



FRIENDS OF GREAT LAKES LIBRARY SERVICE INC.

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Your Committee WISHES ALL THE “FRIENDS”

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

and many thanks for your support



Book now for
FOGLLS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

to be held at

TUNCURRY THAI WATERFRONT RESTAURANT

Saturday November 26 at 12.00 noon

Delicious Banquet (includes Tea and Coffee)

RSVP: Tickets \$25 – please phone either Anne 6555 4071 or Jane 6555 6523 to reserve your ticket

Note: We have to advise the restaurant of numbers by Thursday 24

Best short films from
FORSTER FILM FESTIVAL
MONDAY, 9 JANUARY
6.45 for 7 pm start
at the Great Lakes Library

TICKETS: (incl. refreshments)
Door sales \$15

Advance Bookings \$10 at
Forster Library, Forster
Tourist Information Centre,
& Great Lakes Bookshop,
Tuncurry.

New Public Cool Rooms

In the SMH of 14.12.11, a letter writer suggested libraries as an alternative refuge for vulnerable people suffering from heat stress during hot weather. Wouldn't fit many into our library!

Dates for the Diary - save the date!

Wed. 07.12.11, 7 pm, More details soon at the library and on the net for an evening about Tibet.
Mon. 9-01-12, 7 pm Best Short Films from 2011 Forster Film Festival
Wed. 22-02-12, 7 pm, DonateLife
March 2012: FOGLLS B'day, Seniors Week, Harmony Day

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BOOKSALE NEWS

The next BIG Booksale will be held at Easter

Mini booksales are held most Tuesdays from 9.30 am to 12 noon - just outside the library door. Don't forget to check out the bargains! Any member who would like to help with these sales (and have first pick!), please phone Helen 6554 7781 or Jane 65556523.

Livia's Library

CYNTHIA HARROD-EAGLES AND BILL SLIDER

As an avid reader of detective stories, I can say without hesitation that my favourite fictional detective is Bill Slider. His creator, Cynthia Harrod-Eagles, is a prolific writer in many different categories, but it is only Bill Slider, a London-based detective, his team, and his lady-friend Joanna who captured my heart. I first read the books in this series many years ago while still in South Africa. After four or five titles, the series seemed to dry up and I sadly concluded that there would be no more.

Imagine my delight, therefore, when I discovered a brand new title while visiting Abbey Bookshop in Sydney last week. I also discovered that there are several new (to me) titles before that one. To crown it all, I found on my return home that our own library has several of these hither-to unread titles!

Bill Slider is a very likeable character, compassionate, hard-working and committed. All the characters are credible and essentially human. The murders are baffling and are only solved through hard work and persistence. Above all, they are written with humour which is never inappropriate. The series are in chronological order according to the events in Bill Slider's life, but it is not essential to read them in order. If you have not yet made his acquaintance, I hope some of you will soon have that pleasure.

Livia Richardson

COMMITTEE NEWS

At our last Committee meeting we welcomed a new member, Trisha Brindley. Trisha is a designer with 20 years' experience in residential housing and a previous career in marketing communications, working for international brands and Australian not for profits. With her husband she relocated here from Dubai/Sydney to the Great Lakes earlier in the year.

Margaret MacDonald, who had to take extended leave from her Secretarial duties for family reasons, will soon be returning to FOGLLS activities. We look forward to that and hope she will join us at the Christmas lunch.

Quote for the month:

“We make a living by what we get,
We make a life by what we give”
-Sir Winston Churchill

NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

2012 has been declared the National Year of Reading. Libraries all around Australia will be holding events to encourage literacy and enrich the reading experiences of library patrons.

One national program is to identify a book, for each state and territory, which describes what it's like to live in, be from, visit or in some other way connect with the different states and territories.

So the search has begun, not for one book, but for eight, which paint a picture of the Australian people and our land. You can help decide the eight books which will become the **National Year of Reading 2012 collection**.

If you haven't already read them - borrow, buy, or download – and settle down to enjoy a good read over the summer. The NSW shortlist is as follows:

- Bereft – Chris Womersley
- The Harp in The South Novels – Ruth Park
- The Idea of Home – John Hughes
- Lilian's Story – Kate Grenville
- Sydney Harbour – Ian Hoskins
- Torn Apart – Peter Corris

More information and details of how to vote will soon be on display at your library.

NEW LIBRARY?

Your Committee wrote to Council executives and Councillors on Aug. 31 requesting information about the Civic Precinct, including a new library.

No formal replies have been received but Chris Jones advised the following:

“that Council's position is that the next stage is to prepare for an architectural design competition. Council will need to develop a brief for the competition and this will only be undertaken once sufficient human resources are funded. This allocation of resources is currently a matter of discussion.”

A copy of the letter we wrote is on the website under New Library.

If you cannot access the web, please phone Audrey 6554 8507 and I shall find a way of giving you a copy of the letter.

WRITING COMPETITION

The competition has closed and entries are now with the judge, Daniel Scott.

We are delighted to reveal that Daniel has just been named the 2011 Travel Writer of the Year by the Australian Society of Travel Writers at their AGM in Rotorua!