

The Women's Library



The Library Monologues February 2008

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.

**The Women's Library
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Hi everyone and welcome to The Library Monologues. Jeannie is taking a break after long and faithful service to the library and so the monologues will be coming to you from me (Shirley) for the next few months. Just want to say how much we appreciate all Jeannie has done for the library over the years.

Just a reminder to anyone who hasn't renewed their membership that from the 1st of March memberships can be renewed for six months at a reduced cost.

As you are probably aware the library does not receive any external funding. The City of Sydney has generously allowed us to use the space rent free for a year in order to employ a project coordinator for four hours a week. As well as this, we occasionally are successful in obtaining small grants. Other than this however, the Women's Library relies on memberships, donations and the proceeds from our bookshop to survive. We also rely on our wonderful group of volunteers to keep the doors open. With increased insurance costs and ongoing expenses it is a challenge to keep afloat. Any support is welcomed and your renewed membership, donation or willingness to volunteer helps keep us alive.

What's happening at the Library:

After the last AGM we now have a committee composed of some old faces (as in those of us who have been around for a while) and some new faces.

The current committee is:

Library Convenor: Fiona DAVIDSON

Treasurer: Tracy FILBY

Kathy HART, Sue GEE, Janet STAINES, Spiderlily REDGOLD, Fran JOHNSTON

Project Co-ordinator: Shirley KENT

The Project Coordinator is available at the library on Saturdays between 12 -4 and contactable by mobile outside those hours.

'Storying Our Lives' Project:

Due to a small grant from the City of Sydney Council we are running a project called 'Storying Our Lives'. This consists of art workshops, a writing contest and an exhibition and small book celebrating women's lives in Sydney.

Art workshops have been well attended and there is still space in the last one on the 23rd February if anyone is interested. The workshop runs from 10.30a.m until 3p.m and art materials are supplied. Art work from the workshops will be exhibited at the library, opening on the night of our IWD event.

The writing contests invites women to submit 500 words in any genre Shoney Shingly - . about their lives in the City of Sydney (or suburbs). The contest closes on 28/2/08 and entry forms are available from the Library. A generous first prize of \$75.00. second prize of \$25.00 and probable publication in the booklet is the incentive to enter.

Groups at the Library

A number of groups are running at the library. These include:

Lesbian Open House – every Tuesday night
Outwrite – for experienced queer writers
Tangerine Circle – for women of colour
Sunday Book Group – monthly
Door in the Wall Choir
Chorus of Women
Running with Wolves Discussion Group
Wednesday Discussion Group for women.

We are also hoping to run a Creativity and Conversation group monthly on Saturdays commencing after the exhibition in March.

If you are interested in any of these groups please contact the library for further details,

International Women's Day at the Library:

It is 100 years since women first marched on IWD. Let's make this a big one by supporting the City march on Saturday 8th March, 2008. The library will be closed on that day to allow all to participate.

In celebration of women, we are joining with the Newtown Library on Thursday night, 6th March. The event will consist of a sausage sizzle, speakers, entertainment including drumming and performance, and the launch of our 'Storying Our Lives' art exhibition.

The event commences at 6p.m and all are welcome.

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. All our books are \$2.00 so come in, snap up a bargain and support the library.

And lastly – Door in the Wall rehearses at the Library – here is news of their latest appearance!

bRAVE – Door in The Wall Choir.

We've always been bRAVE! Since 1978 Mardi Gras has encouraged us to be bRAVE together; bRAVE enough to be arrested, bRAVE enough to 'come out', or to just 'bRAVE the weather'. Every step of the way we've had our music, our songs of protest, our anthems, the music that makes us high! Join vocalists DOOR in the WALL as they salute what is, was and always will be our "bRAVE New World" - the Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras.

Show 1: Sunday 17/2/08, The Supper Club, 134 Oxford St, Darlinghurst, 8pm (doors open 7pm). Tickets \$20 through moshtix or at the door.

Show 2: Saturday 23/2/08, CafeChurch, 37 St Johns Rd, Glebe, 8pm. Tickets \$20 at the door.

Shirley

Project Coordinator – The Women's Library

16th February, 2008.

The Women's Library hours:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
11am - 3pm	11am - 3pm	11am - 3pm	11am - 3pm	closed	12noon - 4pm	12noon - 4pm

If coming any distance please ring first to make sure the library is open as sometimes volunteers may be unable to make their shift.