

Library & Local



Children's Book Week 2009

The Library & Local History Centre is delighted to be celebrating Children's Book Week 2009 – 22 to 28 August. The theme this year is 'Book Safari' with the illustrations provided by last year's Book of the Year winner Matt Ottley.

Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia, celebrating its 64th birthday in 2009. The festival fosters the love of reading and celebrates Australian authors and illustrators. This year we have Sara Hall, Guundie Kuchling and Dave Caddy visiting our Library to talk to children about the processes of writing and illustrating books for children.

Please contact the Library on 9273 6090 for further information about this exciting programme.



PLAYAWAY®

The Library & Local History Centre writes a new chapter in convenience by offering Library Members pre-loaded PLAYAWAY® digital audio books – the first self-playing digital audio book. This innovative digital format has been added to our existing audio book collection and each palm-sized unit is permanently loaded with an audio book to make listening as simple as pressing 'play'.

Half the size of a deck of cards, PLAYAWAY® is the simplest way to listen to a book on the go and – with no tapes or CDs – it can hold up to 80 hours of content on each unit.

Using clearly marked buttons, PLAYAWAY® gives listeners the ability to move back and forth within or between chapters and alter the speed of a narrator's voice. It even has an automatic bookmark feature that remembers where you left off. Additionally, PLAYAWAY® has a universal headphone jack that works with almost any type of headphone or mobility accessory.

The Library has over 20 titles on PLAYAWAY® including many selections for children, language learning programmes, best-selling adult fiction and classics. And because the format is friendly for listeners of all ages, every patron can enjoy the new service.

For more information, please call 9273 6090.



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Luxuries in the Library

Did you think you'd have to give up the luxury of a good book just because we're having a recession? Don't do it! This luxury is free at your Library & Local History Centre.

To join the Library just bring along some identification that has your name and your current address on it and our friendly Library staff will enrol you so that you can borrow your chosen books immediately. You can also borrow DVDs, videos, books on CD or cassette, or even jigsaw puzzles. The Library is open:

Monday	9.00am to 6.00pm	Friday	9.00am to 5.00pm
Tuesday	9.00am to 8.00pm	Saturday	9.00am to 1.00pm
Wednesday	9.00am to 6.00pm	Sunday	1.00pm to 5.00pm
Thursday	9.00am to 8.00pm		

For further information, visit www.vincent.wa.gov.au or call 9273 6090.

Family History Week

Visit the Local History Centre during Family History Week – 1 to 9 August. This is a good time to begin your research into the family history and you can access the Ancestry databases for free. Help is available if you are unsure how to use this website, just book an appointment.

On Wednesday 5 August from 10.00am to 11.30am Julie Martin, formerly from the Pictorial Collection at the Batty Library, will present Focussing on Family Photos. This will cover what original photos can tell you about your family history, how to research the information in photos and how to house photographs to minimise deterioration. Bookings are essential, email local.history@vincent.wa.gov.au.



Ellen Brittain of 72 Coogee Street, Mount Hawthorn with daughters Joyce, Sylvia and Eva, c.1921.

Local History Photographic Awards 2009

Entries are now open for the 2009 Local History Photographic Awards. These Awards are designed to encourage and reward community participation in creating a photographic record of the history of the Town of Vincent. There are three categories in which you can enter:

Category One – Individual Photographs

Photographs over 30 years old taken in the Town of Vincent which reveal life in the past, such as landscapes, streetscapes, buildings, interiors, people

at work, staff groups, sport and recreation, and events. There are three sections for individual photographs – Pre-1926; 1926 to 1950 and 1951 to 1975. There are three prizes in each category – \$100 and a plaque featuring the photograph.

Category Two – A Photo Study of 2 to 10 Photographs

This may feature changes over time, a building interior and exterior in the same period or a house history including occupants. There are two prizes of \$100.

Category Three – Household Objects & Tools of the Past

These may be old photographs or taken recently to show the objects. There is one prize of \$100.

Entries close 31 August 2009.

Visit www.vincent.wa.gov.au for further details.



Above: This photograph was one of the winning entries in the 2008 Awards. It depicts the shop on the corner of Anzac Road and Coogee Street, Mount Hawthorn in 1926 which still operates as a deli today. Owner Alice Griggs is in the doorway with her children Myrtle and Reginald on the pavement.

Below: The same shop is shown in 2008.



Studying?

Registered Library Members have 24-hour access to the Encyclopædia Britannica Online version. By logging onto www.vincent.wa.gov.au, locating the Library & Local History Centre page and selecting 'Online Databases and Other Links' you will have access to Encyclopædia Britannica and other databases. *Encyclopaedia Britannica Library Edition Online* is a dependable resource for students as it includes links to over 200,000 Internet sites reviewed by Britannica editors as well as over 150 full text journals and magazines. Have your membership card ready to gain free access to this extensive database.

