



Friends

of the National Library of Australia

BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL FRIENDS EVENTS. Please call (02) 6262 1698 or email friends@nla.gov.au to secure your place.

Dear Friends

2009 has been a great year for the Friends of the National Library. We have enjoyed some memorable events, in particular the Kenneth Myer Lecture, delivered by Professor Ian Frazer. We have also had fascinating speakers for the Canberra Series Lectures, and the day tours to Gundagai and Bowral were a great success.

The Friends reached a significant milestone in August, achieving a membership of over 2000 members.

I hope to see you at the Christmas Party on 7 December and, for those who are unable to attend, on behalf of the Friends Committee, I wish you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

2010 promises to be another big year for the Friends, with many exciting events to look forward to.

Best wishes

Sarah Jaensch

Acting Executive Officer

Friends of the National Library

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friends AGM and Christmas Party

Monday 7 December

AGM, 5.30 pm • Theatre

Christmas Party, 6 pm • Foyer

Cost: \$15

Canberra Series Lecture

Dr Enrico Taglietti

Architect Dr Taglietti has won numerous awards from the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, including Australia's most prestigious architecture prize, the Gold Medal for Architecture.

Wednesday 17 February 2010

• 12.30 – 1.30 pm

Conference Room • Cost: \$5

New Members Evening

All those who first joined the Friends of the National Library in 2009 are invited to join us for a new members evening. This is a great opportunity to meet other new Friends and members of the Friends Committee, as well as enjoy refreshments, live music and a behind-the-scenes tour of the Library.

Monday 15 February 2010

5.30 – 7.30 pm • Foyer • Free

Free Film Screenings

The Friends of the National Library, in association with the Reel McCoy Film Society, present fortnightly film screenings exclusively for members of both organisations. Membership cards must be shown at the door. Membership to either organisation can be arranged on the night.

View the full movie program online at www.nla.gov.au/events/ or call (02) 6262 1698 for further information.

Movies commence at 6 pm in the Library's Theatre. Bookings are not necessary.

FRIENDS BOOK CLUB

All members of the Friends of the National Library are welcome to join the free monthly book club for literary discussion. The meetings are run by participants and each month a group member volunteers to facilitate the discussion.

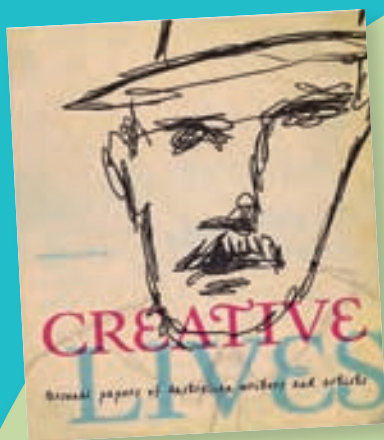
• December—no meeting

• *Ransom* by David Malouf
27 January

• *White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga
23 February

7 – 8.30 pm • Friends Lounge

• Bookings are required



NATIONAL LIBRARY BOOKSHOP SPECIAL OFFER

Penelope Hanley opens the door to the National Library's Manuscripts Collection to reveal 22 stories of well-known Australian literary and artistic figures, giving readers an insight into their creative lives. Diary entries, sketches, paintings and personal photographs illustrate each fascinating portrait. Miles Franklin, Xavier Herbert, Christina Stead, Patrick White, Dorothy Hewett, Kevin Gilbert, Thomas Keneally and Mem Fox are just some of the Australians featured in this recent publication.



Creative Lives

Sale Price \$30 RRP \$39.95

This offer is available to members of Friends of the National Library of Australia. To order a copy, please phone 1800 800 100 or email nlshop@nla.gov.au, and quote your membership number. Mail orders incur a \$5 postage and handling fee. OFFER ENDS 28 FEBRUARY 2010 • OFFER IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR WEB ORDERS AND NO FURTHER DISCOUNTS APPLY



SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL LIBRARY: SHARING THE VISION



Mr Kerry Stokes AC (left) speaking with Sir James Gobbo AC CVO, the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, and Director-General Jan Fullerton AO at the presentation of the Dutch United East India Company charts



Mr Kerry Stokes AC addressing guests at the presentation of four rare Dutch United East India Company charts on 13 August 2009, National Library of Australia



The Hon Julie Bishop MP, Mr Kerry Stokes AC and the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, examining the charts

RARE DUTCH UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY NAVIGATIONAL CHARTS

A generous loan from businessman Mr Kerry Stokes AC of four rare VOC (Verenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie) navigational charts, the only such charts in Australian hands, was celebrated on 13 August 2009 at the National Library of Australia. Created between 1725 and 1740, the charts were issued to ships bound for the East Indies by the Dutch United East India Company, along with other charts and instruments. At the handover were Mr Kerry Stokes AC, Federal Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, the Hon Julie Bishop MP,

the Hon Warwick Smith AM, Sir James Gobbo AC CVO, Director-General Jan Fullerton AO and other special guests.

‘Visitors to the National Library of Australia will undoubtedly appreciate the opportunity to view such historically significant and extraordinarily beautiful charts when they go on show in the permanent Treasures Gallery,’ said Mr Garrett.

As the four charts on loan are undergoing extensive preservation treatment prior to display, they cannot be immediately viewed.



Professor Ian Frazer presenting the 2009 Kenneth Myer Lecture

KENNETH MYER LECTURE

On Thursday 23 July, National Library Friends and guests were treated to an informative and inspiring 2009 Kenneth Myer Lecture, presented by Professor Ian Frazer, entitled *Personalised Medicine and Social Responsibility: A Prescription for Health in the 21st Century?* To listen to Professor Frazer’s talk, go to www.nla.gov.au/webcasts/media/Kenneth-Myer-Lecture-23-07-2009.mp3.

