

State Library Connect

The State Library of Western Australia eNewsletter December 2017

Message from the CEO and State Librarian

Welcome to the December edition of the Connect eNewsletter.

Over the past few months the State Library of Western Australia has welcomed thousands of visitors for:

- The extraordinary Botanical Wonderland exhibition which showcased Western Australia's amazing flora through artworks, embroidery and fine china;
- The AWESOME Festival and its exciting performances and workshops;
- Dame Lynley Dodd launching her new book and showcasing the artwork behind *The Life and Times of Scarface Claw* and
- In Plain Sight an exhibition that questioned photos of yesteryear and imagined what queer relationships might have looked like in Western Australia's past.

Thank you to our valued supporters and donors who provided posters, flyers, stickers, badges and how-to-vote cards for the Same Sex Marriage Postal Survey and the 2017 WA Local Government Elections. These materials will give future generations insight into Western Australia's cultural, social and political history.

In 2018 the State Library hopes to take you on a journey to discover new stories that shape your sense of place and belonging.

The State Library looks forward to welcoming you soon, either in person or online at slwa.wa.gov.au

Margaret Allen, CEO and State Librarian

Mining and Energy Western Australian Archive

The Mining and Energy WA Archive is a significant State Library project addressing the documentary heritage of Western Australia's mining and resources industry. Through recent work, the Library has substantially increased its collection of materials in this Archive.

In addition to assessing, receiving and recording materials, the State Library has progressed making the collections available online by digitising over 1,500 objects relating to the mining and resources industry. However we have much more to do to ensure that Western Australia's documentary history of one of its most significant industries is secured, protected and readily available.

The State Library is seeking the support of individuals and businesses that have been part of this tremendous story of our State. [Donate](#) to the State Library of Western Australia to support the ongoing

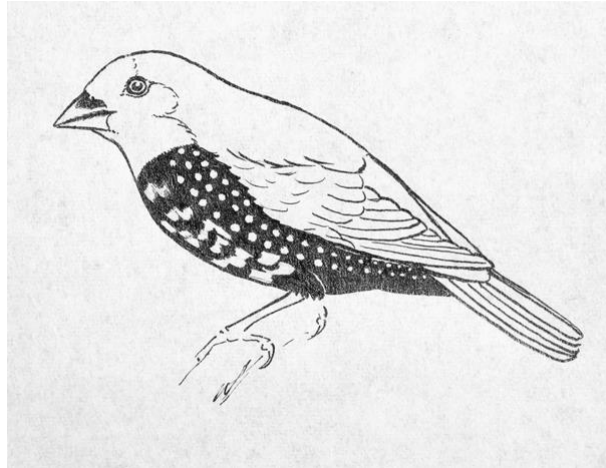
acquisition, conservation and digitisation of the Mining and Energy WA Archive. Cash donations are tax deductible.

Contact the Library to arrange a quote for service to assess, conserve and digitise collections to form part of Western Australia's Mining and Energy WA Archive. Contact collections@slwa.wa.gov.au for an appraisal.

Bird Song: until 31 January

Sounds from the State Library's collection of *John Hutchinson Bird Recordings* are paired with scientific Illustrations of Western Australian birds to create a sensory experience for children.

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Alternative Frequencies: 40 Years of RTRFM until 11 February



Explore four decades of the “sound alternative” in this retrospective exhibition dedicated to the history of Western Australia's first FM radio station, community broadcaster RTRFM.

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We are 10 - 7 December to 28 January

We are 10 shows Western Australia through the eyes of 8,000 children in a unique multi-media exhibition.

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Mini Rev: Summer Edition 8 to 12 January and 15 to 19 January



Join in the fun this summer with Mini Rev free movies for kids and their families. Two sessions daily present different collections of the best children's short film animations from around the world.

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The Forest Comes Alive! Mini Rev Workshops

Join in with the Library's exciting free workshops ahead of the West Australian Opera's 2018 production of *The Cunning Little Vixen*.

Let your little ones explore:

Mini Masterpiece: 8 to 12 January and 15 to 19 January

Create their own enchanting masterpiece with Mini Masterpiece creative design and colour-in activities.

Janacek's Journey: 8 to 12 January and 15 to 19 January

Janacek's journey is a fun, take home activity sheet that will introduce you to the world of opera and navigate your way round the State Library.

Woodland Wonders: 16 January

Undergo a makeup transformation by the West Australian Opera team.

Voices of the Forest: 17 January

Sing out loud just like opera singers in this engaging singing workshop.

Make-up Motif: 18 January

Learn from a stage makeup expert and design your own woodlands character stage makeup.

RTRFM: Live Broadcast 19 January

RTRFM will broadcast Artbeat, its weekly look at the world of arts from the State Library.

