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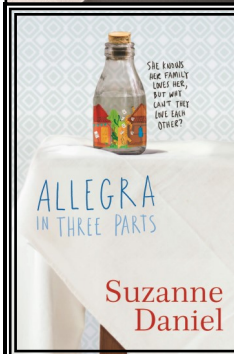
*The Friends
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Newsletter*

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Benalla Library's Author Visit : June 26th : Suzanne Daniel



Once again, Benalla Library hosted a very successful, well-attended Author Visit, again moderated by Michelle from Booktique, Wangaratta. Danielle has had a very high profile career, but “Allegra in Three Parts”, is her first novel. The novel’s main character is a coming of age story of eleven-year-old Allegra, shuffled between two neighbouring grandmothers, who have such differing but strong personalities, and a troubled father, Rick. Life for a young girl growing up is very difficult. Suzanne Daniel has cleverly woven several themes into this highly acclaimed debut novel.

Pictured above: Librarian, Kay, was one of the first to join the queue to purchase a signed copy of “Allegra in Three Parts”.

President's Piece

Another successful year for the Friends of the Benalla Library culminated in our Annual General Meeting in August. I sincerely thank members of the Committee for their support over the past year and for putting up their hands once again to remain on the Committee. Without our volunteers' continued work in our wonderful Redb4 bookshop, things would be very difficult. We receive many compliments from passing travellers looking for a read: on the appearance of the shop, the cheerful, helpful staff and the variety of books on sale. We also have wonderful staff at the Benalla Library. Their enthusiasm and creative ideas are contagious. This year the Friends are contributing \$15,000 towards an electronic self-serve system (RFID) at the Library. It is thanks to our volunteers that this is possible. Well done you!

I acknowledge the attendance at our AGM of the Benalla Rural City Council CEO, Mayor, and Councillors Barbara Alexander and Danny Claridge, and thank Brian Vial, our guest speaker, who gave us a wonderful and informative talk on the plight of small, poorly equipped village schools in Papua New Guinea. The number of donations of children's books to send to these needy schools is growing.

~ Geraldine McCorkell, President

Librarian's Lines : Report by Marlies Tammes

Dear Friends of Benalla Library,

Are you enjoying the crispy mornings, blossom and blue skies? I agree we still need the rain, but I do love the feeling of spring in the air. Have you seen the beautiful leadlight made by Graham Pickering adorning one of our windows? It looks amazing and is very appropriate, with the fish and the view of the river outside.

July began with the announcement children and young adults under 18 will be fine free. This will relieve a large number of families and will encourage borrowing. Research has shown that most books still get returned in time. July school holidays were filled with exciting activities, with Naidoc celebrations being the highlight. A large group of adults and children attended, listening to Auntie Desiree reading stories, singing the Aboriginal children's song "Inanay" and then decorating wooden boomerangs.

To commemorate the 50-year Apollo Moon Landing, we had members of Astronomy Benalla giving a presentation, with accompanied slides and even a quiz. It was very well received. Due to threatening rain and a cloudy evening, we could not test the telescopes to check out the moon and stars.

What fun the staff had during Children's Book Week when we all dressed up on one of the days. The children were delighted. We gave away a \$25 book voucher for one lucky junior borrower.

During the last week of August, patrons could attend individual Tech Help, and attend workshops on basic internet skills and social media as part of the Digital Innovation Festival. The last day of the festival was for the children: a robotics workshop conducted by Robo Kids. This workshop was very well attended and parents and children were excited participating in this science based activity. General consent was to hold more of these activities in the library. We will investigate buying some science based materials.

Every Thursday morning, starting at 10am, you can drop in to a Card Making or Scrapbooking session. This is a new regular event run by Roslyn Archer. Keep your eyes out for another new, regular workshop run by Benalla Permaculture - on the first Saturday of the month. The first session was held on 7th September. The next session will be: constructing wicking planter boxes.

Anthony Sawrey will launch his latest book ,containing his father's artwork. Hugh Sawrey had his studio in Lurg and his work was very well known. I hope you are able to attend the launch on Wednesday 18th September at 6pm.

School holidays are in the last week of September and we are looking forward to an interesting session how to draw cartoons by Mark Guthrie.

Please check out the other school holiday events in our 'What's On' brochure at the library.

~ *Marlies*



Library Over The Moon at Another Successful Public Event.



Benalla Library and Astronomy Benalla together celebrated “One giant leap for mankind” on Wednesday, 17 July. The large and appreciative audience included quite a few families, as children are always fascinated by astronomy, in particular moon landings. A lot of work had gone into making this event interesting and engaging to the audience in diverse ages. Short talks by various Astronomy Benalla members, actual footage of the Moon landing, slides and quizzes kept the audience entertained and informed.

Pictured above, from left: President of Astronomy Benalla, Jeff, and Club member Rupe, together showed off one of the Club’s telescopes, *middle:* some of the memorabilia gathered by Astronomy Benalla on display, and *right:* one of several families happy to take part in the evening’s event. *For more information: www.astronomybenalla.org.au

A Little can make a Big Difference

Primary education in Papua New Guinea

* *Pictured below left,* is the speaker at our recent FOBL Annual Meeting, Brian Vial, U3A member, with his partner and technical assistant, Andrea Stevenson, who is also our FOBL website manager! Brian, accompanied by slides of the couple’s recent visit to Papua New Guinea, outlined his long family connection with the region, which inspired him to become connected with Primary Education over there, in particular, the problems the country faces resourcing its greatly under-funded Schools. Brian has setup a project to get second hand books donated to be sent over to Goroka schools. He has also instigated a Brian Leigh Vial Scholarship program for needy students. Gita-Kristie and Vivienne, (*pictured below right*), two recipients of the scholarship, recently visited Benalla and Tatong. They spoke of the plight of under funded PNG schools. Following on from this talk, FOBL member Robyn MacLean and U3A member, Jenny Sawyer, gathered together some books and reading material to be sent to the Goroka village. From this beginning, FOBL and Benalla Library, with help from our President, Geraldine McCorkell, organised collection boxes to be placed in the Library and also in Steph Ryan’s Office in Benalla. If readers have any Junior books they care to donate to this worthy cause, please take them to the two collection points. They will be much appreciated!.



