

Librarian's Report:

HIGHLIGHTS SINCE LAST MEETING (AGM):

- Christmas Scavenger Hunt was hugely successful.
- School Holidays Programs have had very successful numbers, with two booking out (Dungeons and Dragons and Dinosaurs event).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Meditation Workshop and Discussion with Buddhist Monk 5:30pm, 15/02/2023
- New Monday morning weekly program, Mah Jong, followed by afternoon Crafternoons starting 20 Feb and a monthly Family History Research Assistance program beginning in March.
- Lisa Ireland Author visit, 2:00pm, 14/03/2023

ITEMS THAT WOULD ASSIST STAFF/PATRONS

- Foldable 1000mm Round Table with wheels, \$1,329.00 (including \$350 shipping)

Larger round table, which would be a more comfortable shape, for the Barb Alexander Room. Quote #52399.

- Acrylic Free Standing Book Displays, \$1,902.45 (including shipping)

Replace the current wire stands, which are getting bent and not holding books well or damaging pages/covers of fiction items. Quote #767199.

- Acrylic Slatwall A4 Display, approx. \$700 For displays on bay ends.

NB: These prices are based on 2022 prices. Ashley will obtain more up to date quotes.

LONGTERM GOALS

- Projector & Equipment near Teen Area – Projector, roll-down screen, speakers, HDMI input, DVD player and TV antenna to be used during author visits, community information events, public presentations, art installations, film screenings, and TV airing to help make the event space near teen/large print area more dynamic and engaging (approx. \$11,000)

– In progress, new supplier contracted. Electrical being installed within the next three weeks and AV installation to be installed within the following three weeks.

- - PA System in entire venue – PA system with bell to notify staff on floor that assistance is needed at Circulation Desk, microphone to announce closing daily or evacuation in the case of an emergency, warning alarm for evacuation in case of emergency (as current option is not clearly heard throughout venue, and ability to play ambient music in select areas during out of hours events (approx. \$10,000)
- - External Chute Upgrade – Smart Bin and secure 24/7 chute for returns (approx. \$30,000)

MOTION:

That we proceed with the purchase of the round table, the acrylic slatwall display and the free standing book displays.

Moved: Andrea Stevenson

Seconded: Deb Saunders

Passed by the committee

A poster of the details for the author talk will be sent out with the minutes via email.

Bookshop Report:

Some issues with roof leaking and lights flickering.

The front step has a crack in the middle of the marble.

Geraldine will write a letter explaining the concerns and deliver it to Hides Bakery.

The tape on the steps needs to be replaced. Geraldine will follow this up.

Roster is working very well – thank you Kay. There have been three new volunteers join the roster.

Reports were accepted:

Moved: Geraldine

Seconded: Christine

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. AGM notification in the newspaper. It is optional to advertise this in the newspaper. To be discussed closer to the AGM in November.
2. Local author Robert Smith writes murder/mystery genre. His latest book called 'Granite' is based around the Benalla region.
3. Dates for the General Meetings in 2023:

Thursday 2nd March at 9.30am

Thursday 4th May at 9.30am

Thursday 6th July at 9.30am

Thursday 7th September at 9.30am

AGM:

Thursday 2nd November at 9.30am

NEXT MEETING:

All members are invited to the general meeting on Thursday 2nd March at 9.30am in the Pat Claridge Meeting Room at the Benalla Library.