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Illuminating the World of the Rothschild Prayer Book: 23 January



Professor Michelle P. Brown, Professor Emerita of Medieval Manuscript Studies at the University of London, presents the world of medieval illuminated manuscripts, their makers and readers, in the context of the famous Rothschild Prayer Book.

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Reading Medieval Illuminated Manuscripts: 24 January

Professor Brown will share her expertise in a Masterclass for the Collecting Sector, students and scholars.

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Illuminating the World of the Rothschild Prayer Book: 24 January to 25 February



Accompanying the interactive digital exhibition will be a showcase of several very early printed bibles from the State Library's collection.

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Fringe World 2018: 26 January to 25 February

Be transported by the magic of the Fringe at the State Library. The Library Theatre will host intimate comedic performances, whilst the Gold Digger Tent will excite the senses and pop up bars will quench your thirst.

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International Story Time – Celebrate China 21 February



Join in the interactive story fun for pre-schoolers and their carers.

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A History of the Chinese in Northbridge 22 February

Learn more about the life of the early Chinese in Western Australia and take a journey through Northbridge with Kaylene Poon.

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REIWA Centenary Exhibition 1 March to 31 May



In celebration of the centenary of the Real Estate Institute of Western Australia (REIWA) in 2018, this exhibition portrays REIWA through the years and provides insight into 100 years of the WA real estate industry.

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Apply for the James Sykes Battye Memorial Fellowship

Applications for the James Sykes Battye Memorial Fellowship are now open. The Fellowship aims to enhance understanding of Western Australia through research based on the State Library's heritage collections. Applications will close 5:00pm Wednesday 31 January 2018.

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WA Public Libraries Strategy - Open for Public Comment

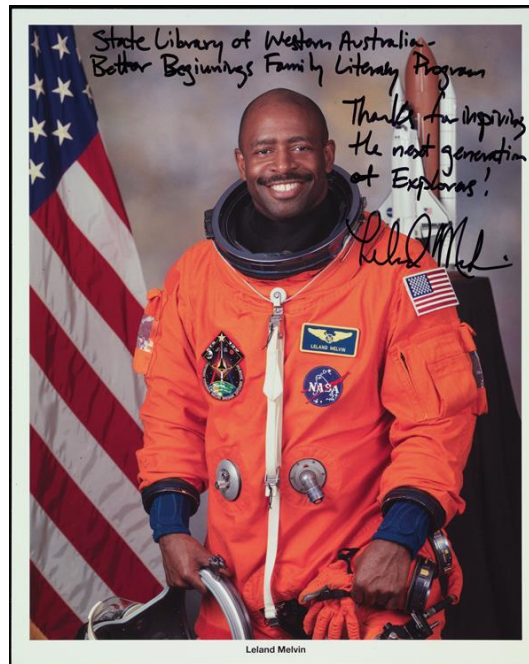
WA Public Libraries invite feedback on the Public Libraries Strategy from library members, local governments, community organisations and the Western Australian community.

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Library of Congress Literacy Award

The State Library of Western Australia collected its Library of Congress Literacy Award this month.

The Library's evidenced-based early literacy program **Better Beginnings** was awarded the prestigious Best Practice Honoree. In receiving its certificate, the Library also received personal congratulations from Leland Melvin, former NASA astronaut, who acknowledged the importance of literacy in inspiring the next generation of explorers.



Studio 001



The State Library is now accepting bookings for Studio 001, a co-working space for creative thinkers and entrepreneurs. Located on Level 1, the Studio offers a number of individual workspaces, free wifi and access to Adobe Creative Suite.

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Library Membership

Become a member of the State Library of Western Australia to access a range of resources and use the Library services.

Join now, enquire at the Welcome Desk or via the Library website slwa.wa.gov.au

You Can Help

The State Library is grateful to many individuals and companies who have donated money to help the work of the Library and enable others to discover the treasures that tell the story of Western Australia.

You can support the State Library through bequests and donations. View these links for more information on [financial](#) and [collection](#) donations.

Holiday Hours

The State Library wishes you a safe festive season and a New Year full of learning and discovery.

Below are the opening and closing times over the holiday period.

Saturday 23 December to Tuesday 26

December CLOSED

Wednesday 27 December 9am–5.30pm

Thursday 28 December 9am–5.30pm

Friday 30 December 9am–5.30pm

Saturday 30 December 10am–5.30pm



Sunday 31 December 10am–5.30pm

Monday 1 January CLOSED



Stay in Touch

The State Library is located in the Perth Cultural Centre. The Library's website slwa.wa.gov.au and [online catalogue](#) provide access to e-books, e-newspapers, digitised collections, information on membership, events, exhibitions and client services.

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