

The Word

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What's on at your Library

2nd May - Jane's Walk - Local History Guided Walk

10:00am - 12:00noon - Lawn area outside 48 Old Perth Road

9th May - Tree Festival Embroidery craft workshop

10:30am - 12:30pm - Meeting room 1

10th May - Mother's Day

11th May - 123 Magic Emotion Coaching (week 1)

10:00am - 12:00noon - Meeting room 1

18th May - 123 Magic Emotion Coaching (week 2)

10:00am - 12:00noon - Meeting room 1

25th May - 123 Magic Emotion Coaching (week 3)

10:00am - 12:00noon - Meeting room 1

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

JP - first 4 Wednesdays

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

Rhymetime - every Wednesday

11:00am

Storytime - Every Thursday

10:30am

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.

"You see, I don't believe that libraries should be drab places where people sit in silence, that has been the main reason for our policy of employing wild animals as librarians."

— Monty Python



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

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

Do-It-Yourself Home Energy Audits

Switch Your Thinking energy audit kits are available for loan at Bassendean Library.

Each energy audit kit includes:

- A thermal imaging camera to help you locate draughts around your home and gaps in insulation, for checking fridge seals, and measuring hot water temperature.
- A plug-in energy monitor for measuring energy consumption and the running costs of appliances.
- A basin flow measuring cup to determine the water flow rate of your taps
- A thermometer for measuring the temperature of rooms, fridges and freezers.
- An instructional manual which explains how to conduct a variety of tests, tips to reduce your energy and water use, instructions on how to use the equipment and safety information.
- A copy of Tim Forcey's 'My Efficient Electric Home Handbook', full of tips on how you can make your home more energy efficient and reduce reliance on artificial heating and cooling.
- A thermal imaging guidebook for home building applications.

For more information, visit www.switchyourthinking.com/energy

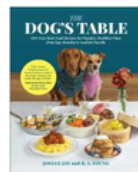


New Books and DVDs

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

Adult Non-Fiction

- The dog's table** / Joelle Jay and R. A. Young
Wurnan : sharing on Ngarinyin Country
Age like a girl / Dr. Mindy Pelz
Growing up digital / Susan McLean
The Hiroshima boy / Akiko Mikamo
The hunger code / Jason Fung
Fix iron first : the one thing that changes everything / Dr. Libby
Leading from the Dreaming / Dr Paul Callaghan
Oscar Piastrri : the rapid rise of an F1 star / Andrew van Leeuwen
Mary Booth : the woman who shaped the Anzac legend / Bruce Scates



DVDs

- Blue Lights** : series 3
McDonald & Dodds : season 3 & 4
Death Valley
Anaconda
The Choral
Roofman
The Au Pair
One Battle After Another
The Handmaid's Tale : season 5 & 6



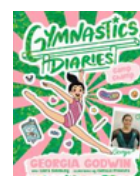
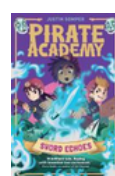
Adult Fiction

- Thirst for salt** / Madelaine Lucas
Just one look at you / Jill Mansell
The last resort / Amanda Hewitt
Crown of war & shadow / J.R. Ward
Graceless heart / Isabel Ibanez
The duke's secret / Sue Williams
The sisterhood rules / Kathy Lette
The bone garden / Simon Beckett
The boomerang / Robert Bailey
One good thing / Georgia Hunter



Junior and YA

- Detective Beans and the Map of Mystery** / Li Chen
The Magic Awakens / Erin Hunter
Sword Echoes / Justin Somper
Fight of the Flamestrike / Cressida Cowell
Messy Pets / Yvette Poshoglian
Camp Champ / Laura Sieveking
Puppy School Rules / Yvette Poshoglian
Bridge of Storms (Mortal Engines) / Philip Reeve
Heir / Sabaa Tahir
Sapphire and the Monster Hunters / Scott Stuart



New Better Beginning Boxes from State Library of Western Australia

Babies start learning as soon as they're born. Everything they see, touch, feel and hear helps their little brains to grow. And before you know it - your preschooler is growing fast! From those busy toddler years to being almost ready for school, it's an exciting time full of reading, talking, singing, drawing, playing and learning.

Better Beginnings provides every Western Australian child with a free Baby Book Box and Preschool Book box, designed to support families in sharing the joy of reading together.

What's inside the Baby Book Box?

