Mapleton Library

Community Centre News

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The Centre is operated by volunteers and proudly supported by the Sunshine Coast Council's grants programme as well as local businesses and organisations.

Online catalogue:

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—7 November at 9:30am

ChatGPT workshop—15th October 6pm-7pm

Book Fair and Mini Market 19th October 8am to noon. Lions breakfast starting early—7am.

Art in Public Space celebration of the new art panels on the bin enclosures. 11am, near Fishtales. Do

come and join the artists and Cr. David Law.

Sri Lankan Cooking Class and Tasting—31st October 9:30am-bookings essential

2026 Calendar \$10 Bright, colourful and some quirky art work by the locals— Mapleton Art.

Work Experience Year 10 student
Ruby, spent one full week on site. Thank
you to all volunteers who shared their
knowledge and experiences.

Images at end of this newsletter.

Introduction to ChatGPT

Wednesday 15th October, 6-7pm Mapleton Library Community Centre



Heard of ChatGPT? Wondering what it is and how it's useful?

Join us for a relaxed beginner session exploring ${\sf ChatGPT-a}$ free ${\sf Al}$ tool that helps you get answers, find inspiration and be more productive.

Bookings are essential! Tickets \$5 (includes tea or coffee)

Email mapletonlibrary@gmail.com or call 5445 7011 to reserve your seat



Send any question you have to:

mapletonlibrary@gmail.com before hand so you query can be answered in detail.







Fiction Additions

The omega factor Berry, Steve Vanish Burr, Shelley Killing floor Child, Lee

Tom Clancy's target acquired Bently, Don Clive Cussler's The iron storm Brul, Jack Du Gravity let me go Dalton, Trent

Mushka and the naughty list Pemper, Tammy

The grain of sand Rourke, Amanda

No reserve Francis, Felix

A slowly dying cause George, Elizabeth

Sparring partners Grisham, John The sword saint Iggulden, C.F.

Iggulden, C.F. Shiana Darien Iggulden, C.F. The Abbot's tale Iggulden, Conn Iggulden, Conn Dunstan Stormbird Iggulden, Conn Iggulden, Conn Trinity The dark tower King, Stephen King, Stephen The long walk Billy Summers King, Stephen Holly King, Stephen

Fairy tale King, Stephen
The wind through the keyhole King, Stephen
The drawing of the three King, Stephen

The wastelands
Wolves of the Calla
The gunslinger
Wizards and glass
Song of Susannah
King, Stephen
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Mirage Lackberg, Camilla & Fexeus, Henrik
The Bourne retribution Lustbader, Eric Van
A knight of the seven kingdoms Martin, George R.R.
The soldier's daughter McIntosh, Fiona

The fury Michaelides, Alex

The italian secret Moss, Tara Still Nable, Matt

Wolf hour Nesbo, Jo

Judge and jury Patterson, James
The moon sister Riley, Lucinda
The pearl Sister Riley, Lucinda
The shadow sister Riley, Lucinda

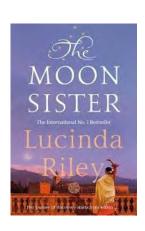
Framed in death Robb, J.D.
In the time of five pumpkins
Smith, Alexander McCall

Predator Smith, Wilbur & Cain, Tom Everyone in my family has killed someone

Stevenson, Benjamin Wild place White, Christian









Member's Book Review

The Omega Factor by Steve Berry

The Ghent Altarpiece is the most violated work of art in the world. Thirteen times it has been vandalised, dismantled, or stolen. Why? What secrets does it hold?

Enter UNESCO investigator, Nicholas Lee, who works for the United Nations' Cultural Liaison and Investigative Office (CLIO). Nick's job is to protect the world's cultural artifacts—from countless lesser-known objects to national treasures.

