


# The Women's Library


## Newsletter




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#### Aims


 The Women's Library will comprise a lending library, a reference library and an information exchange and community centre.


 The Women's Library will house print and non-print material by, for and about women such as:

- texts that are required reading for courses offered at Sydney tertiary institutions that address the status of women, including Lesbians;
- published and unpublished papers and theses;
- published and unpublished works of fiction, with emphasis on fiction produced by Australian Women, particularly Lesbians;
- published and unpublished works of non-fiction, with particular attention to collecting in areas of special interest to Lesbian and feminist Women;
- journals, with particular emphasis on journals produced by Australian Lesbians and feminists;
- ephemera;
- photographs, letters, diaries, posters; and
- audio visual material.

 The Women's Library will be a safe and supportive space, where women, including Lesbians, can relax, read, study and exchange information.

 The Women's Library will be a resource particularly for researchers and students concerned with addressing the status of women, including Lesbians.

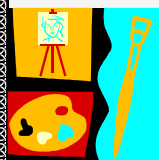
 TWL Inc. will raise funds through donations, grants and activities of a commercial nature to maintain The Women's Library.

 TWL Inc. will house The Women's Library in an appropriate and accessible location.

  
from *The Women's Library Constitution 1996*

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### Off the Wall Art Space:



Are you a woman artist who would like to exhibit? Maybe you are just starting out and have not yet exhibited or perhaps you have some work you would like to exhibit in a friendly space. The Off the Wall art space at the library has hosted a number of exhibitions including paintings, photography, drawings and charcoal. The only cost is a small commission from any sales.

If you are interested contact the library on 9557 7060.

### THE BEST LITTLE BOOKSTORE IN NEWTOWN

**Where: The Women's Library**

**8-10 Brown Street, NEWTOWN**

**All books \$2.00**

**Hardcovers and paperbacks, fiction and non fiction**

**A wide range of titles.**

*The Women's Library acknowledges the traditional owners of the land—the Gadigal people of the Eora nation.*

**Women's chains have been forged by men, not by anatomy. ~Estelle R.**

## Volunteers: Very Very Important

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I am filling in for Fran this month as she (lucky woman) is on holidays.

The 'From Our collection' afternoons that Fran initiated have been a great addition to the TWL calendar.

On 29th August Brigid Delaney came and spoke about her book 'The Restless Life'.

Brigid is an author, journalist and former lawyer. She has been a staff writer for the Sydney Morning Herald and a contributor to the Age, The Spectator, The London Telegraph and CNN. Having lived the restless life—fifteen cities over the last fifteen years—Brigid laments the loss of the old structures that held things together like romantic love, full time permanent work and real world communities.

We had some interesting reading from Brigid's book, including a very amusing vignette of speed dating—and, as usual, a stimulating discussion and excellent afternoon tea!

Don't miss Jean Taylor discussing her book *Brazen Hussies*—a herstory of radical feminism in Victoria on 26th September at 2p.m

Shirley

Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers:

Aliya, Alyce, Amanda, Caroline, Fiona, Fran, Gabe, Glennifer, , Hilary, Jennifer, Julie, Lee, Lynne, Mary, Mif, Miriam, Rory, Shirley, Spider, Stephanie, Sue, and Tracy.

### Project Coordinators Report

Hi all

Welcome to our September edition of TWL news.

*Lots of exciting things happening at the library with our 'From Our Collection' afternoons, Lesbian Open House and our new meditation group all being well attended.*

*We have some new volunteers on board and the library is looking great. Just want to mention Glennifer who for many years now has kept our plants green and healthy. Thanks Glennifer.*

*With our AGM coming up please take time to think about whether you have some time to give on the library management committee.*

*And don't forget the TWL Awards*

*Many women serve our community with passion and dedication and are largely unrecognized. The TWL awards acknowledge women who give time, energy and commitment to promoting women's communities and supporting their sisters.*

*There are two sections to the awards.*

1. *Women who have given their time and energy to promoting Lesbian issues and support for lesbians*
2. *Women who have given their time and energy to the promotion and support of The Women's Library*

*So if you know someone who deserves recognition—one of our unsung heroines—pick up a nomination form from the library.*

*Remember, visitors are always welcome, we have a great collection, some very interesting feminist herstory and very comfortable lounges*

*Contributions of book reviews, opinion pieces or creative writing are always welcome for the newsletter.*

Shirley Kent

*I became a feminist as an alternative to becoming a masochist—Sally Kempton*

## *Writing Women*

### “The Raven Revisited” By Cathy Lofts

Edgar Allan Poe  
Tells us a tale  
Of woe,  
Concerning the Raven  
And what by legend  
He repeated to have foretold

“Never more, never more”  
Said the raven,  
Unfortunate to be sure  
But though this be his reputation,  
I find him to be  
A fine fellow indeed  
Undeserving of such vilification.

He has a shiny black coat  
And though a little remote,  
May be persuaded to dine  
For free  
From the locals’ weekly  
Debris  
And perhaps pop in later  
For some crumpets and tea.

Indeed, I would hasten to say  
Without recourse to delay,  
That all that is missing “chez lui” is a  
black top hat,  
For he must have that  
And a cane of the finest ebony.

#### City Questions:

*Why is it that people at  
stoplights think  
pushing the  
button a hundred times  
will make the light go green  
more quickly?*

*What would happen if just  
for one day  
We all told the truth about  
everything?  
If a shop assistant asks  
'Can I help you?'*

*What would happen if we  
said 'Yes, my life sucks and  
I need  
To know  
The meaning of it all?'*

*Is everyone rushing in the  
streets really in a hurry  
Or is it just a bad habit we  
have  
Like fingernail chewing?*

*How come coffee shops  
always employ  
young gorgeous staff?*

*Would we eat more if we  
were served by comfortably  
round people  
Who urged us to have  
another helping?*

*How many people talking  
on hands free phones are  
really talking to themselves?*

*Why are there so many cou-  
ples in the world when you  
are single?*

*Moira*

We're On The Web:  
www.thewomenslibrary.org.au

## Noticeboard -Events and Groups for Women

### From Our Collection: *Brazen Hussies*

Come along and join a discussion with Jean TAYLOR . Jean is the author of

*Brazen Hussies—A Herstory of Radical Activism in the Women's Liberation Movement in Victoria 1970-1979*

When: 26th September, 2010  
2p.m-4p.m

Where: the Women's Library  
8-10 Brown Street, NEWTOWN

Afternoon tea provided.  
All welcome

### Gay and Lesbian Counselling Service

If you need to talk to someone the Gay and Lesbian Counselling Service provides telephone support 7 days a week between 5.30p.m and 10.30p.m The service is free and confidential

02 8594 9596

*Women Hold Up Half the Sky*

### Groups at TWL:

**Lesbian Open House:**  
Every Tuesday evening at 7pm

**Oestrogen Doesn't Rot  
Your  
Keyboard**  
4th Saturday of the Month 1pm

**Guided Meditation**  
Thursday 5.50p.m-7p.m  
Cost: \$10 or \$5 concession  
Contact: Anna 0416 258 793

**C WORD**  
**Lesbian Cancer Support Group**  
4th Wednesday of each month.  
Contact Siri at ACON  
92062007

### ••••• Domestic Violence Support Group: •••••

- For women who have experienced any form of domestic violence. This group runs weekly for eight weeks at different times throughout the year.
- For information contact:  
• Nicole or Ilknur on 9560 7788

### Older Women's Network (OWN)

87 Lower Fort Street,  
MILLERS POINT  
Activities, groups and  
information for older  
women

Contact: 02 9247 7046

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