

November 2019 Newsletter

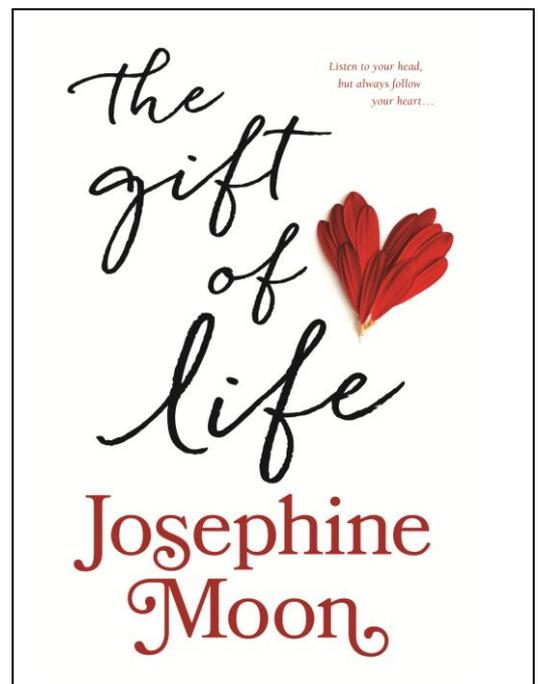


Book review submitted by Pamela Thompson
‘THE GIFT OF LIFE’ by Australian author Josephine Moon
“You have been given the gift of life . Now go live it”

Some years ago my husband Ross and I during our caravan wanderings, met a man who had received a heart transplant 10 years earlier. During a fireside conversation he was happy to share the experience with us. There has always been the question of the recipient noticing changes in his life after the donation and this man said he had never cared about fishing. When he was well enough he was compelled to buy fishing gear and start a whole new interest in his retirement.

During the years and through contact with the donor’s family he found that the young man whose heart he received was an obsessive fisherman. I guess if we consider the heart just an organ then maybe this is just coincidence, but society attaches so many of our emotions to the heart not always considered in connection with the brain functions.

The Gift of Life is fiction, but it explores the possibility that the donor heart can in some way influence the life of the recipient. (My research has shown that some recipients enjoy or are repelled by certain smells, and have odd never before food cravings.) Josephine Moon covers all of these probabilities and weaves a compelling story of two women connected by one donor heart. As the story progresses the connection becomes a little exaggerated and the plots become more and more improbable but the reader can’t help hoping that maybe there is some connection that can solve a mystery for the donor and release the recipient from the consequences of the donation and so that she can begin to enjoy the prospect of a new and amazing life after her transplant miracle.



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A great read!

GAMES NIGHT Junior Friends of the Library



On Tuesday 15th October, Junior Friends of the Library hosted their first activity evening this year. A fun games night was organised by the committee where children from the ages of 7 to 12 could come and play a range of inside and outside games. Over 25 children attended the evening contributing to much laughter and fun. Thanks to all the junior committee members for organising this event and also a special thanks to Lisa for happily supporting the evening. We look forward to more nights like this in the future.



Top. Mikaela Lyttle, Matthew Wal, Fletcher van Lierop , Luke Wal
Middle. Javie Miljkovic, Louis Matheson, Emily van Lierop , Milly Weeks
Bottom. Ryan Goodman



President: Louis Matheson, Treasuer: Emily van Lierop,
Secretary: Milly Weeks, President: Ryan Goodman

About Victorians libraries

<https://www.viccouncils.asn.au/newsroom/campaigns/library-funding>

- 2.2 million Victorians are members of public libraries
- We borrow 46 million items each year
- We visit libraries 30 million times a year
- We make 3.6 million bookings to use library computers and utilise 4.7 million Wi-Fi sessions
- 275 libraries and 35 mobile libraries operate across Victoria
- 8.2 million items are maintained in collections plus a further 700,000 digital resources
- 325 people out of every thousand attended a library program
- Councils fund approximately 80 per cent of library costs
- The Victorian Government contributes approximately 20 per cent of costs

Libraries are a vital community asset. They provide free and equal access to services and programs that contribute to lifelong literacy and learning. Libraries help both children and adults with study, education, workforce participation, social connections and community wellbeing.

They offer formal meeting spaces and informal opportunities to connect with other people – whether it's a warm place to read, attending a bilingual program, joining the bridge players or using the computer. Libraries also provide mobile services to remote communities, the housebound and elderly people.

As cost of living pressures continue to rise, Victoria's public libraries are offering an ever-expanding range of free activities, events and programs for communities to enjoy. There has been a steady increase in attendance at cultural, literacy and skill development programs run by Victoria's public libraries.

Technology is also changing how people access and benefit from modern libraries, with Victorians increasingly using their library remotely, including nearly 15 million visits to library websites to renew or reserve loan items and to search online databases.

Local government is committed to the ongoing provision of high quality public library services that meet the growing and diverse needs of local communities.

Public libraries – a valuable community asset

Technology

Technology is accessible to everyone: wireless hotspots, free public access computers, e-readers, talking books, iPads and more.

Community hubs

Community hubs host a regular schedule of visiting authors, exhibitions, festivals, meetings, dance, training, consultation sessions and discussion groups.

Learning and literacy

Libraries offer a range of learning and literacy resources including: books and resources; regular activity programs such as book and homework clubs, reading groups, rhyme time, story time and bilingual story time; training sessions and courses for adults looking for work, retraining or returning to the workforce, and seniors who want to understand technology.

Connecting people within their community

Libraries are a warm, inviting place to go and meet others, participate in a special interest group, access multicultural materials and resources for people with print and other disabilities, and home delivery services for those who are housebound

Expert staff

Expert staff offer a wealth of free advice, support and information to help people find items, use computers, undertake research, access e-databases; as well as history experts and specialists who work with children and youth.



Murrindindi Shire Council
Alexandra Library

NOVEMBER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2	French Conversation	11am
4	Vintage Readers	2pm
7	Tech Talk and e-Library	10am
7	Stories for the very young	11am
12	Ukulele Heaven	6pm
14	Murrindindi Writers	10am
14	Stories for the very young	11am
16	French Conversation	11am
19	Acoustica Gala	6.30 pm
21	Storytime with Structure	11am
26	4F- homemade games	3.45-4.45pm
26	On The Couch	6pm
26	Blokes' Night	6.30pm
28	Murrindindi Writers	10am
28	Stories for the very young	11am
30	French Conversation	11am

WEEKLY EVENTS

Bridge	Mondays	2pm-5pm
Scrabble	Fridays	2pm-4pm
Knitting and Crochet	Fridays	2pm-4pm

UGFM RADIO LIBRARY HOUR

Tune in and let our charming library staff entertain you with interviews, music, reviews and chat at 10am on Fridays

 www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au
 Phone: 5772 0333

What is the tallest building in the Alexandra?
The library, because it has the most stories.

**Contributions to your Friends of the Alexandra Library
newsletter welcome.**

Book reviews, reviews of events, photos, stories of how libraries affected or changed your life, recipes...

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