

# The Word

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## What's on at your Library

### 3 Feb- Staying Cyber Safe

2pm - 3:00pm - Meeting room 2

### 14 Feb - Library Lovers Days

### 23 Feb - LEGO League

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

### JP - first 4 Wednesdays

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

### Mahjong - every Tuesday

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

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

### Craft group - every Friday

9:00am - 12noon - Meeting room 1

For the most up-to-date information, please check the library's website and social media for any changes or updates to our events.

Librarians are the coolest people out there doing the hardest job out there on the frontlines. And every time I get to encounter or work with librarians, I'm always impressed by their sheer awesomeness.

— Neil Gaiman

## Rhymetime & Storytime Update

We're excited to be making some improvements to the library! To allow these renovations to take place, Rhymetime and Storytime will be on pause from early February to late March.



We know how special these sessions are for families, and we sincerely apologise for the temporary interruption.

While we're closed, you may enjoy visiting Bayswater Library or The City of Swan Public Libraries, which offer lovely Rhymetime and Storytime sessions for your little ones.

Thank you for your understanding; we can't wait to welcome you back very soon!



## Bassendean Memorial Public Library

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[library.bassendean.wa.gov.au](http://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

Parents or guardians must be present and supervise children under the age of 12 years old in the library at all times, including supervising children's resource and internet use.

# Celebrate Library Lovers' Day with Us!

Share the love this Library Lovers' Day by writing a short poem for our Wall of Love.

Your poem can be about your favourite book, what reading means to you, or what you adore about the library.

All entries will be displayed on our beautiful Wall of Love for everyone to enjoy.



We have two delightful prizes up for grabs:

a rose-scented reed diffuser, and a Maine Beach lotion and body wash set.

All entries must be in by Monday 23rd February with the winners announced on Thursday 26th February.

Come join the celebration and spread a little library love!

## New Books and DVDs

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

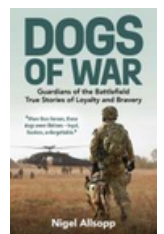
### Adult Non-Fiction

**Dogs of war : guardians of the battlefield : true stories of loyalty and bravery** / Nigel Allsopp

**No heil Hitler! : escaping Hitler's Youth** / Paul Cieslar

**The cortisol reset plan : five steps to reduce stress, lose weight and reclaim your energy** / Marina Wright

**Driving the data : how you can dream, buy, and thrive in the property market** / Arjun Paliwal.



### Adult Fiction

**The Redline** / Adrian Hyland

**Above suspicion** / Lynda La Plante

**The lake** / Jørn Lier Horst

**The Invisible Woman** / James Patterson & Susan DiLallo

**The Winter Bride** / Katie Flynn

**The Colour of Hope** / Danielle Steel

**Children of the fallen Gods** / Carissa Broadbent

**Bertie's theory of ice cream** / Alexander McCall Smith.



### Junior and YA

**Turbo turtle** / Gregg Dreise

**Good different** / Meg Eden Kuyatt

**Stage left, heart right** / Kate Forster - YA

**Yummy : a history of desserts** / Victoria Grace Elliot.

Graphic novel - NF

**Shevolution : celebrating girl power throughout history**

/ Lou Treleaven - NF



## Book Review

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### The life experiment by Jess Kitching

Aching, tender and hopeful, The Life Experiment is a love story that beautifully balances sorrow and light. It will break your heart, then stitch it back together, stronger than before. This book is a reminder that how we spend our time, and who we spend it with, matters more than ever.





# Reading Challenge Wrap-Up

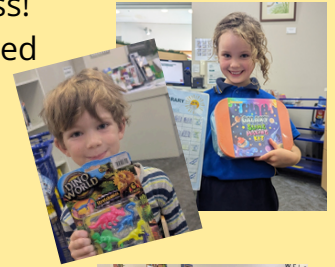
Thank You for Making This Summer Special!



We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined our Summer Reading Challenge. Your enthusiasm and participation made this event a huge success! Together, we celebrated the joy of reading, discovered new stories, and shared countless smiles.

We hope you enjoyed the challenge and the fantastic prizes along the way. Stay tuned for more exciting programs and activities at Bassendean Library.

There's always something new to explore!



Until then, keep turning those pages and enjoying great reads.

## Local Studies Collection

## Image in Focus

### The West Guildford Orchestral Society

Founded in 1914, the West Guildford Orchestral Society was, for a time, among the oldest musical societies in Western Australia. Historian Jennie Carter characterized the Society as “a focus for art and culture in the Swan area for many decades, winning for itself an enviable reputation and collecting a string of prizes and statewide accolades along the way” (Carter, 1986).



Despite the official gazettal of Bassendean in 1922, the Society chose at the time to retain the West Guildford name, preserving its historic identity within the community.

Throughout its existence, it played a significant role in fostering musical appreciation and cultural engagement within the district. The Society's reputation extended beyond local boundaries, earning recognition across the State.

The group eventually disbanded in the 1960s, marking the end of an era in the region's cultural history. A photograph taken in 1913, at the time of its formation, captures the early spirit of this influential organization.

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

# Notice Board

## Upcoming library works and temporary closure 4-9 Feb 2026

Bassendean Memorial Library will soon undergo a series of minor refurbishment works to help improve services and better support our community.

Works will take place from Monday 2 February through to late March 2026 and will focus on refreshing and reconfiguring key areas, including the foyer, front desks and staff work areas.

While every effort will be made to minimise impacts, some noise and minor disruption may be experienced during this time. Clear signage will be in place, and our friendly staff will be available to assist.

To allow part of the work to be completed safely, the Library will be temporarily closed from 4-9 February 2026. If you have a meeting room booking during this period, you will be contacted directly to discuss alternative arrangements.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make these improvements. We look forward to welcoming you back soon.

For updates and more information, visit [bassendean.wa.gov.au](http://bassendean.wa.gov.au) or call 9377 8000.

## Join the Wednesday Wellbeing Fun!

Commencing 21 Jan  
Wednesdays, 9am - 11am

Fully funded – no cost!

Enquiries and bookings –  
9361 2904 Bassendean 55+  
50 Old Perth Road,  
Bassendean



Join us for fun activities to help you age well including

- Living Well with Arthritis
- Make Your Own Pickles
- Nordic Pole Walking Your
- Values, Your Farewell Tai
- Chi Chair Dancing
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and many more!



### Great News for Our Visitors!

We're thrilled to announce that Public Wi-Fi has been upgraded at Bassendean Library, thanks to the hard work of our IT team!

Getting Online is Easy:  
Open your device's Wi-Fi settings and select **Bassendean Library**.

Enter the password:  
**GuestnetLibrary!**

Enjoy browsing for up to 2 hours

**Stay connected while you read, study, or relax at the library.**

### Justice of the Peace

Witnessing services for February



11th 10am - 11:30am  
18th 10am - 11:30am  
25th 10am - 11:30am

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