THIESS AND THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION

As part of its 75th anniversary in 2009, Thiess is sponsoring an exhibition of 50 photographs donated to the National Library of Australia from the company’s archives. The exhibition, *Thiess 75 Years: Shaping a Nation*, on display at the Library until February 2010, features one of Australia’s largest contracting companies and its role in developing the nation’s essential infrastructure and resource sector. Photographs selected showcase some of Australia’s well-known infrastructure and mining projects and illustrate pioneering techniques, equipment and machinery, providing an insight into the work and the people who delivered a wide range of projects over many years.



THE LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR DONATION!

Donate and help ensure that the National Library continues to contribute to the vitality of Australia’s culture and learning resources. Follow the links at www.nla.gov.au/supportus/ to make your donation online, or just pop it in the mail. Contact the Development Office on 02 6262 1770 or development@nla.gov.au. * Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. ABN 28 346 858 075

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AUSTRALIA'S WILD PLACES

By Roger McDonald

Drawing on the extensive collection of the National Library of Australia, this lavishly illustrated book celebrates the Australian landscape photographers whose works capture the essence of their country. From the drama of bushscapes to the untouched rocky crags of Western Australia and the serenity of the Tasmanian rainforest, the 105 works collected here trace the development of photography and

a nation's environmental awareness from the early 1800s to the present day.

2009, hb, 300 x 250 mm, 124 pp, colour illus.

RRP \$39.95 ISBN 978-0-642-27671-1



LOST! A TRUE TALE FROM THE BUSH

By Stephanie Owen-Reeder

How long do you think you would survive in the Australian bush in winter with no food and very little water? Almost 150 years ago, three young children found themselves in just such a predicament. For nine days they walked nearly 100 kilometres in a desperate bid to find their way home. Even after almost everybody else had given up, their father continued to search

for them. Experience pioneer life in Australia in the 1860s as you join Isaac, Jane and Frankie on their remarkable journey.

2009, pb, 210 x 190 mm, 114 pp, colour illus.

RRP \$29.95 ISBN 978-0-642-27686-5



OLD MACDONALD HAD SOME LAND

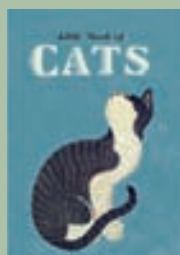
By Susan Hall

Learn about Australian animals and birds with this lift-the-flap book from the National Library of Australia. Meet the koala, echidna, kangaroo and many other favourite animals through this Australian interpretation of the traditional nursery rhyme. Beautiful colour illustrations depict a favourite character in an Australian setting which,

when combined with John Gould's stunning animal images from the Library's collection, encourages children to interact with the characters and learn simple facts about each animal.

2009, pb, 210 x 190 mm, 32 pp, colour illus.

RRP \$17.95 ISBN 978-0-642-27690-2



LITTLE BOOK OF CATS

The poems in this latest addition to the Library's popular 'Little Books' series celebrate the feelings many Australians have for their cats—love for their elegance and poise, appreciation for their soothing presence, respect for their independence and aloofness, enjoyment of their antics, and reluctant acceptance of their 'gifts'. In *Little Book of Cats*, poems by authors such as Les Murray, William Hart-Smith

and Gwen Harwood are accompanied by beautiful images from the Library's collection.

2009, pb, 176 x 125 mm, 48 pp, colour illus.

RRP \$15.50 ISBN 978-0-642-27691-9



WOMEN OF FLOWERS

By Leonie Norton

The National Library of Australia's collection of Australian wildflower art by women artists of colonial and post-colonial Australia is featured in *Women of Flowers: Botanical Art in Australia from the 1830s to the 1960s*. Leonie Norton examines the role of these women artists whose beautiful works contribute just as significantly to botany as they do to early

Australian art. *Women of Flowers* is a feast for the eyes, bringing to life the vibrancy and intricacy of Australia's native flora.

2009, pb, 290 x 236 mm, 120 pp, colour illus.

RRP \$34.95 ISBN 978-0-642-27683-4



THE FLOWER HUNTER: THE REMARKABLE LIFE OF ELLIS ROWAN

By Christine and Michael Morton-Evans

Ellis Rowan was one of Australia's most accomplished artists and an unexpected adventurer. During World War I, Rowan, 70 years old at the time, ventured alone into the New Guinean jungles in search of all 72 known species of the Bird of Paradise. *The Flower Hunter* is the story of a woman who went to

extraordinary lengths to paint her beloved subject matter, journeying to some of the most wild and inhospitable areas of Australia and beyond. Today Rowan is all but forgotten, yet her work lives on in the 970 paintings carefully preserved in the National Library of Australia.

2009, pb, 234 x 153 mm, 336 pp, colour illus.

RRP \$34.95 ISBN 978-0-642-27701-5



CREATIVE LIVES: PERSONAL PAPERS OF AUSTRALIAN WRITERS AND ARTISTS

By Penelope Hanley

Miles Franklin, Xavier Herbert, Patrick White, Dorothy Hewett, Thomas Keneally and Mem Fox all have stories hidden in the Manuscripts Collection of the National Library of Australia. Penelope Hanley deepens our insights into the creative lives

of these and other well-known Australian literary and artistic figures in a book generously illustrated with photographs, sketches and paintings, diaries and drafts, and cards and letters. Read about convict James Tucker's gruesome floggings, Henry Lawson's sporadic imprisonment and alcoholism, how Judy Cassab outwitted the Nazis and much more about the famous Australians in *Creative Lives*.

2009, pb, 250 x 220 mm, 208 pp, colour illus.

RRP \$39.95 ISBN 978-0-642-27656-8

