

The Women's Library



<p>The Library Monologues MARCH 2007</p>
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We're sending out an email newsletter once a month or so to keep you up with what's happening at the Women's Library. If you wish to be taken off the distribution list please just reply to this email and ask to be removed.

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Groups at the Library

In the last 'Library Monologues' we talked about how we now have Shirley Kent working Tuesday and Wednesdays at the library. Shirley is from a community agencies/welfare background. She is also incredibly hardworking and has already put together the program for three groups she is going to run out of the library. These groups are free to all Women's Library members.

From 3rd April she is running a group called "From Woe to Go" a support group for women who have experienced or are experiencing depression. It'll run Tuesdays from 10.30 till 12 midday for six weeks.

She's also starting a women's writing group in the evenings in May and a weekday book group.

If you're interested in any of these give her a call on Tuesday or Wednesday at the library on 9557 7060 between 11am and 3pm or pop in and see her then.

The EDNAs

The Women's Electoral Lobby 'Edna' awards are on in May. For those not familiar with the story:

The 'Ednas' are named in honour of Edna Ryan who was a leading figure in three eras of feminism in the 20th century. As a feminist and labour activist she is credited with achieving equal pay for women, maternity leave and work based child care. Ryan wrote numerous articles, conference papers, submissions to government and two books, *Gentle invaders* (1975) and *Two thirds of a man* (1984)

The Ednas are awards made to women who have made a feminist difference within the various categories of the workforce, government, arts, community activism, media/communication, humour, mentoring, battling, education and the 'Grand Stirrer - inciting others to challenge the status quo.

Nominations have to be in by 31 March and the awards night is Friday 11 May. To find out all the details just google the Womens Electoral Lobby or you can give them a call on 9212 4374.

Townsville Feminist Conference in July

Coralie McLean (coraliemclean@ozemail.com.au): sends in this information:

Committed to a feminist future?

Eager to engage with 21st Century global issues?

Looking for a different kind of conference?

Join us in tropical North Queensland in July 2007 for the

INTERNATIONAL FEMINIST SUMMIT

"Women of Ideas: Feminist Thinking for a New Era"

Check out our website:

<http://www.feministagenda.org.au/Summit/summitIndex.html>

IWD – A packed Women's Library

Thanks to the more than 40 women who turned up to help us celebrate IWD at the Women's Library. The event included a great barbie (thanks to Sue 'Jamie Oliver' Gee), drumming, singing and a spoken word performance by TWL writing supremo Uma.

There was also a really interesting panel discussion featuring Gail Hewison from the Feminist Bookshop, Beverley Sodbinow from Jessie Street National Women's Library and Gayle Pearson from Newtown Library. Discussion centred on classics of women's writing and whether they were in danger of disappearing through apathy and ignorance.

And as Gail Hewison pointed out: use it or lose it: the website for the Feminist Bookshop is: <http://home.iprimus.com.au/feministbookshop/>

Thanks to Gabes, TWL convenor, who took a night off from her usual stand up comedy routine, to comper the night.

Look out for Spinifex

Spinifex will soon have the first 10 pages of their books available on their Internet site so you can have a read and decide if you want to buy. Keep an eye on their website.

<http://www.spinifexpress.com.au/>

Bargain books all \$2

If you haven't been into the library for a while you won't have noticed the literally thousands of books we've accumulated in the secondhand bookstall. There are many excellent titles in popular crime/mystery, literary bestsellers, Penguin classics, children's books, lesbian fiction (including crime and romance), and non-fiction from travel, biography, cookbooks, sport, psychology, philosophy, health and so much more. We just need to get rid of them so they're all priced at \$2 (and you're quite welcome to resell them on eBay or at your local secondhand bookstore should you feel like it).

So bring a box with you and stock up on Easter reading.

Easter Opening Times

We're closed Good Friday and Monday but we will be open Saturday and Sunday from 12 till 4pm (as per normal).

Thanks for your time

Cheers

Jeannie

(Public Officer and Community Liaison)

The Women's Library Management Committee

The Women's Library hours:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3rd Monday only of each month 11am - 3pm	11am - 3pm	11am - 3pm	11am - 3pm	closed	12noon - 4pm	12noon - 4pm
			5.30pm - 8pm			

If coming any distance please ring first to make sure the library is open as running on volunteers shifts are sometimes not filled.

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