When Nick travels to Belgium for a visit with a woman from his past, he unwittingly stumbles on the trail of the twelfth panel for the Ghent Altarpiece, stolen in 1934 under cover of night and never seen since. Soon Nick is plunged into a bitter conflict, one that has been simmering for nearly two thousand years. On one side is the Maidens of Saint-Michael, *les Vautours*, Vultures, a secret order of nuns and the guardians of a great truth. Pitted against them is the Vatican, which has wanted for centuries to both find and possess what the nuns guard. Because of Nick the maidens have finally been exposed, their secret placed in dire jeopardy—a vulnerability that the Vatican swiftly moves to exploit utilizing an ambitious cardinal and a corrupt archbishop, both with agendas of their own.

From the tranquil canals of Ghent, to the towering bastions of Carcassonne, and finally into an ancient abbey high in the French Pyrenees, Nick Lee must confront a modern-day religious crusade intent on eliminating a shocking truth from humanity's past. Success or failure—life and death—all turn on the Omega Factor.

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

Better Homes and Gardens National Geographic Kid Australian Home Beautif Gourmet Traveller Better Homes and Gardens This England The Australian Women's Weekly Country Style

Gardening Australia Mindfood Australian Geographic

Non Fiction Additions

The let them theory Robbins, Mel

The story of the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre Straker, Jim

Dare not linger Mandela, Nelson & Langa, Mandla

Flawed hero Masters, Chris

Killing time Williams, Karl & Penrose, Justin

The way of the Samurai Nitobe, Inazo

Bamboo world Cusack, Victor

Against all odds Challen, Crair & Harris, Richard

Pests, diseases, ailments and allies of Australian plants Jones, L. &Blake, Trevor L.

The foliage garden Greig, Denise

Starting out with succulents Jones, David L.

A garden forever Simpson, Kyleigh & Simpson, Michael

My dream time Barty, Ash

I am Ella Jowell, Joanne

Breaker Morant Fitzsimons, Peter







Art Display

Starting mid-October will be a display of the artwork included in the 2026 calendar.

An opportunity not to be missed.









Have you tried this author? Lucinda Riley

Lucinda Riley was born in 1965 in Ireland, and after an early career as an actress in film, theatre and television, wrote her first book aged twenty-four. Her books have been translated into thirty-seven languages and continue to strike an emotional chord with all cultures around the world. 'The Seven Sisters' series specifically has become a global phenomenon, creating its own genre, and there are plans to create a seven-season TV series.

Her books have been nominated for numerous awards, including the Italian Bancarella prize, The Lovely Books award in Germany, and the Romantic Novel of the Year award. In 2020 she received the Dutch Platinum award for sales over 300,000 copies for a single novel in one year – an award last won by J K Rowling for Harry Potter.

In collaboration with her son Harry Whittaker, she also devised and wrote a series of books for children called 'The Guardian Angels' series.

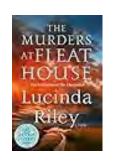
Though she brought up her four children mostly in Norfolk in England, in 2015 she fulfilled her dream of buying a remote farmhouse in West Cork, Ireland, which she always felt was her spiritual home, and indeed this was where her last five books were written.

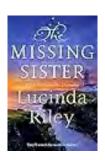
The are nine titles in the collection













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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.



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 Borrowing Hours:

Monday to Friday 1pm—4pm Saturday 9am—12noon

JP Bookings Telephone 5445 7182 to arrange a booking on Monday morning from 8:30am to 11:30am and Thursday 9am to 11am. Other times can be arranged.



If you are local artist contact

mapletonlibrary@gmail.com to book a month during which you can display your art works.



The artists featured in the 2026 calendar

MAPLETON BINGO

Friday 7 November 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 mapletonlibrary@gmail.com T: 5445 7011

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Book Fair and Mini Market

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Sunday 19th October Additional stall—pre-loved clothing 8am - 12pm

books - \$10 a bag

Stalls include: plants gifts home made cakes, slices etc Lions barbecue home made morning tea puzzles children's books



Barbecue begins early so come for breakfast—from 7am onward



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LOCAL FOUNDATIONS, GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

Certificate of

Appreciation

presented to

Nita C Lester and the volunteers

of

Mapleton Library Community Centre

for supporting

Ruby Simmonds's

Year 10 Work Experience 2025

Chris Shevelling
Executive Principal