

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- published and unpublished papers and theses;
- published and unpublished works of fiction, with emphasis on fiction produced by Australian Women, particularly Lesbians;
- published and unpublished works of non-fiction, with particular attention to collecting in areas of special interest to Lesbian and feminist Women;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.



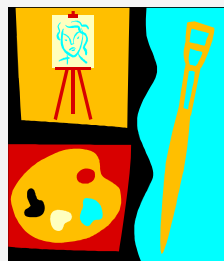
TWL Inc. will house The Women's Library in an appropriate and accessible location.



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:

TWL's second hand bookstore has an eclectic and amazing collection of books of many genres, topics and content—from romance to travel, from mystery to new age.

All books sell for \$2 so come in and grab a bargain and support the library while you do it. \$2 is a small price for entertainment and you will be surprised by the variety of our wares!

**At: The Women's Library
8-10 Brown Street,
NEWTOWN. 9557 7060**

The Women's Library acknowledges the traditional owners of the land—the Gadi-gal people of the Eora Nation.

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

Volunteers: Very Very Important

Convenor's Corner

Hi everyone

I have stepped into the role of Acting Convenor while we reorganise our committee for 2011.

I would like to appeal to anyone who has some time and enthusiasm to spare to consider nominating for the committee. We have a small and dedicated committee at the moment, but, as we all know, life can get in the way, and we do need a few more good women involved in TWL if we are to continue to exist!

The library provides a space for groups and community events, as well as books (of course!), a safe space to have a chat or find out information.

We look forward to seeing women at our IWD event in March. We will also be marching with our banner in the IWD rally in the city on the 12th march. Meeting at Town Hall.

Shirley

Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers:

Aliya, Amanda, Bronwyn, Fiona, Fran, Gabe, Glenniffer, Hilary, Jenny, Jennifer, Lee, Mif, Shirley, Spider and Tracy.



From Our Collection

These gatherings have proved a wonderful initiative at TWL.

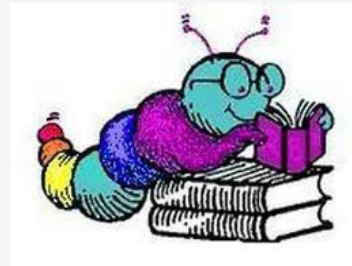
On 26th September 2010 we all gathered to meet Jean Taylor, author of "Brazen Hussies" - a book which documents the heady days of the first decade of Melbourne's women's liberation movement.

Jean told some wonderful stories about the women's liberation movement.

Jean told some wonderful stories about women's early battles to lobby for better access to health care, childcare, and better working conditions. An afternoon tea of stimulating discussion, reminiscing and good food was enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks to Jean for sharing her time with us.

Is your idea of a good night out curling up with a good book and a cup of tea?
Are you interested in talking literature and life with other like minded people?

CALLING ALL BOOK LOVERS!



The Women's library is starting a **book group** every 4th Monday of the month. The first meeting is on the 21st March 2011, 7pm at the Women's library.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Groups at TWL:

Book Club
4th Monday of the month at TWL

Lesbian Open House:
Every Tuesday evening at 7pm

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

Guided Meditation
Every Thursday night at 5.50 PM
COST: \$10 or \$5 concession
Contact: Anna 0416 258 793

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

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2011

- Celebrating 100 years of IWD
- TWL will be taking part in the City March.
- Meeting at 12 NOON at TOWN HALL

And then, to recover from a big day on Saturday, join us for:

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA

Time: 2-4pm
PLACE: TWL
8-10 Brown St
Newtown

The afternoon will include poetry, drumming, conversation and delicious food, as well as a display of women's herstory.

Penny Gulliver is offering a \$10 discount to women enrolling in the following classes if they produce a copy of this newsletter.

SALSA
\$65 for 6 weeks
10 Brown St Newtown
Starts 7-8pm, Wednesday 2nd March 2011.
PH: 0411 808 451
www.samesexsalsa.com.au

KICKING BOXING
104 Erskineville Rd
Erskineville.
Starts Thursday 3rd march
PH: 0411 808 451

When I dare to be powerful -- to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid.

Audre Lord

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

Noticeboard: Events and Groups for Women



Lesbians in the House Concert

Sunday 10 July Sydney Opera House

2000 lesbians gathered at the Sydney Opera House 20 years ago for an unforgettable night of great music, dance and comedy. On **10 July 2011** lesbians will be back in the House with many of the original artists plus a whole lot more! The 1991 performers will reunite: Judy Small, Deborah Cheetham, Anique, Kath & Ini and Jive with Jeanette dancers will be joined by Bluehouse, Julie McCrossin, Shauna Jensen, Kerriane Cox, Mignon Lee-Warden, Donna-Maree Dunlop, Sally Whitwell, Maeve Marsden, Cath Golden, Toni Lulich & Pia Cameron. The concert includes surprises, a community choir, an honouring of lesbians who have died during the last 20 years and a young singers showcase featuring: Bo Banta, Gabby Dever, Hannah Matysek and Genevieve

Chadwick.

We would love to hear from the following:

Young Sisters Showcase: If you're a young (30 or under) lesbian singer / songwriter and would like to perform an original song, send your audition CD or DVD to **creative womyn down under** PO Box 543, Petersham 2049. Or email a website link to you music online by 13 May 2011 to georgina@creativewomyn.net.

Choir Call Out: Would you like to sing in the Lesbians in the House Choir? All ages welcome. Sydney rehearsals begin 26th march and will be held once a month on a Saturday afternoon from 3pm to 6pm at The Women's Library, Newtown. Email georgina@creativewomyn.net to register. **In Addition**, other lesbian choirs around Australia wanting to participate are invited to contact us by **31st march 2011**.

In Memory: If you know of an Australian lesbian who has died in the last 20 years and you would like to see her honoured at our Gala, send her name, photo and date of passing to georgina@creativewomyn.net by **10th June 2011**.

Tickets \$140/\$100 on sale from International Women's Day, 8th march 2011.

Via www.sydneypoperahouse.com The concert will be Auslan interpreted.

This concert is for lesbian's our friends and family.

LESBIAN WEEKENDER 8-10 JULY 2011

Friday 8 July 7pm – 11pm: Lesbian Bush Dance with KD Twang and a live Lesbian Bush band in Marrickville .

Saturday 9 July 10am – 5pm A Day in Newtown Lesbian Artisans Market; Poetry Session; short films; Lesbian Walking Tour ending with a BBQ lunch at [The Women's Library](#); Open Mic; Forum facilitated by [Katrina Fox](#). @ [Newtown Neighbourhood Centre](#).

Saturday 9 July 7.30pm – 10pm Lesbian Movie Night @The Women's Library. Enjoy a great lesbian movie in feminist company: 'Better Than Chocolate', chocolate treats and a lively discussion among the stacks.

Join the Creative Womyn Down Under email group at www.creativewomyn.net for updates.

If your interested n holding an event this weekend/other enquires: Georgina 0406 372 142

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Women Hold Up half The Sky