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Happy New Year!

Welcome to the Grove Library Newsletter January 2013 edition!

A new year is typically when people decide they want to make a lot of resolutions that usually don't last past the end of the month. Don't fall into that trap! We have a number of self help books that can make those New Year's resolutions stick!

January is a planning month for The Grove with some of our regular activities on hiatus until February so we thought we could take this newsletter to spotlight some of the other activities we run that you might not have known about. Read on for information on some library services that you might find useful, January activities for Children and a wrap up of our volunteers evening!



From the Manager's Desk

Summertime...

...public holidays, a heat wave, a blast of air conditioned air – the perfect excuse



Farewell to Alison Mudgway

A familiar face will be missing from the Grove from mid January. After several years of coordinating operations at The Grove, including having a large part in

to just lie on the couch and read.

Currently I'm reading "The Light Between Oceans" by M. L. Stedman. It's a very original novel based on life on a lighthouse off the coast of Western Australia in the early 20th century. Talk about getting away from it all. Bliss!

If you're looking for popular reads in a hurry, you can visit our "Hot 100" stands at the front of the library. These are a selection of the most borrowed books of 2012 in adult, young adult and children's categories. If you borrow a "hot read", you can also go in the draw for a Collins book voucher.

While the Grove's "Hot 100" list includes the blockbusters you would expect, like *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's nest* by Stieg Larrson, and several novels by Michael Connelly, the most borrowed adult novel for 2012 is perhaps a surprising one: "Cutting For Stone" by Abraham Verghese, the story of twins born in bizarre circumstances in mid-century Ethiopia; one of whom later becomes a doctor and flees to America after the Ethiopian revolution. If this sounds like an unlikely recommendation for a good read, a quick google search reveals an avalanche of superlative reviews, so go figure!

I'm making my New Year's resolution: read more good books!



Valuing our Volunteers

the setting up of the new library, Alison will be taking up another position with Melville Libraries. Alison was also responsible for the initiation and the smooth running of a wide range of adult programs including author talks, the Literature Prize, the Cappuccino Concerts and other events, too many to mention. We will miss her!



Books on Wheels

A dedicated band of volunteers selects and delivers books, talking books, DVDs and magazines to people who can't make it to the library due to illness or frailty, and who don't have any family members to help.

If you are aware of an elderly person in the Cottesloe/Peppermint Grove/Mosman Park area who might like this service, please let us know.

If you care for a relative at home or living nearby who you are unable to bring to the library, we can select a bag of books for you to pick up and deliver. Please see Cherie, the Books on Wheels coordinator, to organise this.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of any community and The Grove is very lucky to have so many fantastic people that are willing to give their time to help us provide a better service.

On December 5th 2012 we had the opportunity to say thank you to these helpers with our "Valuing our Volunteers" evening hosted at The Grove Library.

The evening was attended by volunteers from all areas of our community, from neighbourhood watch to books on wheels. Every volunteer was given a certificate as a token of our gratitude for their service.

This project was supported by the Department for Communities. The Department for Communities builds strong, vibrant communities by supporting and advocating on behalf of children, parents and their families, young people, women, seniors, carers, volunteers and non-government



January Kids Activities

Get into the Year of the Snake

Kids come along to a Chinese New Year workshop.

Create your own Chinese banner &



Computer Classes

From January this year the Grove will start charging \$20 for our computer classes. The computer classes are 4, 2 hour, sessions and the \$20 charge will go towards running a second, concurrent, group that would help us work through our long waiting list.



Digital Scanning for Preservation

Do you have treasured family snaps - explore how to create digital copies to ensure they are preserved for many years to come. A CD or DVD is provided to burn the images onto the disc to create a gallery of images to view on your computer or TV. Bring in multiple discs to create copies for family or friends, (discs can also be purchased from the Community History Library).

decorate a fan to celebrate the beginning of Chinese New Year. All supplies provided.
Ages 5-12 years

When: Tuesday 24th January 2013

Time: 1.30pm-2.30pm

Where: The Grove Library

Bookings are essential as spaces are limited.

Bookings may be made by emailing library@thegrovelibrary.com or by calling us on 9286 8686

STORY TIME by the River 2013

Story time at the Grove Library resumes with a special story time outdoors by the river.

Join us for stories, songs and rhymes in a special story time at Keanes Point Reserve Peppermint Grove.

Parents can grab a coffee, BYO brunch and join in the fun.

When: Tuesday 5th February

Time: 10.30am – 11:00am

Where: [Keanes Point Reserve](#)

No bookings necessary.

The Premier's Summer Reading Challenge

(Commences Monday 3 December 2012 and ends on 11 February 2013)

Hey kids join in the challenge!

Sessions will be run on a weekly basis in The Grove Community History Library.

Sessions are filling fast and places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Call 9286 8686 to make a booking.



Volunteer Recruitment

Interested in joining our team of volunteers?

Come to the Grove Library Community Centre on Friday February 8 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. for a short information session and, if you decide to stay, an induction!

Places are not limited but we do need an idea of numbers so please call us on 9826 8686 or email us on library@thegrovelibrary.com

From Kindergarten to Year 7 you can take a book and join in this year's reading challenge.

You are challenged to read every day, for a minimum of 15 minutes over the 10 week Challenge. That's 17.5 hours of reading over the Summer Break.

What to Read:

You can read anything you like – books, comics, magazines.

Don't know what to read? Check out The Grove Library's "Premier's Summer Reading Challenge" display for ideas.

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