

# 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](http://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**—5 December at 9:30am

**Christmas Raffle** drawn 20 December. All donations to the raffle are welcome.

Over \$500 raised to date. The target is \$700 so please invite neighbours and friends to support us. Funds will be directed to the extension project.

Plans for the **40th Celebrations** are well underway. Thank you to La Botiga, Bella Vista and Naked Wines for your sponsorship. Everyone welcome

7 December 4:30pm.

**The 2026 Calendar has been very successful.**

**Puzzles** have now been added to the collection. You are very welcome to borrow a puzzle.

The **Volunteers' Christmas luncheon** was held inside the building this year. Proved to be a very happy celebration. Image at end of this newsletter.

Photographer: Coral Usher



Opposite: Karen Hardy won the Christmas Cake raffle. Thank you Sue Bennink for this generous donation

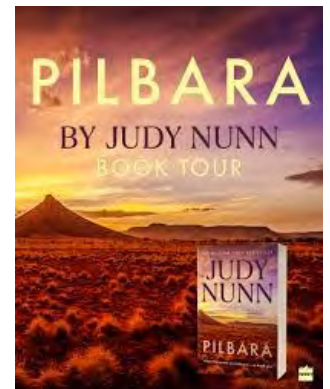
Lower: Beautiful gift tags on sale made by Alison Hardy





# Fiction Additions

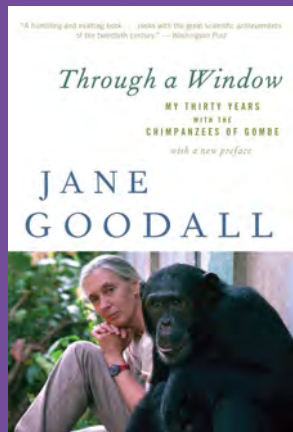
Vince Flynn's oath of loyalty	Mills, Kyle
Nash Falls	Baldacci, David
The heart's invisible furies	Boyne, John
Exit strategy	Child, Lee and Child, Andrew
The proving ground	Connelly, Michael
Sharpe's storm	Cornwell, Bernard
The wrong sister	Douglas, Claire
Curious minds	Evanovich, Janet and Sutton, Phoebe
The widow	Grisham, John
The peak	Guthrie, Sam
Long Bay	Limprecht, Eleanor
Red sparrow	Matthews, Jason
Right way up	McCallum, Fiona
The good father	McIlvanney
The forgotten garden	Morton, Kate
Pilbara	Nunn, Judy
Caledonian Road	O'Hagan, Andrew
The Dutch house	Patchett, Ann
Scarpia	Read, Piers Paul
The book woman of Troublesome Creek	Richardson, Kim Michele
An inside job	Silva, Daniel
Remain	Sparks, Nicholas
The portrait	Steel, Danielle
The chocolate factory	Stephens, Mary-Lou
The little wartime library	Thompson, Kate



# Member's Book Review

## THROUGH A WINDOW

by Jane Goodall



From the world famous expert on chimpanzees - the powerfully compelling sequel to the international bestseller IN THE SHADOW OF MAN: 'An instant animal classic' Time

Equipped with little more than a notebook, binoculars, and her fascination with wildlife, Jane braved a realm of unknowns to give the world a remarkable window into humankind's closest living relatives. On the shores of Lake Tanganyika, Gombe is a community where the principal residents are chimpanzees. Through Goodall's eyes we watch as the younger chimpanzees vie for power, and how the leaders must deal with this challenge. We learn how one mother successfully rears her children, whilst another appears to doom her offspring to failure. All life is here - glorious births and heart-breaking deaths, moments of brutality, alongside the most tender displays of affection.

## Puzzles Additions



- Michelangelo
- Lake Como, Lombardy, Italy
- Australia
- Springtime tulips
- Lord of the rings
- Notre Dame autumn
- Little rock old mill
- The mighty jungle
- Byron lighthouse, Australia
- Whitehaven beach
- The Steve Parish collection
- Fleurs-De-Lys legend
- Kakadu National Park
- Colour parrots - Ravensburger puzzle
- Portofino luxury harbour
- Village garden
- Interiors - The Bakery

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

- The Australian Women's Weekly
- Australian Geographic
- ABC Organic Gardener
- ABC Gardening Australia
- Australian Country
- Australian Home Beautiful
- Good Organic Gardening
- Gourmet Traveller
- National Geographic Kids
- This England
- Mindfood
- Country Style
- ABC Gardening Australia

