

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Author Talks

Bookings are essential on 9970 1600

The first two talks for 2010, the four Italian ladies and Henrietta Taylor, have been very well received. Forthcoming talks are as follows:

- **MARIA HILL** "*Diggers and Greeks*"
Tuesday 30 March
- **SHARYN KILLENS & LINDSAY LEWIS**
"*The Inconvenient Child*"
Thursday 22 April
- **DAVID KINLEY** "*Civilising Globalisation, Human Rights and the Global Economy*"
Wednesday 5 May

The above events are held at Mona Vale Library and commence at 6.30pm. The cost is \$7.50 or \$5.50 concession

Special Author Talk in conjunction with the Coastal Environment Centre:

- **DON TATE**
"*The War Within*" plus film footage on the Vietnam War taken by the author.

Tuesday 25 May, cost to be advised.

Please note that the above event will be held at the Coastal Environment Centre commencing at 6pm.

Coastal Environment Centre: 1 Lake Park Road, North Narrabeen

Other events

Lego Club

We are planning a Lego club at the Library, but first, we need to build a collection of Lego/Duplo. If you have Lego that is no longer being used, please consider donating it to the Library. We would also like to hear from any interested parents (Dads in particular) who might have some spare time to be a part of the club. Contact Rebecca on 99701608.

Heritage Festival Week - 12 to 24 April

A Tour of Stella James House at Avalon on Sunday 18 April. Bookings are essential on 9970 1600. Places are limited. The cost is \$20 or \$15 concession for members of Walter Burley Griffin who will need to show their membership card.

Family History Seminar - Wednesday 21 April

Tony Dawson from the Manly, Warringah & Pittwater Historical Society will show how to begin researching your family history.

This is a FREE event, although bookings are essential and places are limited. Please phone 9970 1600.

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BOOK REVIEWS

***Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight. An African Childhood* by Alexandra Fuller (968.91 FUL)**

The author, daughter of white settlers spent her childhood during the 1970s in war-torn Rhodesia. I absolutely loved this book - so visual, humorous and honest.

Reviewed by Ann Graham

***Ten Years* by Roseanne Catt (B CATT)**

This is the true story of Roseanne Catt, who in 1991 was sentenced to twelve years imprisonment, falsely charged with attempting to murder her husband. She spent ten years in jail before a growing public outcry over the miscarriage of justice saw her released on special bail in 2001. The corruption and lies told by the Taree Detective, who charged her, and her husband, who together hatched this horrendous plan, is absolutely incredible.

In my opinion this is well worth reading.

Reviewed by Helen Manfield

***Mad Men, seasons one and two* (N F ENT MAD)**

This is addictive. It follows the lives of a New York advertising agency's employees. The show highlights social and political changes in the 1960s exploring themes such as racism, homophobia and the changing roles of women, without ever feeling preachy. The cast is also amazing.

Reviewed by Sarah Thompson

Some tips for people that love books and reading

- Why not suggest a book for the library to buy? Go to www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/library and choose the option *Suggest A Book*.
- Look out for award winning books and staff picks in the library. Award winners are flagged with an orange ribbon and staff picks are flagged with a purple ribbon.
- Look at the board in the fiction area to find out what new books have been purchased for the library.

RECENT HAPPENINGS AT MONA VALE LIBRARY

Holiday Activities

Three activities ran during the summer holidays, commencing with *Read, Rate & Raffle*. Participants were asked to submit a rating form on a scale of 1 to 5 rating their satisfaction with the book they had borrowed. All completed forms went into a weekly prize draw for adults and children.

Draw Your House invited school aged children to draw their house on special fabric and chosen works will be included in a wall hanging displayed during Heritage Week in April.

The third activity was a photo exhibition celebrating the history of Scotland Island over the last 200 years.

Morning Tea: Home Library Service Volunteers

On the 16 February our Home Library Service volunteers attended a morning tea in the library. This was a wonderful opportunity to pass on information to the volunteers and receive valuable feedback from them.

The service means that members of the Pittwater community unable to visit the library personally can still have access to books and reading. This excellent service is delivered by our committed volunteers.

Wealth for Women - International Women's Day

Local financial planner, Anne Zonneveldt, spoke about financial management for women at the Library on 8 March for our International Women's Day event.

This was very educational and those present were offered a free introductory planning session with Anne at a future date.

Library Lovers Day

A morning tea for Haiti was held and raised \$125! The money went to the Digital Library of the Caribbean which has set up a fund to help libraries and museums in Haiti recover from the disaster.

It was a great success with members from the public popping in as well as staff from Council. A big thanks to everyone who baked and brought in treats and also to staff who helped run the event.

Macular Degeneration Foundation Talk

The Macular Degeneration Foundation held an information session in conjunction with the Library on Tuesday 23 March covering the symptoms, risk factors, treatment options and management of MD. Everyone who attended the session found it most informative.

Seniors Week: 22-31 March

This year there were three different Seniors week activities.

Internet training courses were held with two different learning levels: an Introductory course and the second course catering for seniors who are more confident using the internet. These sessions are always free and fill very quickly.

Local Historical Walk

On Wednesday 24 March, we held a walk through Mona Vale visiting some of Mona Vale's historical sites. Our tour guide was Sarah Thompson, our Local Studies Librarian and we were accompanied by Rob Stokes, Member for Pittwater.

The walk was approximately 1 km in length, taken at a leisurely pace with coffee and tea provided at the Library afterwards. This free event had limited places and filled quickly. Those who participated were enthralled with tales of sculduggery in times past in Mona Vale!

Memoir Writing Workshop

On Saturday 27 March, this Writing workshop was run by Robyn McWilliam. She showed a variety of techniques to help participants discover their most vibrant stories.

This event was fully booked and there is a possibility of a second event in May. We will be promoting this closer to the date.



Robyn McWilliam's Memoir Writing Workshop



*Four Italian Ladies (from left to right):
Silvana Nero, Emilia Toia, Silvana Toia, Gina Polito*