LEADLIGHTING THE LIBRARY

When you visit the library next time, take a look at the wonderful leadlight window made by local man Graham Pickering. Graham has loaned the art work to us and added: “my mother would have been so happy and proud because she (part of the stolen generation) was the reason I started doing Aboriginal leadlights”.



Kanopy

Just to make our borrowers happy: *Kanopy* is back again! Using your borrower number, you can access 5 movies per month; access to each film for 72 hours. *Kanopy* is an on-demand streaming video platform for public libraries and universities that offers viewers a large collection of award-winning films and documentaries. Accessible via our library website - using your own library card.

Wii on Thursday

* New program.

Every Thursday, 3.30 – 5pm.
After school, children between the ages of 6 – 12 years, are invited to drop into the library to try a new Wii game each week.
It's free! Just turn up.



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Hot off the Press!!

Mark this date in your diary:
Tuesday, 12th November.

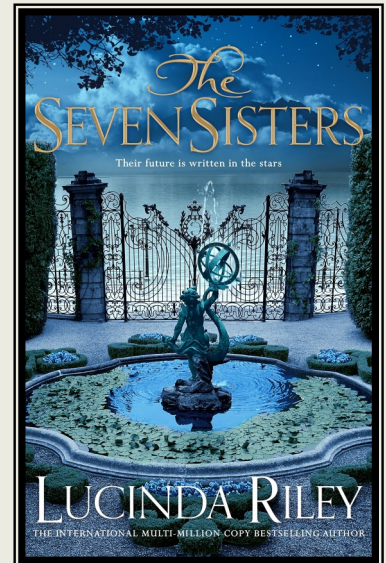
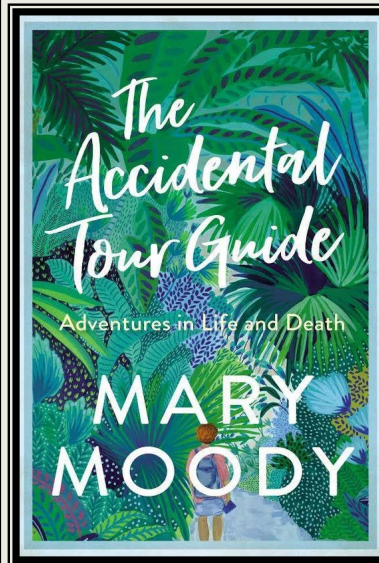
11am-12 noon.

MARY MOODY VISIT
Australian Mary Moody, author of "Au Revoir", "Last Tango in Toulouse" and many more titles, will be visiting the library on Tuesday, 12th November, to present her latest memoir, after the death of her husband: "The Accidental Tour Guide, Adventures in Life and Death".

Mark this date in your diary:
Wednesday, 30th October.

6pm-8pm.

THE SEVEN SISTERS NIGHT
The library will be celebrating the release of Lucinda Riley's 6th book: "The Sun Sister". There will be a lucky door prize; nibbles and drinks. Come and be surprised!
*Bookings are essential.
Book early by ringing the library on: 5762 2069.



Storytime

Every Friday at 10.30am at the Benalla library
*from 0-6 year olds.



Writers' Corner

The Last Wednesday of each month: from 5.00-6pm. Share, discuss and enjoy some time and creativity with other writers..

Book Space

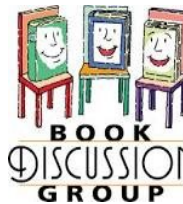
Third Thursday of the month at 2pm at the library. Join us for a casual discussion about books that you have read and enjoyed and want to share with other readers.



Reminders

"On the Same Page" Book Club

Book Club members meet monthly to share and discuss the group's latest set title.
*Ask Library staff today about joining this Book Club.



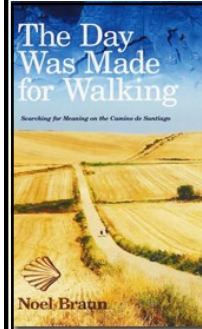
Sit and Knit

Get together to share a love of knitting and fellowship: Meets at 1pm every Wednesday at the library.



TECH SUPPORT

Need help setting up an email or using the internet? A volunteer is available to assist you, one-on-one, between 1pm - 3pm every Tuesday *Bookings are essential.*



Author Talk

Author Noel Braun will be visiting the library on October 23rd. He will be talking about his latest pilgrimage: walking the Camino as a 77 year-old! An interesting event! Details announced closer to the date.

PERMACULTURE TALK AND WORKSHOP

Benalla Permaculture is holding a series of workshops at the Library. At the first session, on 7 September, Woz Bone gave a brief introduction to Permaculture. In following sessions, the group will be giving participants a basic understanding of Permaculture: explaining how it can be correctly set up at home, to provide a better, healthier life for adherents.
* Held on the first Saturday of every month: from 10am—11 am.