



NORTHERN TERRITORY LIBRARY NEWS



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Youth Writes Workshop by Anne Devenish

To coincide with National Youth Week, Barry Jonsberg, one of the country's leading writers of fiction for young adults presented a youth writing workshop at the Northern Territory Library on Saturday 14 April 2007.

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National Treasures from Australia's Great Libraries by Poppy Lelekis

A great Australian story was unveiled on Saturday 14 April when National Treasures from Australia's Great Libraries opened its doors to Territorians for the first time. Over 2000 people visited the free exhibition being held at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) during its opening weekend. Jo Mc Gill, Director, Northern Territory Library said, 'it's great to see so many people taking advantage of this opportunity.' As part of the exhibition, a free bookmark will be given to every exhibition visitor with a new one handed out each week. Free floor talks are also being held and bookings are essential t: 1800 019 155.

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MrPerrimanat mission gate, Grootte Eylandt, NT

Northern Territory Library's Treasures by Lynette Aitchison

Territory treasures held by the Northern Territory Library are on display. The Library's display complements the National Treasures Exhibition which is being held at MAGNT. Fifteen special items are on display in the Library, including the Perriman Photographic Collection and the 1864 Log of the Surveying Schooner Beatrice.

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Law @ your library by Elizabeth Roberts

NT Legal Information Toolkit

Do you have a legal question? Need to know your rights and obligations, what to do if you have to go to court or where to go for legal help? Would you like to make an official complaint but you don't know how?

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events

Treasures from Australia's Great Libraries - floor talks every Friday 3.30pm
Poetry workshop, Saturday 5 May
Short Story workshop, Sunday 6 May
Lunchtime talk: 'Treasures from Australia's Great Libraries'
Tuesday 22 May 2007
NT Literary Awards close: 31 May 2007

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Youth Writes workshop

Barry's skill as a teacher and a writer for young adults was evident throughout the workshop and he generously awarded signed copies of his book to encourage and inspire the young people attending. Participants also had the opportunity to win an Ipod at the workshop.

The Library, as the host of the NT Literary Awards and promoting literacy, was an excellent venue for this event. The writing workshop was an opportunity to promote our services to assist with the future studies and writing endeavours of young people.

National Treasures from Australia's Great Libraries

The Northern Territory Library encourages all Territorians to visit the exhibition to be in the running to win some fantastic prizes.

To get involved Territorians need to visit the exhibition at MAGNT and the complementary display at the Northern Territory Library, Parliament House, now until 11 June.

Jo McGill said if seeing Ned Kelly's helmet or Sir Donald Bradman's bat up close isn't exciting enough, the treasures competition will be sure to enthuse.

"We are giving away ipods, book vouchers and more," said Jo.

Thanks to one of the exhibition sponsors, Sofitel, some lucky Territorian will go into the draw to win the major prize which includes a night's accommodation, dinner and breakfast at the Novotel Atrium Hotel, Darwin, simply by answering three easy questions. The complementary display in the Library has interactive items plus other historically significant material from the Library's own collection.

Entry forms for the competition are available at MAGNT and the Library. The competition entry box is located on the Mezzanine level of the Library. Competition closes on Tuesday 12 June, 2007.

Northern Territory Library's Treasures

A large collection of images were taken by Harry Perriman whilst working as a pioneer missionary among the Aborigines of Roper River, Groote Eylandt and Oenpelli in Arnhem Land from 1921 until 1941. These images were reproduced as lantern slides, a very popular form of entertainment prior to the development of cinema, and are now held by the Library. Lantern slides are glass plates from which painted or photographic images were projected for public viewing.

John Hutchison's log records the voyage of the Beatrice for the period 9 April to 14 December 1864, sailing from Adelaide to Escape Cliffs, via Sydney and the Torres Strait. HMS Beatrice was charged with the task of surveying the coastline and played an important role in the nomenclature of the Northern Territory. Her crew surveyed the Adelaide River, Adam Bay, Port Darwin and Bynoe Harbour, and she also acted as supply ship for the infant Escape Cliffs settlement.

Law @ your library

Information about these legal topics and much more is available in the Northern Territory Legal Information Tool Kit. A practical and useful resource, the Tool Kit contains easy to understand information about the most frequently asked legal questions. The Northern Territory Library compiled the kit and distributed it to NT libraries in 2005. The Library has now updated the contents and compiled a complementary NT legal resources website with grant money from the NT Law Society Public Purposes Trust.

The website is at http://www.ntl.nt.gov.au/online_resources/law_at_your_library
The Legal Information Tool Kit is located in the reference collection of every public and community library in the Northern Territory, including our Library.