

Welcome to the Morialta Uniting Church Community Library

Writing Competition

We're having another writing competition!

Write about something that happened in your life (a slice of life) in approximately 100 words, in a genre of your choice. If music is chosen as the genre it needs to include words.

Closing date – entries should be placed in the box marked "Slices of Life" Writing Competition in the Library by Sunday 29 September.

Winning entries will be published in the October Vision and other entries displayed on the Library notice board during October.

Prizes - \$25 Book Voucher for the best adult and the best child entries.

Library High Tea

On Sunday 13th October from 5.00 to 7.00pm enjoy our very popular fundraising event, "Slices of Life and High Tea".

Tickets on sale from Sunday 13 September.

Cost \$10.00 Adults \$5.00 Children

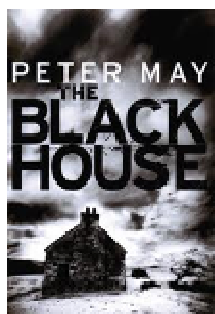
Bring along and share something you have read (prose or poetry) which has made a difference to your life, and any memorabilia to share.

Our guest speaker will be Jan Rawolle from Blackwood UC, who will recite various poems which have been important to her over the years.

Share High Tea including soup, savoury slice, special slices of cake and tea or coffee.

WHAT'S NEW - AUGUST BOOK REVIEWS

THE BLACK HOUSE by Peter May



The first of a trilogy to be set in the Scottish archipelago, the Outer Hebrides, this novel has won several literary awards.

Scottish author Peter May has had a varied career based in journalism and writing drama series for television, before taking up full time writing – his novels have been widely published around the world.

The story is set on the Isle of Lewis, a land of harsh beauty, with inhabitants of deep rooted faith. Detective Fin Macleod is sent from Edinburgh to investigate a brutal murder on the island. For Lewis-born Macleod, the case represents not only a journey home, but a voyage into his past.

This is a gripping murder mystery, and the reader is also drawn intensely into the local environment and deep seated customs of the people who live on the island.

Reviewed by Jill Kerr

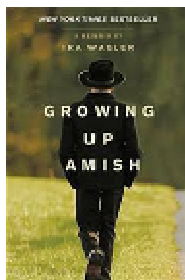
GROWING UP AMISH A Memoir by Ira Wagler

Ira passed through a troubled decade during his late teens and early twenties, experiencing restlessness, depression, guilt, until finally leaving his upbringing in the Old Order Amish.

This community, comprising mainly of farming families, is simple, ordered and restricting to a boy of Ira's temperament.

In the book Ira bravely reveals his struggles to break away during those years.

Reviewed by Jenny Barabas



NON-FICTION

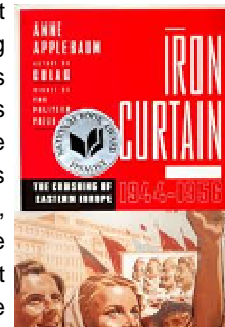
IRON CURTAIN by Anne Applebaum

The Crushing of Eastern Europe 1944-1956

Applebaum has obviously put intensive research into this confronting and absorbing history, but has sympathetically included many stories of individual people's experience. Life was hazardous under Stalin's Communist Russian totalitarianism, toward the end of and after the Second World War. The Communist aim was to completely replace European cultures by a police state in which all social organizations and industries were owned by the state: no Scouts or Sunday Schools for instance! The Communist enslavement was obviously failing before Stalin's death in 1953 and rapidly collapsed subsequently.

The human spirit triumphed.

Reviewed by Bryan Forbes



DVD REVIEW

'AND THEN SHE FOUND ME'

Helen Hunt, always an accomplished actress, impressively directs this film, a complicated story of how bad decisions impact on lives, altering outcomes, even sometimes good, often bewildering. Bette Midler is feisty and irrepressible and delivers her usual witty performance and the two boys, Matt Broderick as the ex-husband and Colin Firth as the New Relationship, are entirely believable.

A nice movie for a cold winter's afternoon.

Reviewed by Jenny Barabas

FOR FURTHER BOOK REVIEWS GO TO <http://www.morialtauca.org.au/resources/library/whats-new>