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1st Open day thank you!

To all of the Living Books who launched our first Open day for the Launceston Living Library ... many thanks!

It was so good to see how well you handled the readers ... smiles, patience, understanding & the feedback from the readers was very positive.

Two of our books showed great aplomb in their responses to a small group of teenage girls who also gave positive feedback.

'Starving' books ...

One oversight was the need to reserve a break time for each of the Living Books. The Living Library Librarian is now aware of this need, so Living Books will be asked to choose a timeslot for a break.

SIGN in with the Living Library Librarian at 10.30 am on our open days and then relax for a while before the 'readers' arrive.

Police Checks...

Bring a copy on the next open day so that we can sight the document.

You get to keep the original.

Social inclusion event

The Social Inclusion & Exclusion of Culturally Diverse Communities Conference is on 1st to 2nd of August 2008, & is being held at the University of Tasmania, Sir Raymond Ferrall Centre here in Launceston.

It has been negotiated for all Launceston Living Library volunteers to be able to register & attend the conference for the reasonable price of \$50, rather than the standard price of \$150. Volunteers wishing to attend the Living Library Launceston presentation that Sue McClarron & Nathalie Servant will be undertaking on Saturday, 2nd August at 2.00 pm, are able to come along free of charge. Just register beforehand.

For further information don't hesitate to check out the program details at www.adcet.edu.au/diversity or contact Nathalie Servant. Registration closing date is this Friday 18th July. The preferential price is just for people who are active in the project but not attached to Launceston City Council or the Department of Education.

This is a fantastic incentive to reward & encourage people to contribute to the promoting of diversity in our community. Don't miss out on this great offer where the Living Library program will gain national exposure!



Great collection of Living Books & Living Library volunteers for the first Open Day
courtesy Launceston City Council



Living Books & Living Library volunteers getting ready for their first media call on Open Day
courtesy Launceston City Council



Alan Taylor, a Living Library Book enjoying some media attention on Open Day
courtesy Launceston City Council

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Islam

What do you know about
Islam?

Making Australia my new home

I came to Australia in
1952 from Germany to work
on the Trevallyn & other
Hydro Schemes & later
worked as an Ansett
employee ... I have had
varied life experiences.

Not the only gay in the village!

Can a bloke who has a
beard down to his chest,
drives a 4WD, smokes
cigars & chops his own
wood be gay? This is my
world folks, in fact it's
the world of many men in
the villages of Tassie &
even though ya wouldn't
wanna pick a fight with me
... sometimes, I don't feel
safe in the village.

Upcoming dates

• Next Open Days!

The 2nd Friday in the month is our standard Open Day ... 11 July 2008 [as the newsletter is being prepared] & 8 August 2008, 11.00 am at the Launceston Library + Online Access Centre. Please be aware that the space for the program is limited & we can have 8 Living Books maximum at any one session, & note that if you are not included as a Living Book at any session, you can always have the pleasure of being a 'reader'. There is tea & coffee available in the Living Library area for our Living Books & other volunteers in the program

• Next induction session

Our next induction session is planned for 25 July 2008, 10.30am to 12noon. These sessions provide you with clarification on the aims & purposes of the Launceston Living Library & what becoming a living 'book' or a living 'librarian' entails. If you have already attended an induction session but need assistance tidying up a title or blurb, please let us know & come along, you won't have to stay for the whole time.

• New 'books'?

Know people interested in becoming a 'book' or a living 'librarian'? Get them to contact Launceston Living Library.

• Living Library is 'on the buses'!

Two Metro buses are displaying large advertising promotions for the Living Library Launceston ... watch out for them as they travel around Launceston..

• Next committee meeting

Monday, 21st July 2008, RSVP 0415 399 716

The valley of search

"The stages that mark the
wayfarer's journey are
said to be seven." My
spiritual journeying began
with agnosticism & ended
with Baha'i. On the way I
passed through strange
valleys.

Male embroidery

Can a male enjoy needle
work? Why do it? What type
of needle work? What
comments would you be
likely to encounter, from
friends, family, etc ...
some samples of work.

Working for Centrelink & the public service

What is it like to work
for one the largest
organisations in
Australia? Who makes the
rules? Why are they so
complicated? Personal
experiences & perspectives
'behind the scenes'.

Rock musician & woman too!

There is so much more to
life than "sex, drugs &
rock n roll"

What do poets do?

Poets do not live in
garrets. They do not
suffer for their art; wear
wide brimmed floppy hats
or black capes. They
simply see things that
others may miss.

Multicultural awareness

Enjoying different
cultures from a past
Burmese grandfather
onwards, including
marriage to an Indian &
travel.