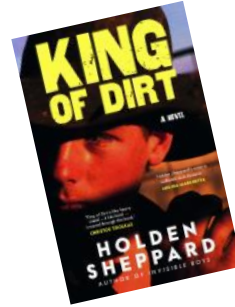
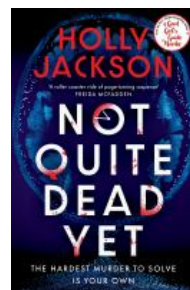
Closed Sundays and Public Holidays

New Books and DVDs

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

Adult Fiction

- Not quite dead yet** / Holly Jackson
- The ghost walk** / Karen Herbert
- Die by the sword** / Tony Park
- Landfall** / James Bradley
- King of dirt** / Holden Sheppard
- Summer Island** / Kristin Hannah
- The stowaway** / Mary-Anne O'Connor
- The life experiment** / Jess Kitching



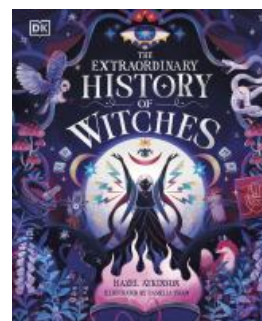
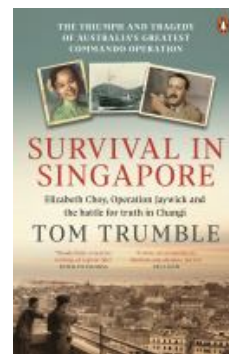
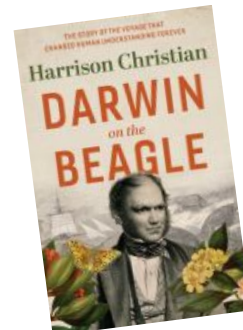
Adult Non-Fiction

- Survival in Singapore** : the triumph and tragedy of Australia's greatest commando operation / Tom Trumble
- Darwin on the Beagle** / Harrison Christian
- Deep history** : country and sovereignty / Ann McGrath
- The last days of Zane Grey** : the untold story of a Hollywood legend in Australia and his hunt for the great white shark / Vicki Hastrich
- Fragile creatures** : a memoir / Khin Myint



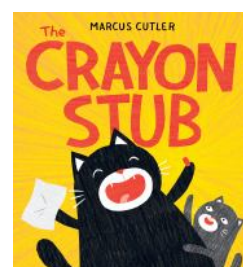
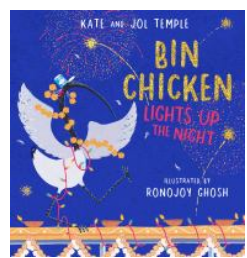
Junior Fiction

- The mushroom in the sky** / Jackie French
- Wasteland warriors** / Adam Wallace
- The silken thread** / Gabrielle Wang
- The secret green** / Sonya Wilson
- Derek** / Anne Donaldson
- Bin chicken lights up the night** / Kate and Jol Temple
- The crayon stub** / Marcus Cutler



Junior Non-Fiction

- Furry and Deadly** / John Lesley
- Angry Arthropods** / John Lesley
- The extraordinary history of witches** / Hazel Atkinson



Local Studies Collection



Find this picture and more online in the Bassendean Memorial Library Catalogue!

Image in Focus

Bassendean Volunteer Fire Brigade 'mock wedding'

Beyond its operational duties, the brigade played a significant role in fostering community spirit, frequently organising fundraising activities, social dances, and communal dinners at the fire station. A particularly memorable event occurred in 1934, when the brigade garnered widespread attention by staging a mock wedding to raise funds.

In a humorous reversal of roles, the firemen dressed as the bride and bridesmaids, while local women assumed the parts of the groom and groomsman.

P773 - Bassendean Volunteer Fire Brigade 'mock wedding'.
Back row L-R: Mr Potts, Mrs Wallace, Mrs Smith, T Johnson, Mr Payne, Miss Gard, Mrs Ling. Front Row L-R: Mr Carman, Mr Woolcock, Miss Vicary, Les Vivian, Miss Neilson, Mr Brown, Mr Vicary.

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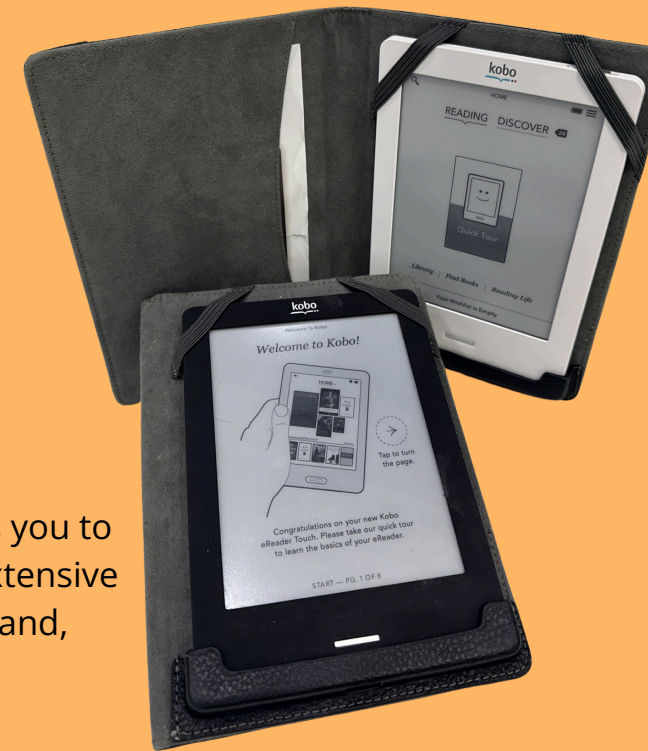
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MATURE AGE JOB SEEKERS WORKSHOP



Bassendean Memorial Library is teaming up with **Alison Bannister- Career Coach** to present a workshop designed to equip mature aged job seekers (aged 45+) with the tools to bring success in today's job market.



Date: Friday 7th November 2025
Where: Bassendean Memorial Library, Meeting Room 1
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm
Who: Mature aged job seekers (aged 45+)
Cost: FREE! Bookings via the QR code or Humanitix link below

Tea and coffee available on the day.

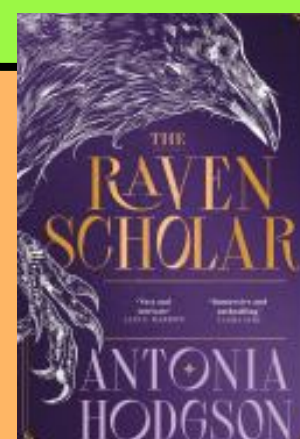
<https://events.humanitix.com/sensory-clay-calm-at-bassendean-memorial-library>

Please ring the Library on **9279 2966** if you are unable to book online. Our staff can help complete the booking for you.



Book Review

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The Raven Scholar by Antonia Hodgson

The first book in a masterfully woven and playfully inventive epic adult fantasy trilogy from an award-winning author, full of imperial intrigue, cutthroat competition, and one scholar's quest to uncover the truth. The Raven Scholar is a labyrinth of a book - vast and intricate, full of fiendish twists and clever traps - with a deeply human heart at its centre. It's thrilling, romantic, often tragic, and always funny.

