

We're holding all kinds of exciting events in the library this March! Read on for information about how you can win a great hamper in the library this month!



## The March 2013 Newsletter

Did you know that March originates from the Roman "Martius"? Originally named for the God of War, "Mars", March was actually the first month of the Roman Calendar. Nowadays March is the third month of our year and is when the library likes to host some excellent events!

February was a great month at The Grove. The Less is More Festival, run by WMRC Earth Carers, was hugely successful with a number of interesting talks and presentations on living a more a sustainable lifestyle. Something we feel very strongly about at The Grove!

To the delight of many parents, our Youth Services Librarian Stewart returned and story time began for the year.

Now, onto March!

Our new Adult Services Librarian, Lance Hopkinson, has started and you will no doubt see him walking around the library offering book recommendations and helping people with queries. Don't forget to say hi!

Our delicious bibliohamster give away starts this month, read on for more details!



### **From the Manager's Desk**

The Eternal Question

I was asking myself this profound question yet again at the weekend.

What's better, the book or the movie?

The subject of my ruminations was the recently released movie of the book by David Mitchell, "Cloud Atlas".

I read the book, which I enjoyed in part, but must admit, I got a bit lost with the multiple story lines with all those loose links across time (including the future). I also admit I lost interest towards the end of the book, just skimming over the final third or so. So my motivation for seeing the movie was partly to see if it made any more sense in visual form.

The movie was an absolute delight, with standout performances from Tom Hanks and Hugo Weaving (including reprising a role in drag as the scary nursing-home matron Nurse Noakes). So in this case, I would have to say that the movie was indeed "better" than my experience of the book; though it's hard to say if I would have had as much pleasure viewing the movie without having first actually attempted to read the book.



I am Lance Hopkinson, I am the new Adult Services Librarian for The Grove Library.

I have many years' experience in library, having worked for the City Of Melville Library Service and the Town of Kwinana Library. I look forward to continuing the development of the fiction and non-fiction collection and conducting author talks and "how to" events that will keep the interest of the library patrons.

If pushed to choose a favourite author I would have to say Ian Rankin or possibly Terry Pratchett or Christopher Brookmyre, you shouldn't ask a Librarian to play favourites.

My interests are travel canoeing cycling and my kids

Another “book of the film” I saw recently was Life of Pi. People had raved to me about the book, but every time I picked it up, somehow it lacked the appeal I needed to actually commit to reading it. However, since seeing the movie, I have been thinking about the clever use of allegory (which can only be appreciated AFTER you have seen the end/read the end of the book, so don’t on any account let anyone tell you how it ends), so in this case, I would say that the movie will be the motivation for me to read the book, and perhaps, appreciate it even more than if I had not seen the movie.

So the answer to the eternal question is – sometimes one, sometimes the other, and sometimes it’s better to both read the book AND see the movie!



## Town of Mosman Park Community Fair



## Easter Colouring Competition

Colour in the Easter egg for your chance to win a yummy chocolate bunny!

Download your copy of the egg by [clicking here.](#)

Winners will be chosen on the most creative and festive Easter Eggs.

Winners announced: Thursday 28th March 2013

Entrants must be Western Suburbs Library members.

Age Groups:

- 2 – 4 years
- 5 – 7 years
- 8 – 10 years
- 11 – 13 years

# a winner and runner-up will be chosen in each age group.

(All entries will be displayed in the library).

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The Town of Mosman Park will be hosting a community fair on the 24th of March!

The fair will run from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm and will host some great music, entertainment and family fun!

This is a free community event and the Grove Library will be there with some fun activities and cool prizes.

If you're looking for a fun family day then head down to the Mann Oval on Lochee Street in Mosman Park on Sunday the 24th of March.



## **Bodies in the Library**

The Grove Library wants to solve the riddle of which suburb shows it the most love in the coming weeks. Cottesloe, Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove residents are encouraged to visit their local library, join or renew their membership and borrow something to add to their suburbs' tally. All borrowers can also go into the draw to win a bibliohamper, packed to the brim with great books and delicious treats!

The Grove also wants to reward the suburbanites that take the time to rally their troops with coffee vouchers for anyone that nominates a neighbour.

Our newsletter readers are getting an early peek into this exciting event and full details will be published on our website next week. Stay tuned!



## **Digital Audio-books**

Audio-books are a welcome companion on a long trip and mp3 players have only made them more convenient.

One service that we offer that is a personal favourite of mine is our digital audio-book catalogue. Members of the library can check out books, download them and return them without needing to come in to the building. I've been experimenting with the app recently, compatible with both iOS & Android devices, and have found the ability to change my book while on the train to be so convenient. The large collection on offer has also allowed me to rediscover my love for the Sue Townsend "Adrian Mole" series.

In fact the biggest problem I have had is finishing my journey while there is still book left to listen to. Always a frustrating dilemma.

If you haven't checked out the One Click Digital website, I highly recommend giving it a look. Talking books have never been so convenient.

Jonathan Gurney, e-Services Specialist.

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