

Thank you for being SJ Library Friend!

We really appreciate your attendance at events, the time you have invested in our fundraising activities and the volunteering activities you have undertaken at the Mundijong Public Library.

The following outline the reasons for our service:

Aims:

- To raise awareness of the library service within the community
- To encourage members of the community to make full use of the library service.

Service

- To support and promote the development of a quality library service
- To assist the library in the provision of resources, services and facilities for the benefit of the Serpentine Jarrahdale community.

We think we have an engaging, enthusiastic membership, who have joined to help and stayed because of friendships and a sense of belonging. Help us to make it even better by including you!

Do you have any passions, talents, ideas to share/contribute to make our Friends group even better and more vibrant?

Do you have any ideas for improvements we could make to the way we operate? Interesting and different social/educational events we could run? Different ways we could assist our local library and community?

Please take part in our Serpentine Jarrahdale Library Friends survey which will be attached to the emailed newsletter. Hardcopies will be posted to those without email and will be available at the Mundijong Public Library.

SJ Library Friends needs you!

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From the President's Pen



Welcome everyone to the March 2015 Newsletter!

In my report at the February 2015 Ordinary General Meeting I made the statement that the aim of the Serpentine Jarrahdale Library Friends is to support and promote the Mundijong Library and its programs and events. The Committee aimed to uphold this objective when we drew up our Calendar for the year.

We plan to continue our monthly second hand book sales and also to add a couple of special book sales, one in each half of the year. The first special book sale was held on Saturday, 14 February for Library Lovers Day. This was a great success as it allowed those people not available on Fridays to attend. The second special sale is to be during Library & Information Week, on Tuesday, 26 May, starting mid-afternoon until 6.30pm. The book sales allow us to raise funds to provide resources for the Library.

Exciting speakers were booked for each OGM, the first, Linda Moore, with her new book Wishes for Starlight was enthusiastically attended in February, and we expect similar interest for the second one in July when our speakers, David Whiteford and Charles De Bruin will talk about the history of railways in the SJ area.

We will, of course, take part in the Community Fair in August and later in the year we hope to share the coordination of a very special event with the SJ Grammar School. So watch out for the promotion of this event.

We continue to register new members to our group and most of our existing members have renewed their membership. If you know of anyone who may enjoy our events, please bring them along – we are happy to have visitors.

All these events help us raise the profile of WA's favourite Library!

Kind regards

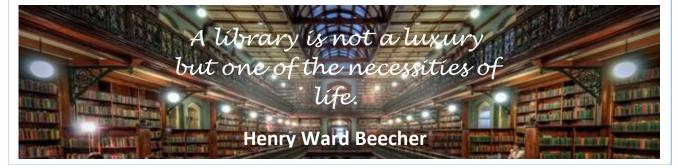
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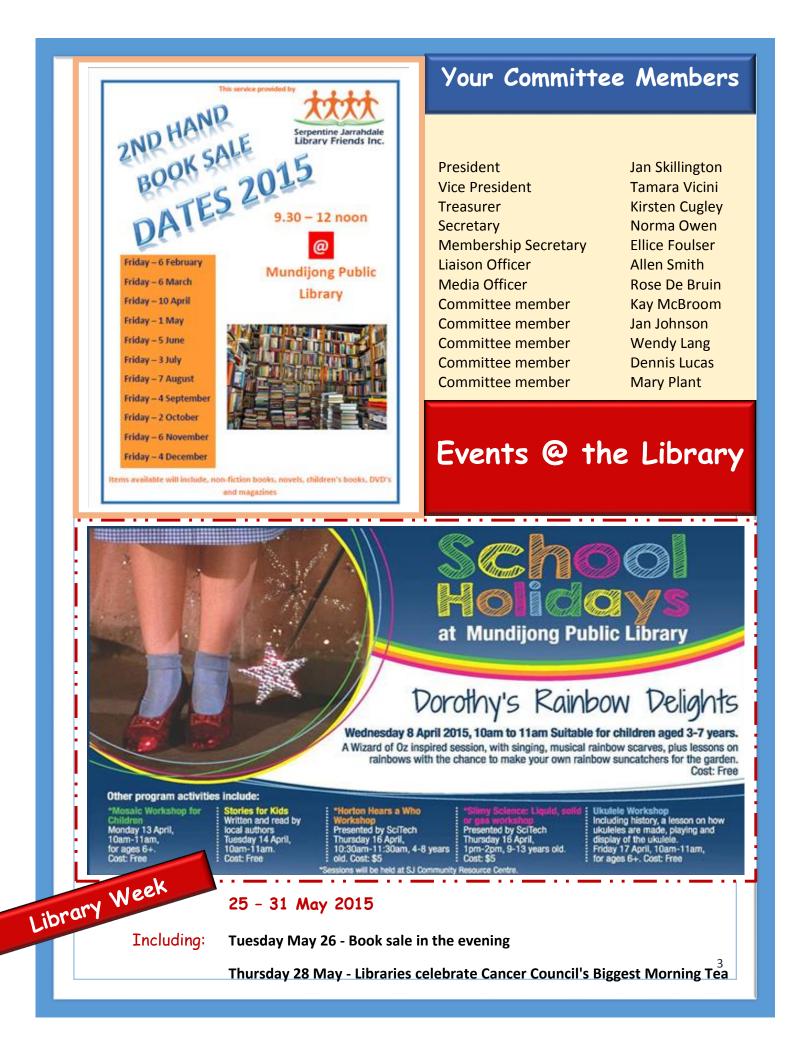
Janette Skillington

President

Serpentine Jarrahdale Library Friends Inc.







From Lisa's Desk.....

HI all,

I have had a great month since returning from holidays, reminding me of what a great job I have and the terrific community I am part of.

The library team and Friends members have shone as per usual, creating a great library experience while I was away and I go on holidays with confidence that everything ticks along beautifully. One experience is Local Government reform decision which has been a great relief for so many in our community that SJ will remain. The library staff will continue to look at ways in which we can change to assist this growing community. The other aspect for me is that I have witnessed several small incidents that has reinforced the fact that the library is more than just the resources. Watching customers meet new people or catch up with old friends or neighbours. The relationships that have developed, help to create community and a better place for all our residents.

I like the way the library can connect with Community through events and relationships. One such connection is with the Community Resource Centre which is a great community hub if you don't know about it, I am happy to introduce you.

SJ Men's shed are currently helping us with the building of the Children's Book Cubby and even though they are a newly developed group they have had many requests for assistance such as our project. If you think you could help out or would like to be part of the group, please contact me or the Men's shed people.

The library has a connection with the SJ Wellness group, and more recently with the Byford Progress Associations ANZAC poppies project and the ANZAC Art Expo; a combined Project with Byford and Districts Bank, SJ RSL, The Glades and The Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale.

We are also supporting the SJ Food and Farm Alliance including a stall at their event they are hosting with Landcare SJ, with a stall at the Farm Fest May 16. If you would like to have a stall I can give you contact details or if you would like to be with me on the library stall that day, I would love some company!

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Claustrophobia by Tracy Ryan

Book Review Claustrophobia is a novel about a young Perth couple with secrets. About 10 years ago, Derrick had a relationship with one of his university lecturers. 10 years later it comes back to haunt his wife, Pen, via a letter. Pen undertakes a course of events to eliminate this lecturer and be rid of her out of Pen and Derrick's life for good.

I give this book about 3 ½ out of 5. This is Tracy Ryan's 5th novel. She is a born and bred Perth author. She has also completed some works of poetry. Tamara