- Two beautiful board books:
 - Baby Ways by Better Beginnings
 - Sing With Me by Raising Literacy Australia
- A wordless buggy book:
 - Baby Days inspired by the 'Say . . .' series by Renae Hayward and illustrated by Rebecca Mills
- Helpful information for parents and caregivers with ideas for reading, talking, singing, drawing and playing with your baby
- A fridge magnet
- Bright Tomorrows App flyer



What's inside the Preschool Book Box?

- Three beautiful children's books:
 - A Sausage Went to a Walk written by Ellisha Majid and illustrated by Peter Kendall
 - Crane Guy written by Sally Sutton and illustrated by Sarah Wilkins
 - Lion is That You? written and illustrated by Moira Court
- Helpful information for parents and caregivers with ideas for reading, talking, singing, drawing and playing with your child at home

How do I get my book box?

Preschool Book Boxes are distributed through Western Australian public libraries.

So come and visit us at Bassendean Memorial Library and ask for a Preschool Book Box.



STATE LIBRARY

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Local Studies Collection

Image in Focus

Do you know why Bassendean Memorial Library includes "Memorial" in its name?

The name reflects the site's important history. The library was built on the original location of the West Guildford (now Bassendean) war memorial, a place of remembrance for local service men and women. When plans for the library were developed, the word Memorial was retained to honour that connection and to ensure the significance of the site was not forgotten.



The first Bassendean Memorial Library opened in 1972, beginning modestly with just 19 hours of opening time each week. Since then, the library has grown into a much-loved community hub, while still carrying forward its commemorative purpose.

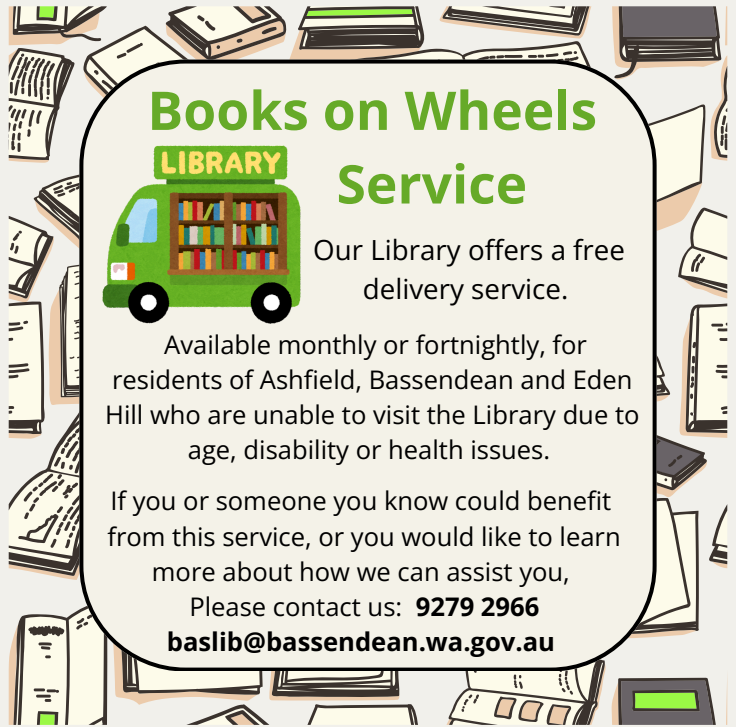
Over time, the war memorial itself was relocated—first to the front of the council chambers, and later, in 2015, to BIC Reserve, where it continues to serve as a focal point for reflection and remembrance. The library's name remains a lasting reminder of the site's origins and the community's ongoing respect for its history.

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

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NEW TREASURES.
THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING
NEW TO FIND.



Books on Wheels Service

Our Library offers a free delivery service.

Available monthly or fortnightly, for residents of Ashfield, Bassendean and Eden Hill who are unable to visit the Library due to age, disability or health issues.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this service, or you would like to learn more about how we can assist you, Please contact us: **9279 2966**
baslib@bassendean.wa.gov.au



Department of Education
Premier's Reading Challenge
Reading can take you anywhere

Premier's Reading Challenge is back for 2026!


WIN WEEKLY PRIZES

23 March to 12 June 2026
Register for the Premier's Reading Challenge and escape into a world of exciting stories in a range of reading formats.
premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au

Justice of the Peace

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

- 6th 10am - 11:30am
- 13th 10am - 11:30am
- 20th 10am - 11:30am
- 27th 10am - 11:30am



Did you know you can print from your own device at home and collect it from the library?



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