

Mapleton Library

Community Centre News

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mapleton.intersearch.com.au

Library Hours
Mon - Fri 1pm-4pm
Sat 9am-12pm
Closed Public Holidays

Thank you for supporting our Library Community Centre.

Your annual membership fee is due by 30 June 2025—pay now and you are financial until 30 June 2026.

Please pop in to pay your \$12 and stay financial.

Thank you.

What's Happening

Bingo—this Friday 5 September
BOOK FAIR and MINI MARKET will be held on Sunday 19 October.

The Trivia fund raiser held on the 8 August at the Mapleton Bowls Club was a great success.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle was recently conducted along with a **Bunnings Cake Stall**. Together over the \$3,500 was raised. Thank you to all volunteers who contributed to this success.

Gardening books donated by the Maleny Garden Club. 13 boxes of books were received as a kind donation. You will begin to see many books being added to our gardening collection. Thank you is extends to the members of the Club..

Almost a hundred as-new fiction books received recently from a community member. A high percentage of these will be added to our collection over the next few weeks. Thank you.

Book Lovers 2026 to be held on St Valentines Day 14 February. See promotion at the end of this newsletter.

New Book Discussion Group—see promotion below.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Are you interested in joining a new Book Discussion group, to be held at Mapleton Library Community Centre.

The details for how the book group could work can be negotiated when we get together (schedule, titles, etc).

Two ways of conducting the group:

Each member suggests a book and prepares an introduction and some questions for discussion. Members can read it in advance or not.

All members read a book decided by the whole group, in advance of meeting.

The group can meet monthly (my preference) or perhaps fortnightly, as we decide. The number of participants to be limited (10-12). The group to conclude one year after starting, and a new group contract to be decided if people want to continue.

A daytime (morning) mid-week meeting is my suggestion. Duration of 1.5 hours.

When there are about a dozen expressions of interest, we will convene a meeting to explore how we want the group to operate.

Contact me on the email below: Ralph Bowles ralph-bowles6@gmail.com



Fiction Additions

Strangers in time Baldacci, David

One shot Child, Lee

One ted falls out of bed Donaldson, Julia

Green dust Gray, Madeleine

Force of nature Harper, Jane

The railwayman's wife Hay, Ashley

Three came home Keith, Agnes Newton

The sleepwalker Kepler, Lars

The life of Chuck King, Stephen

The scene of the crime La Plante, Lynda

Death and judgement Leon, Donna

The shroud of hades McDermott, Andy

The housemaid McFadden, Freida

Die by the sword Park, Tony

Until the red leaves fall Parker, Alli

The three secret cities Reilly, Matthew

The white crow Robotham, Michael

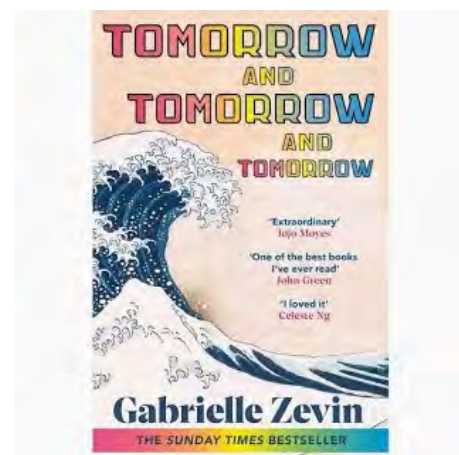
Sweet stubborn love Roberts, Nora

Lost language of oysters Smith,
Alexander McCall

A mother's love Steel, Danielle

The wife and the widow White, Christian

Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow Zevin, Gabrielle



Member's Book Review

The missing musk By Gilbert, Bob



In 1913 all the musk plants in the world stopped smelling. Unable to resist the lure of this mystery, Bob Gilbert turns detective, determined to find the truth in the tale. Mixing history, memoir, science and nature writing, *The Missing Musk* takes the reader on a journey of discovery, uncovering the truth behind six mysteries and myths from across the natural world.

From the darkest corners of Britain's churchyards to Scotland's Pentland Hills, Bob travels the length of the UK, seeking answers to questions that have intrigued him throughout his life. In search of the musk's long-lost fragrance, he discovers a possibly murderous story. Investigating the true origins of 'star jelly' leads to encounters with unexplained sightings and substances. Faced with the urban myth-like stories of mosquitoes thriving in the London Underground, Bob digs deeper.

Motivated by the curious, unexplained phenomena found in wild places and on urban streets, Bob peers into microscopes, delves into horticultural archives and chases a glimpse of the strange 'water bear', finding that, when it comes to mysteries, the joy is found as much in the search as in the answer it leads you to . . .

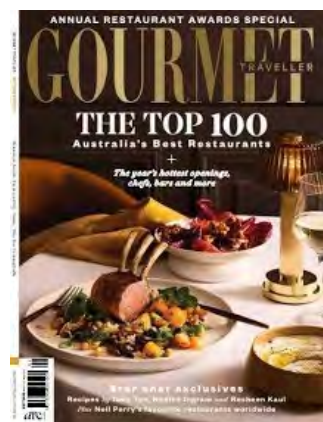
I recommend this book.
Lynette

Check out our catalogue online from home and reserve a book / magazine, DVD, audiobook.