## Non Fiction Additions

Sam Bloom	Bloom, Samantha
Wild guide to Moreton Bay	Ryan, Michelle
Forest trees of Australia	Boland, D.J. and Brooker, M.I.H.
Hope for animals and their world	Goodall, Jane
Through a window	Goodall, Jane
The complete Aussie backyard book	Rogers, Juliet
General Sir Peter Cosgrove	Cosgrove, Peter
Heads up gentlemen	Lans, Ben
Matters of the heart	Price, Jacinta Nampijinpa
The woman in me	Spears, Britney
"You must be Kitch Loughnan!"	
	Loughnan, Marilyn and Loughnan, Roger

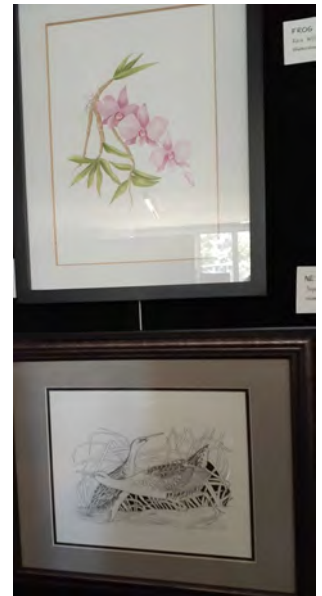


## Children Additions

Ten minutes to bed little monster	
	Fielding, Rhiannon and Chatterton, Chris
Alice's adventures in Wonderland	Carroll, Lewis
The Quill of all tales	Lachlan, Jeremy
The dragon of fortune	Stilton, Geronimo
Night night Tyrannosaurus	Ferrie, Chris
That's not my turtle	Watt, Fiona
All my love on Father's Day	Disney, Enterprises
How to train your dragon	Speregen, Devia Newberger

# Art Display

Mapleton Art Exhibition titled 'I just want to paint'.  
On show until mid-December.



## Have you tried this author?

### Sam Bloom

That's all it took for Sam Bloom's life to change forever.

Sam had everything she had always dreamed of. She'd travelled extensively, fulfilled her childhood dream of becoming a nurse and was a happily married mother of three young boys. Without warning, the dream turned into a nightmare when on a 2013 family holiday in Thailand, Sam fell through a rotten balcony railing and crashed six metres onto the concrete below.

Lucky to be alive, she'd suffered devastating injuries, including severe damage to her spinal cord that left her paralysed from the chest down. Broken and hopeless, Sam reached her outer limits of physical and mental suffering. But with courage, determination and a little help from an unlikely feathered friend, her remarkable recovery is testament to the inner strength that each of us can find when faced with adversity.



### Bradley Trevor Greive

*Penguin Bloom* is an extraordinary true story of recovery, hope and courage as one injured bird and her human family learn to heal and celebrate life, featuring the gorgeous photography of Cameron Bloom and a captivating narrative by New York Times bestselling author of *The Blue Day Book*.





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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** Monday morning from 8:30am to 11:30am and Thursday 9am to 11am. Other times can be arranged—telephone 5445 7182

MAPLETON LIBRARY  
COMMUNITY CENTRE

# Christmas Raffle 2025

**Multi-draw prizes!**

**TICKETS: \$2 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5**

**DRAWN: 20 DECEMBER AT 11AM  
MAPLETON LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

*Don't miss your chance to win  
amazing prizes and support your  
local community!*

**Beautiful gift cards  
with envelopes**

**Many designs**

**\$5**



# **MAPLETON BINGO**

**Friday 5 December**  
**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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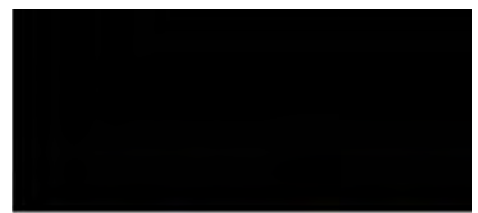
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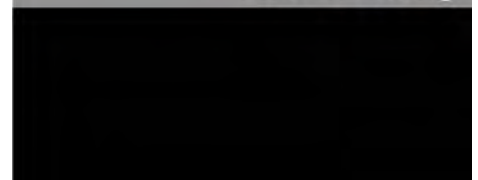
**Cookery book**

**All recipes triple  
tested**

**\$5**



**Love Cooking**



# You are invited

## Celebrating 40 Years of Service

### Mapleton Library Community Centre – Powered by Volunteers

Join us as we celebrate **40 wonderful years** of dedicated volunteer service in the community.

**Date:** Sunday, 7 December 2025

**Time:** 4:30pm

**Place:** Mapleton Library Community Centre

Enjoy an early evening of **wine, nibbles, music, and memories** as we raise a glass to the countless hours, passion, and care that volunteers have devoted to our Centre over the years.

Let's toast to the past, and the people who continue to make the Library Community Centre such an important asset to the community.

**RSVP:** [mapletonlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:mapletonlibrary@gmail.com) by 5 December

**Dress:** Smart casual



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Mapleton Public House



from the  
volunteers

