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Celebrating Seniors Week 2020

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We are kicking off our fortnightly movie afternoons.
Everybody welcome!



LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP

Love & Friendship is a 2016 period comedy film written and directed by Whit Stillman. Based on Jane Austen's epistolary novel *Lady Susan*, written c. 1794, the film stars Kate Beckinsale, Chloë Sevigny, Xavier Samuel, and Emma Greenwell.

DATE: Thursday 12th November 2020

Doors Open 1pm

Movie Starts at 1:15pm

Please book in the Library or Ph: 9949 3056

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Book Review

'Mammoth' by Chris Flynn

as reviewed by online blogger: Astrid Edwards

Everything about Chris Flynn's *Mammoth* - the characters, plot, and structure should not work. But it does, and beautifully so. *Mammoth* is narrated by the fossilised remains of a 13,354 year-old extinct American Mammoth (*Mammuth americanum*), who likes to be addressed as *Mammuth*. On 24th March 2007, the eve of his sale at the Natural History Auction in New York, *Mammuth* finds himself in a room with *Tyrannosaurus bataar* (who prefers to be called *T.bat*).

Time, especially deep time, is a major preoccupation in the novel.

Mammuth is an infant from the point of view of *T.bat* (who lived around seventy million years ago), but because *Mammuth* walked the Earth with ancient humans and has lived as a fossil among humans for more than two hundred years (*T.bat* was only unearthed in 1991), he has experience other fossils do not. To pass the time on the night before the auction, *Mammuth* tells the tale of his life, his death, and his reawakening as a fossil travelling the world at the whims of *Homo sapiens* (whom all characters refer to as hominids).

Whilst this book may sound strange and one you wouldn't ordinarily be drawn to...it has had rave reviews online and from some of our patrons - so why not step out of your comfort zone and give something different, like this, a go!

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Kids Corner...



Exmouth Library celebrated Children's Week WA 2020 with a special storytime on Tuesday 27th October. There was singing, activities, stories and some snacks shared with each other and our soft toy friends. It was great fun! Thank you to all who came, and also to Exmouth Toy Library and the Exmouth Gymnastics Club for lending us equipment for the day.

If you would like to join in for our regular weekly storytime (a less energetic, food-free version), come along on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am. Bookings recommended.

Storytime for this year will conclude on December 8th and recommence 2nd February 2021.



Tim Winton Award for Young Writers

From over 1350 entries - the winners of the 'Tim Winton Award for Young Writers' 2020 have now been announced.

To view the list of winners and to read their entries, head to the

City of Subiaco's website:

<https://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/timwintonaward>

Well done, in particular, to one of our local youths, Sam Wolf (currently schooling at Scotch College), whose entry received a highly commended award.



How late can a book be?

The West Australian
Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Better late than never

Two kid's books have been returned to a library — 48 years late.

The Thomas The Tank Engine and Learning in Colour books were returned to a library in the UK town of Basingstoke.

A note, signed with the name of Andy, read: "We inadvertently took these books when we moved as children from Basingstoke in 1972. Please accept my apologies for the late return of these items."

The local council wants to find Andy, not to fine him but to thank him for the gesture.

We recently found this amusing article in the West. The story didn't state any overdue charges, however, a Guinness record for the highest library book fine ever paid, was from someone that didn't even borrow the book! In 2002, Emily Canellos-Simms found a copy of *Days and Deeds* in her mother's house. This book of children's poems was originally due on April 15, 1955, 47 years earlier. Canellos-Simms gave the Kewanee Public Library in Illinois a cheque for over US\$345 (AU\$488)! Lets hope it was a good book!

Now how about 221 years overdue? The '*Law of Nations*' book was borrowed from the New York Society Library in 1789. In 2010, the head librarian joked that though they were not actively pursuing the overdue fine (which would have been around US\$300,000 adjusted for inflation), they would really appreciate having it back. About a month later, the book was found and returned! The borrower at the time was US President George Washington who borrowed the book on international law, during his first presidential term. It was found on his Mount Vernon estate, apparently, with a number of other library books that he also never returned.

Book Returns at Exmouth Library



Exmouth Public Library members can borrow books for 21 days, DVDs and magazines for 7 days. However, if you're enjoying your books or DVDs and would like to keep them for longer, please call or email the library and we can renew your items (unless the item is reserved for another patron).

It is important to return your books on time so that everyone can access and enjoy our wonderful collection.

We don't want to **hound** you to bring them back, we would rather be using our time to make your library even better. The Exmouth Library does have a 24/7 return chute, near its entry, if you can't make it during opening hours. Exmouth Library offers a predominantly free service, however, lost or damaged items or the late return of items can incur charges.