

The

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Friendly Times



Serpentine Jarrahdale
Library Friends Inc.

*Ordinary General Meeting
Wednesday 24 February 2016, 6pm
Guest Speaker: Nancy Scade*

Guerilla Gardening

Nancy Scade our guest speaker will take us for a journey into the world of guerilla gardening with a slide show of some of the local areas that have been transformed. Nancy is a resident of Oakford, owner of the Australian Native Nursery in King Road and is passionate about the environment. Nancy is also involved with Landcare and has for many years provided her expertise to other groups in our community. This promises to be a night we won't soon forget.




Australian Native Nurseries Group

Maggie Dent Visits Serpentine Jarrahdale Grammar School

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Resilience, this was the topic for the speaker, promoted and sponsored by the Serpentine Jarrahdale Library Friends in conjunction with Serpentine Jarrahdale Grammar School and the Golden Group for Whitby. Maggie Dent was the speaker and she held the audience captive for 2 hours.

Maggie Dent is “an author, educator and parenting and resilience specialist with a particular interest in the early years and adolescence”. This event was held at the Grammar School in September. Maggie gave advice to Parents and Grandparents who attended. She suggested strategies and gave examples of ways to build resilience in children and young adults. Maggie was highly entertaining as well as informative and there were often bouts of laughter heard throughout the room. On that evening I heard young parents say “I will try that,” and I heard from older parents (such as myself) “I wish I had known that before!” Such was the information and advice that was given.

This event was attended by over 250 people. It has been the largest event that the Library Friends have been involved with. It ran very smoothly thanks to the regular planning meetings held by the team co-ordinating the event. Considering the number of people keen to attend we hope to have Maggie Dent return here soon to speak on a different topic regarding raising children. We will let you know when this event is approaching so you are able to inform families that would benefit from this community event.

By Kay McBroom



Write Along The Highway

Write Along The Highway (WATH) is a festival of writing events hosted by a collective of 10 Western Australian libraries who have united to celebrate National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). The program is designed to support and promote the local industry by encouraging the community and professional development of local writers. WATH presents a series of write-ins, author talks, workshops and events throughout October, November and December. Bringing writers together to write, to create, to learn and to grow.

Mundijong Public Library is honoured to be part of the 10 libraries participating in the WATH 2015 program. The success of this great program depends on the generous contributions of local businesses and associations showing their support for the cultural and artistic endeavours of our talented Australian authors.

In order for us to run such an amazing program in our local community, we need the help of sponsors. Mundijong Library is happy to announce that the Serpentine Jarrahdale Library Friends Inc. group donated \$400 in September 2015 which will go towards the WATH program, including author presentations and workshops. Mundijong Library secured a total of 7 grants/sponsorships for the overall WATH program, with SJ Library Friends being one of our most significant sponsors. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the SJ Library Friends for their generous donation, as well as their ongoing support. It is much appreciated.

Thank you,
Lizelle
Librarian, Mundijong Public Library



A December message from your president

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This is our last newsletter for 2015 as the SJ Library Friends come to the end of another successful year! Our membership has grown to over 85 and meetings and events have been hugely successful. Two very special evenings were the Rail History event and Maggie Dent's talk on Resilience training from 0 to 25. At the Rail History event an amazing 13 new memberships were registered.

Both events may lead to further talks on similar topics.

Members of the Friends have continued to help the Library in various ways – volunteering as drivers for the Books on Wheels service; helping with special children's activities; working with the Community History collection; and developing the oral history collection. If anyone would like to join these groups of volunteers, please contact either Lisa, the Library Manager, or Jan, the Friends President.

Finally, many thanks to all of you for your support throughout the year and we hope to see you at our first Ordinary General Meeting in February 2016.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and our best wishes for 2016!



Jan

Janette Skillington

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Membership Fees 2015/2016

Friends membership fees are now due and we greatly appreciate those of you who have already done this. For those still to renew their membership, the staff at the Library is happy to do this for you when you next visit the Library.

Bendigo Bank Grant

The Serpentine Jarrahdale Library Friends is a group of dedicated volunteers who give their time and expertise to support the Mundijong Library. We assist the Library in the provision of resources, services and facilities for the benefit of the community, helping in the provision of the quality Library service which all know and appreciate.

Over the last few years the Library has been given a collection of oral history interviews done with local identities, recorded on cassette tape, which unfortunately deteriorates over time and some of the interviews were done almost 40 years ago.

So the Friends elected to administer a project to rescue some of these interviews before the valuable history and information is lost.

Our project is to digitise 57 double-sided tapes which is the first step in making the information accessible to researchers and Library clients. Future projects will be necessary to finally make these valued histories available.

The SJ Library Friends thank our partners, the SJ Community Resource Centre, and, of course, the Bendigo Bank's Community Enterprise Foundation for recognising the need for this valuable rescue work to be done.

Thank you.



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From the Library Manager's Desk.....

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Hello and welcome to the summer edition of the Friendly Times. I thank you for continued support of the Mundijong Public Library. We have had a busy year and a great year. Special thanks for the support of the Write Along the Highway Program held during this Spring. Our final event is on 8th December and we thank the SJ Friends for your financial support.

We encourage you to visit the library during the summer months. Come along and enjoy the cool comfort at the library.

We will be closed during the Christmas holidays. We will close at 5pm on 24th of December 2015 and reopen on 4th of January 2016.

I am very excited to say that the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Strategic Planning officers are working on the possibility of an extra Public library in the shire based in Byford. We will be looking for further input from the community soon and will invite you to participate.

Thank you for your "friendship" and personal support. Special thanks to the Committee members and to your library staff in Lizelle, Charmaine, Siobhan, Susan, Rose, Ellice and Tamara.

Wishing you a safe and happy summer season and Merry Christmas.

Regards

Lisa

SJ Library Friends Christmas Party

With the year fast drawing to a close, the Friends celebrated their last event for the year. With near perfect weather members gathered for a BBQ in the Community Garden. It was good to see so many attend and enjoy the sausage sizzle, a drink and a chat.



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