



Nedlands
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Subjects of Note

August to December 2019



City of Nedlands

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Kathleen O'Connor of Paris

by Amanda Curtin



What does it mean to live a life in pursuit of art?

In 1906, Kathleen O'Connor left conservative Perth, where her famous father's life had ended in tragedy. She had her sights set on a career in thrilling, bohemian Paris. More than a century later, novelist Amanda Curtin faces her own questions, of life and of art, as she embarks on a journey in Kate's footsteps.

Join award-winning author Amanda Curtin as she talks about the life and work of this vibrant artist who lived and exhibited in Paris for over forty years. Kate's distinctive figure paintings, portraits and still lifes, highly prized today, form an inseparable part of the telling of this incredible story.

Copies of *Kathleen O'Connor of Paris* will be available for purchase.

Tuesday 13 August

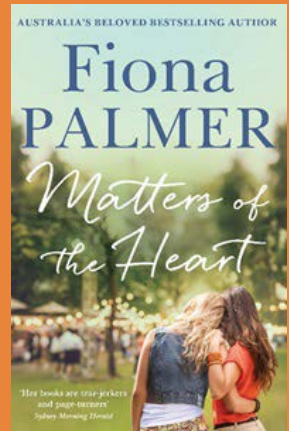
10.30am – 11.30am

Nedlands Library

Free event, bookings essential.

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Matters of the Heart.

by *Fiona Palmer*

Fiona Palmer is a writer of both women's and young adult fiction, working as a farmhand and caring for her two children in the tiny rural community of Pingaring, about 350km from Perth.

A classic love story about manners, men and modern romance retold by bestselling Australian author, Fiona Palmer.

Fiona reimagines Jane Austen's beloved classic tale of manners and marriage, transporting an enduring love story in this very twenty-first century novel about family, female empowerment and matters of the heart.

Copies of *Matters of the Heart* will be available for purchase.

Friday 13 September

10.30am – 11.30am

Mt Claremont Library

The Community Hive

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That was my Home:

Voices from the Noongar Camps at Shenton Park

with Lynnette Coomer
and Dr Denise Cook

Noongar families lived in camps at Shenton Park as recently as the 1950s. Join Lynnette Coomer as she shares memories of her young life with her extended family in the Shenton Park camps. Dr Denise Cook spoke to many people with connections to the camps and will share some of their histories, as well as discussing the importance of following Aboriginal cultural protocols.



Denise Cook is an historian, oral historian, museum curator and interpretation specialist.

Lynnette Coomer lived in the Shenton Park camps in the 1950s with her parents, grandmother Melba Bodney, and siblings.

Copies of *That was my Home: Voices from the Noongar Camps in Fremantle and the Western Suburbs* will be available for purchase.

Tuesday 1 October

10.30am – 11.30am

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Jolimont camps, 1957. Permission: Whadjuk Working Party, Collection:
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The Magnificent Gift and the Swan River Flying Club with Kevin Smythe

Kevin Smythe is a Perth native who worked 22 years in the RAAF in operations and intelligence. He then worked in the Middle East as a military advisor for a further 15 years during Gulf War 2 and thereafter. In 2016 Kevin returned to Perth to commence research on the story of the Catalinas that flew from Perth in WW2. Kevin's work covers both the Qantas story and the exploits of the United States Navy which was based at Crawley 1942-1944.



Kevin's research has uncovered vital new information that explains the real purpose of the Qantas Double Sunrise Flights as well as the reason that USN Catalinas were assigned to Perth, even though they were part of firstly the Asiatic Fleet based in Manila and later the 7th Fleet based on Australia's east coast. The research has revealed the political background to both operations and shone new light on the real roles and purpose of the history of the Catalina PBY in Perth during WW2.

Tuesday 12 November

10.30am – 11.30am

Nedlands Library

Free event, bookings essential.

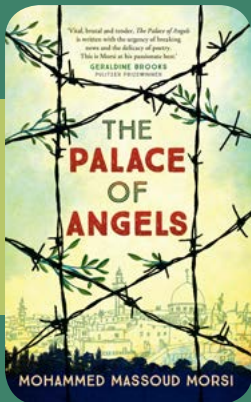
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The Palace of Angels by Mohammed Massoud Morsi

Mohammed Massoud Morsi was born in Copenhagen in 1975 and promptly started a roving lifestyle, moving to Egypt with his Egyptian parents, then back to Denmark to further his schooling. He was drawn to writing from an early age and found his calling in places far beyond the news fronts, and into human wastelands—light years from the trodden tourist runs.

Morsi's life experiences have given him a rich matrix which looks to important questions, finding what is quintessentially human within much broader struggles. He is a natural storyteller with compelling authenticity and an exquisite feeling for romance, at once sensitive and earthy.

Copies of *The Palace of Angels* will be available for purchase.



Tuesday 19 November

6pm – 7pm
Nedlands Library

Free event, bookings essential.
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Macramé Christmas Tree Decoration Workshop with Lisa Black

Get ahead with your new Christmas decorations. Join Lisa Black from Creative Workshops to guide you through the making of a macramé Christmas Tree decoration.

All material is provided. There is a \$5 fee for this workshop to be paid on the day. Morning tea is included.



Monday 2 December

10am – 12pm

The Community Hive,

Mt Claremont Library and Community Centre

Bookings essential as there are limited spaces.
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Nedlands Library opening hours

Monday	9.30am – 6.00pm
Tuesday	9.30am – 8.00pm
Wednesday	9.30am – 8.00pm
Thursday	9.30am – 8.00pm
Friday	9.30am – 6.00pm
Saturday	9.00am – 1.00pm
Sunday	1.00pm – 5.00pm

Mt Claremont Library opening hours

Monday	9.30am – 7.00pm
Tuesday	9.30am – 6.00pm
Wednesday	9.30am – 6.00pm
Thursday	9.30am – 6.00pm
Friday	9.30am – 6.00pm
Saturday	9.00am – 12.00pm
Sunday	Closed

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