Remember, you cannot extend a loan, but you can reserve

Recent Magazine Editions

ABC Organic Gardener
Better Homes and Gardens
Gourmet Traveller
Australian Home Beautiful
The Australian Women's Weekly
National Geographic Kids
ABC Gardening Australia
Country Style
Good Organic Gardening



September Book Displays



Non Fiction Additions

The missing musk Gilbert, Bob

Marriage, the Christian way Bowels, Ralph G.

Convict orphans Frost, Lucy

The battle of the Generals Perry, Roland

Myall Park Botanic Garden Directors of Myall Park
Botanic Garden

*Trees and Shrubs in rainforests of New South Wales
and Southern Queensland*
Williams, J.B. and Harden, G.J.

Blooms of the Australian wilderness Hearne, Dennis

A field guide to Australian native flowering plants
Holliday, Ivan

Key guide to Australian Palms, Ferns and Allies
Cronin, Leonard

*Butterfly host plants of south east Queensland and
New South Wales* Moss, John T.

Gardening Australia flora McClenahan, Barbara

The Australian flower garden
Blazey, Clive

Tea roses
Chapman, Lynne and Drage,
Noelene

Landscaping with Daylillies
Billingslea, Oliver

The Australian native bee book
Heard, Tim

Gwinganna Gourmet
Gowing, Samantha

Hot stuff
Lee, Matt and Lehourites, Chris

The last days of John Lennon
Patterson, James

The essential Henry Lawson
Kiernan, Brian

Wild places of greater Brisbane
Poole, Stephen

Art Display

This month there is an amazing collection of folding books featuring botanical sketches: some graphite, others in full colour. A very unusual display—so well worth a special visit to your Library Community Centre.



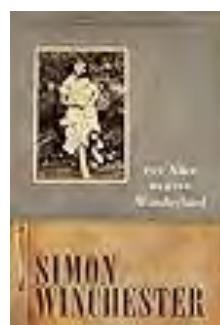
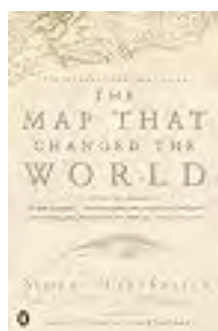
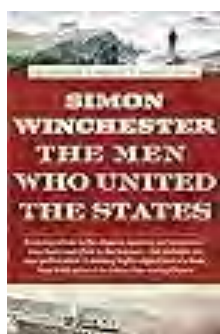
If you are local artist contact mapletonlibrary@gmail.com
to book a month during which you can display your art works.

Have you tried this author? Simon Winchester

Simon Winchester, OBE, is a British writer, journalist and broadcaster who resides in the United States. Through his career at The Guardian, Winchester covered numerous significant events including Bloody Sunday and the Watergate Scandal.

As an author, Simon Winchester has written or contributed to over a dozen nonfiction books and authored one novel, and his articles appear in several travel publications including Condé Nast Traveler, Smithsonian Magazine, and National Geographic.

We have eight titles in our collection.





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- Ten books and magazines may be borrowed per membership
- Reserve a book or magazine over the telephone (during Library hours), use our online catalogue, or send us an email
- Renew a book by sending us an email
- Nominate a new book for purchase and be the first to read it
- Purchase pre-read, discounted books at bargain prices at our in-house Book Shop
- Provide a review on a book you have read for other members of the community
- Consider an opportunity to volunteer and be part of a fun team who help organise and run the Library Community Centre.

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ROSETTA BOOKS



Member Information

Annual Membership: Running the Library Community Centre is a costly exercise, so borrowing books, DVDs and audio books requires a small annual membership fee of \$12.

Membership renewals are due in June each year.

Library Hours:

Monday to Friday 1pm—4pm

Saturday 9am—12noon

Closed all public holidays

A JP is available on Mondays 8:30am to 11:30am, and Thursdays 9am to 11am.

The hunt is on for authors we would love to listen to and interact with.

Our next Lovers of Books event will be held on Saturday 14 February 2026.

Do you know of an author who lives locally including on the Coast and might be interested in coming along and presenting their thoughts on writing – where they get their inspiration, their subject matter, research undertaken, obstacles, tools they use and so on. It's an endless subject and hopefully we will get some terrific authors interested in sharing their bookish journeys with us.

If you know of anyone, please email Lou at loutasker@gmail.com – it would be useful if you have contact details for them but if you don't, I will endeavour to locate. And if you could also just say a little bit about why this person would be, in your view, a good person for us to hear from!

I look forward to hearing from you! Lou

MAPLETON BINGO

Friday 5 September

9:30am – 11:30am

\$12 per person
(includes morning tea)

Win cash and other prizes

A fun morning
Not just 'heads down' the whole time

Bookings essential
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