

## Love can conquer death at the library?

In our hospital library we ran a non-medical Valentine's Day quiz: the prize for the correct answer was (of course) chocolates, plus a few library goodies in a nice re-useable gift bag. I advertised the quiz widely through the hospital via e-mail and on notice boards. There was a gratifying response from non-clinical staff, one of whom won, much to the disgust of our medical students!

We have a resident skeleton called Cedric, whom we regularly dress up to fit a theme. Ced was done up in a bow tie, with a bunch of red roses, a big love heart plus a balloon.



Cedric the skeleton

All staff who actually came to the library and asked about our services received a chocolate. (Our library is physically isolated from the main hospital). We decorated with red and white streamers and balloons plus fresh flowers. (The daisies were still going on 7 March!)

Considering there was a shorter lead time than I would have liked, it was a success and we'll do it all again next year with a bigger prize.

**Janet Iffinger (QROC)**

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## Library Lovers Day at the EPA

The EPA Library, Brisbane, enthusiastically celebrated Library Lovers Day on February 14th. Decorated with red balloons, origami hearts, hearts hanging from the ceiling and Library Lovers Day hearts, we welcomed 30 or so guests, including colleagues from the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, to help us celebrate this most auspicious occasion!

Library staff compiled quotations about books and libraries and we decorated the library with appropriate quotes ('Libraries, the best chapter in your life', 'If you have the question, we would love to answer it' and 'We'll help you find the book of your dreams'). We displayed a range of new book titles with 'Love this book' attached to them, which generated a lot of interest.

We invited guests to bring along a favourite book that had had an impact on their outlook, job or personal development, and many people did. Books included *Fostering Sustainable Behaviour*, *The Surgeon of Crowthorne* (a history of the Oxford English Dictionary), and *The Great Barrier Reef of Australia: Its products and potentialities*. This last work, published in 1893, summarises much of what was known about the Great Barrier Reef at the time.

Filled with cake, chocolates, fruit and biscuits, guests and library staff alike enjoyed the opportunity to network and celebrate Library@EPA. Thank you to ALIA and the PLA for providing the initial impetus for this idea.

**Jeni Lewington**



**Kay Beumer, Liz Thomson and Jeni Lewington  
in front of our 'Love Library@EPA' display**

## Library Lovers Day at the City of Wanneroo Libraries

Foil-wrapped chocolate hearts and candy hearts were handed out to all library patrons on 14 February for Library Lovers Day, an initiative of the ALIA and the PLA.

Yanchep Library had a 'Cupid and Hearts' display in their Adult Fiction area. The theme was continued in the children's storytime complete with songs and an amazing Valentine craft activity.

At Girrawheen Library many of the patrons were thrilled with their one and only reminder of the day of love... and that came by way of chocolates and fantastic service from the library staff.

At Wanneroo, patrons were encouraged to participate in a 'blind date'. Random fiction books were selected and wrapped in brown paper and sprinkled with red hearts, providing the opportunity for our library users to meet a book they may not have selected for themselves.



Mr Ian McKenner, one of our regular patrons, (pictured with library clerk Pam Blackmore) met his wife Elaine 48 years ago on St Valentine's Day.

Mr McKenner went home with a 'blind date' selection and two chocolates to celebrate Library Lovers Day, courtesy of the City of Wanneroo Library Service.

**Jenny Kenny**

Library Lovers Day website:  
<http://librarylovers.org.au/>

# Not just a day: a week is barely long enough

To promote our library and to encourage the interaction between staff members and patrons, we had a Library Lovers Day competition in which patrons and staff wrote down a reason or two why they love the library. The top 3 entries from patrons won a prize of chocolates, with a mystery prize (which turned out to be more chocolate!) for the lucky draw winner from the staff.

Instead of a single day event, we made Library Lover's Day into a week (9-16 February). On 14 February, we all wore a Library Lovers Day sticker and gave out remaining stickers to the patrons.

Why did people love their library?

- Well, I have fine taste and what finer place than the beauty of the library. A whole world at your fingertips. Just open a page...
- When I was 7 a neighbour said she was going to the library. 'What's that?' I said. I soon found out, I've been in love with them ever since.
- I like coming to the library because of the stamps (age 4)

**Ng Hoi, e-Services Librarian**  
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## Library Lovers Day @ Lumen Christi College Library

This year in the Library we combined our traditional Valentine's Day celebration and display, with Library Lovers Day, to produce 'The Book of Friendship and Love.' The students and staff were invited to write a message to a friend and these messages were pasted into a suitably decorated file sorted alphabetically, with each letter divider depicting a library quote. 'The Book of Friendship and Love' became the focus of our display and a scattering of red rose petals added the final touch. Our book was very well received and it was a wonderful way of promoting and celebrating the importance of friendship in our lives.

We also took advantage of the 'Library Lovers' logo available on the Library Lovers web page to produce some wonderful badges that we distributed to a number of staff members. Unfortunately, we didn't make enough badges as they soon became a must have item! It was certainly a great way to promote the day and our library.



**Susan Courtland**  
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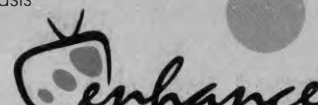
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