



State Library Connect



The State Library of Western Australia eNewsletter **March 2017**

Message from the CEO and State Librarian

Welcome to the March edition of the Connect eNewsletter. The State Library has been abuzz with Fringe Festivities and new exhibitions. Sail away with the enchanting *Teacup* exhibition on the ground floor and wander up to the mezzanine where you learn about the WW1 Gallipoli campaign through the eyes of an ambulance bearer in the *Simpson & his Donkey* exhibition.

The State Library's new website has launched with a special focus on history and Western Australian stories such as **Fanny Balbuk** (1840-1907) a Noongar Whadjuk woman who lived in Perth during the early days of the Swan River Colony and is one of the traditional custodians of the Perth Cultural Centre land and waters. Fanny was known for her fierce commitment to land rights and the traditions of her people. The website also makes it easy to find **What's On**, what services are available and more WA Stories.

The State Library looks forward to welcoming you soon, either in person or online at www.slwa.wa.gov.au and I hope you are inspired by the activities below.

Margaret Allen, CEO and State Librarian

Nominations for the Library Board Award for Excellence are now open

The Award recognises excellence and innovation in the library sector by any person, library or organisation in Western Australia. The award is open to all areas of the library industry, including academic, public, school and special libraries, as well as to other individuals and organisations who have an impact on the promotion, provision and support of library services in Western Australia. **Nominations** close 7 April 2017.

Kay Poustie Scholarship

A grant of \$5,000 is available for a WA library professional to travel overseas to either explore ideas and initiatives that could potentially be applied to the WA public library network or to attend a professional international conference. The annual scholarship is a partnership between the State Library of WA, Public Libraries WA, ALIA West and Donors. **Nominations** close 7 April 2017.

Election Material

The State Library wants to collect your election flyers, stickers and campaign materials! These images give us insight into Western Australia's cultural, social and political history. Material can be accepted in physical or electronic format. For more information on how to donate check out the [website](#).

Coming up in March and April 2017

Keep an eye on the [State Library](#) website for 2017 events and exhibitions. All events and exhibitions are held in the State Library are free to attend and do not require reservations, unless stated. Check the [calendar](#) on the website for the latest information.

Three Perth Poets

Date: 21 March
Time: 1pm
Location: The Nook
Free event

Celebrate UNESCO World Poetry Day with a very special Live@theLibrary performance. Poets Josephine Clarke author of *between white*, Maureen Gibbons author of *The Butterlady* and Ross Jackson author of *Mallee* will explore uniquely Western Australian stories, landscapes and themes.

Travelling Sketchbooks

Date: 27 March – 28 April
Location: The Nook
Free event

See works from the authors, illustrators and designers of the future. Presented by the State Library of Western Australia in partnership with Propel Youth Arts this collection of sketch books are filled by talented youth from all over WA.



International Story Time: Celebrate Russia

Date: 29 March
Time: 10:30am
Location: The Story Place
Free event

The Story Place will host a special session of Story Time to celebrate Russia. All Story Time sessions are free and provide interactive story fun for pre-schoolers (and their carers). Little ones learn about different countries and festivals from all over the world and have fun with craft activities. These sessions celebrate literacy, learning and language in fun and culturally diverse ways.

Live@theLibrary

Location: Various places throughout the Library
Free event

Live@theLibrary continues its popular free performance series featuring some of the State's best emerging and renowned new music composers and artists. Live @ the Library is a part of the Western Australian New Music Archive (WANMA) project. The next lunchtime shows are:



- **Orphans** on 31 March, 1-2pm
- **Telete** on 21 April, 1-2pm

Tableau Vivant and the Unobserved – Battye Creative Fellowship

Date: 4 April - 12 May
Location: Ground Floor Gallery
Free event

Discover how reimagining the past can lead to an interactive digital video installation and exhibition. Contemporary artists Nicola Kaye and Stephen Terry create a response to the collections of the J.S. Battye Library of West Australian History. Layering diverse materials to reflect Perth's social history, the exhibition questions how history is made, commemorated and forgotten. The State Library's 2016 Battye Creative Fellowship is made possible through the support of the Copyright Agency's Cultural Fund.



Bookcaffe Book Club – Her Mother's Secret

Date: 6 April
Time: 5:30pm
Location: Level 2
Tickets (\$30) are available [here](#).

Book lovers with a penchant for Western Australian books can discuss the story lines and characters with Natasha Lester, author of *Her Mother's Secret*. Tickets are \$30 and include a copy of *Her Mother's Secret* plus tea/coffee and a light supper.



Little Book of Nearly Lost Memories

Dates: 19 April for children aged 5-8 & 21 April 10:30am for children aged 8+
Time: 10:30 am - 12pm
Location: Education Centre - Mezzanine
Free event: Bookings [19 April](#) & [21 April](#)

Be inspired by the wealth of stories drawn from your own photographs, ephemera and artworks. Bring photographs, pictures or small items that tell a story from your past and the State Library will help you and your child or grandchild create a Little Book of Nearly Lost Memories. While sharing your special memories, you will be creating new ones along the way. Please note that each child must be accompanied by an adult with a story to share.

Reimagine your Story – Family History ‘First Wednesday’ Talks and Tours



Date: First Wednesday of every month
Next sessions: **5 April** and **3 May**
Time: 11am to 12:30pm
Free event: Reserve your place by calling (08) 9427 3111 or info@slwa.wa.gov.au

The monthly talks and tours in 2017 are aimed at family historians. Talks will address the key resources available in the, State Library's J.S. Batty Library of West Australian History for exploring family history and re-imagining stories.

Reimagine your Story – Aboriginal Family History ‘Last Wednesday’ Sessions

Date: Last Wednesday of every month.
Next Session: **29 March** and **26 April**
Time: 3:30pm to 6.30pm
Free event: Reserve your place by calling (08) 9427 3111 or email storylines@slwa.wa.gov.au.

Join State Library staff from the Storylines program to learn more about Aboriginal family history resources in the J.S. Batty Library of West Australian History. The sessions will feature the key resources for Aboriginal family history and showcase the Storylines online platform.



Currently Showing ...

Teacup – an exhibition

Date: until 24 March
Location: Ground Floor Gallery
Free event

This is one boy's story of leaving his homeland, presented as an exhibition of original illustrations from the picture book *Teacup* written by Rebecca Young, illustrated by Matt Ottley (Scholastic Australia). The



original illustrations form part of the State Library's Peter Williams Collection, a collection of original Australian picture book art.

Exhibition: Simpson and his Donkey

Date: until 27 April 2017
Location: The Story Place Gallery
Free event

An exhibition of original illustrations from the children's picture book *Simpson and his Donkey*, by Mark Greenwood, illustrated by Frané Lessac from the State Library's Peter Williams Collection.



Holiday Hours

Please note the State Library will be closed on the following public holidays:

- Good Friday 14 April
- Easter Saturday 15 April
- Easter Sunday 16 April
- Easter Monday 17 April
- ANZAC Day Tuesday 25 April

You Can Help

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

Stay in Touch

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