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## May Newsletter

Dear <<First Name>>,

The month of May has pounced upon us! Thankfully we are never caught unprepared and have a slew of exciting events that we hope you will enjoy.

This month in the Library we have an author that may have cracked the mystery of Middle Earth, an app to make local history even more accessible, Emma Chapman will talk about her debut novel "How to be a good Wife" and many other interesting events for everyone!



### From the Manager's Desk

I have recently been researching my family tree, and have been able to trace it back to the early 1800s. Most of the basic genealogy information on names, births and marriages was easily pieced together using Ancestry.com,

### **"Now and Then" Grove History and Creative Writing Awards**

Calling on all local residents of Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove and Mosman Park:

Got a house with an interesting history? Or relatives who lived in the area that you can pump for information?

Consider writing down your memories, reminiscences, or interesting local knowledge for the Grove History Awards – you'll be adding to the Grove's local history collection, and could also pick up a nice cash prize.

If writing fiction is more your thing, there are also categories for short stories and

which is available for searching free on the public computers at The Grove Library.

Once I had names and approximate dates, much more information was discovered on the National Library's free Trove website, which is one of the most comprehensive full-text and searchable collections of national newspapers in the world. Trove enables not only the confirmation of names and dates via the personal columns in newspapers announcing births, deaths and marriages; but if your ancestor was involved in a crime (heaven forbid!), had an accident, was a prominent local citizen, or even scored the winning run in a country cricket match in the summer of 1936, Trove allows you to easily discover and read articles that literally bring the past into sharp focus.

As my ancestors were also English, I was able to track them down in British newspapers via the State Library of Western Australia's on-line services.

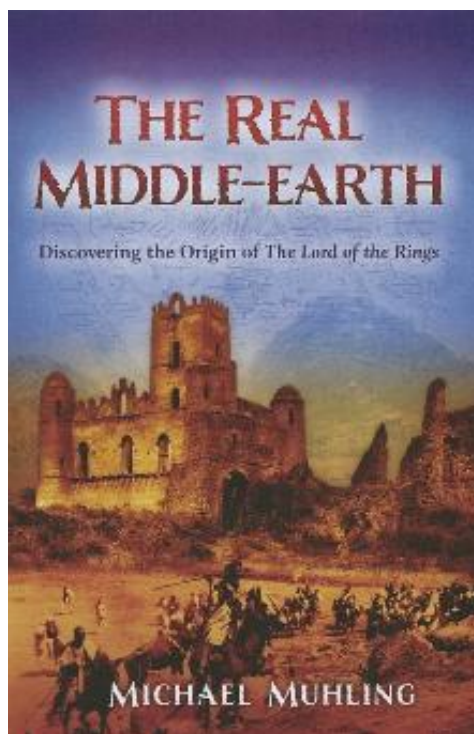
Even just "googling" names uncovered some amazing facts and connections – it has turned out to be a regular "Who Do You Think You Are" experience, with scandals, bankruptcies, crimes and accidents (and cricket matches) all featuring, transforming what started out as a basic "genealogy" into the beginnings of a "family history".

Perhaps you also have ancestors who are waiting patiently for you to discover them on-line?

poetry.

Both adults and students are encouraged to start writing! Entries close 17 August 2013.

For more information, pick up a brochure at The Grove.



**The Real Middle – Earth: Discovering the origins of the Lord of the Rings.**

The Grove Library is pleased to present an evening with Michael Muhling, the author of *The Real Middle-Earth: Discovering the Origins of the Lord of the Rings* on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 6.30pm.

Tolkien's inspiration for the Lord of the Rings has always been a mystery, but now the answer is at hand.

Michael began reading *The Lord of the Rings* when he was ten years old, and has been a fan of Tolkien ever since.

Several years ago Mike and his wife began taking a keen interest in Ethiopia, and in 2005 Mike identified the connection



### **How to be a Good Wife**

The Grove Library is excited to be presenting an author talk from Emma Chapman, author of the critically acclaimed "How to be a Good Wife".

Emma Chapman was born in 1985 and grew up in Manchester. She studied English Literature at Edinburgh University, followed by a Masters in Creative Writing at Royal Holloway, University of London.

### **About the Book**

Marta and Hector have been married for a long time - so long that she finds it difficult to remember her life before him.

He has always taken care of her, and she has always done everything she can to be a good wife.

But when Hector comes home with a secret, their ordered domestic life begins to unravel.

In the shadows there is a blonde girl that only Marta can see. And she is trying to tell her something...

**This is a free event but bookings**

between Tolkien and Ethiopia (Abyssinia).

The book reveals fascinating insight into the ancient realm of Abyssinia and its effects on Tolkien and his writing.

**This is a free event but booking are required. Please call us on 9286 8686 or email us on [library@thegrovelibrary.com](mailto:library@thegrovelibrary.com) to ensure you get a place**



### **New Computers in the library**

If you have been in the library in the last two weeks you may have noticed some shiny new computers on the public desks.

This was not an illusion but rather the result of concerted effort on our part to update the public computers with minimal interruption to our normal working day. Our IT team worked night and day, unplugging and removing the old machines and replacing them with the new all-in-one units.

If you haven't seen them yet, we encourage you to come down and spend some time with them!

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### Heritage Trail Tour:

The launch of the Peppermint Grove Heritage Tour took place on Wednesday the 1st of May.

It was a great turnout with almost 60 people eager to try out the new digital trail.

The weather stayed fine and after a brief ceremony the walkers headed off to explore Peppermint Grove.

After about an hour walkers made their way back to the Grove for a sumptuous lunch and to chat about the tour.

The feedback was extremely positive and many commented on the beauty of the suburb.

Don't forget if you would like to walk the trail then you can download the mobile app free from iTunes or Google play or borrow one of our pre-loaded OPUS units from the library.



**National Cyber Security Awareness**



### Book Club

#### Dolphin Kids

This year we are launching our "Dolphin Kids" reading log for Kindergarten and pre-school children.

Every time your child visits the library they will receive a sticker, when they have collected all 12 they will get a special prize from the library!

Ask in the library for more details on how to join.

#### Kids Trident Club

Are you in grade 1 or grade 2? Do you like reading? Do you want to be rewarded while you read?

Then the Trident Club is for you!

Every time you come into the library you can collect a sticker on your club card.

When you have filled your card you can exchange it at the library for a spot prize!

Want to join? Bring your parent or guardian in to the library and we can sign you up today.

## week

The Grove will be running two Cyber Security Seminars for National Cyber Security Awareness Week

### Seniors Cyber Security

Monday 20 May

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tea & Coffee provided

### Cyber Safety in the Suburbs

Wednesday 22 May

6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Food provided

**These events are free but bookings will be required. Please call us on 9286 8686 or email us on [library@thegrovelibrary.com](mailto:library@thegrovelibrary.com) to book places.**



### Australia's Biggest Bring-a-Friend Morning Tea

You are invited to The Grove's Australia's Biggest Bring-a-Friend Morning Tea on the 23rd of May at 10:30 a.m.

Come along and make your cup count in the fight against cancer.

All proceeds go to Cancer Council.

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