



## *off the shelf*

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March comes in like a lion, and goes out like a lamb according to the old English proverb.

For years the weather has always been the major topic of conversation in England, and the questions regarding "will it rain", "when will it rain" and "for how long will it rain" are all starting to become familiar conversation topics in Warrnambool as well.

We've had some really interesting books come into the library that delve into these questions as well as the more important question of "what happens when the rivers run dry?" If this is also something that you've recently pondered then check out the list of books on the following pages that deal with these issues and more.

This month we're also highlighting some great Irish authors.

St Patrick's Day falls in the middle of the month and what better way to mark this event than to curl up with a great read, and if you can do so tucked up in a cosy home while listening to the pounding March rains outside, I'm sure any book will be that much more enjoyable.

If you're in the mood for something lighter we've had a huge influx of new books over the last few weeks. Every week we place new stock on display to enable everyone to have a chance to reserve new books for free. That said many popular titles are being reserved before they even make it through our doors, so to join the stampede check out the list of titles we anticipate receiving on the last page of the newsletter.



Here in the Library we can hardly believe how much of 2007 has already passed. Our summer visitors are slowing to a trickle and the demand for our computers is easing. It is no longer necessary to book a day ahead to secure an hour on the computers, and while we still get fully booked at both ends of the day, there is plenty of availability in the middle.

During March we are also making training available to new migrants and the over 60's on any aspect of our computers, the Internet, email or even our library catalogue. If you fit either of these target groups and are interested in spending some time with one of our trainers, please check with our helpful staff. We will hope to extend training outside these target areas later in the year.

# THE STANDARD

Did you know the Warrnambool Library has every edition of The Standard going back to 1872?

The Standard was born in the exciting years of the 19th century when the gold rush riches were still pumping through the state's economy. It progressed quickly from being published weekly to three times a week and then daily in 1884.

Warrnambool Library retains The Standard for three months in hard copy, at which time they are available on microfilm.

We recommend bookings be made in advance for the microfilm printer, with prints costing \$1.00 per page.



17<sup>th</sup> March is St Patrick's Day, the feast day that annually celebrates Saint Patrick (386-493), the patron saint of Ireland.

Ireland has a long and proud history of churning out great authors. Some Irish authors to check out this month include:

- James Joyce
- Samuel Beckett
- Oscar Wilde
- George Bernard Shaw
- WB Yeats
- Seamus Heaney
- Jonathon Swift
- Roddy Doyle
- Maeve Binchy
- Eoin Colfer
- Marita Conlon-McKenna
- Randy Lee Eickhoff
- Andrew M. Greeley
- Morgan Llywelyn
- Regina McBride
- Malachy McCourt
- Jamie O'Neill
- Niall Williams

## So what will happen when the rivers run dry?

For this answer and more, check out the following titles. If these books are not on the shelf they may be reserved for \$1.00:

For adults:

- [When the rivers run dry: what happens when our water runs out? / Fred Pearce](#)
- [Water, the drop of life / by Peter Swanson \[foreword by Mikhail Gorbachev\]](#)
- [Twenty thurst century: the future of water in Australia / John Archer](#)
- [Australia's drinking water: the coming crisis / John Archer](#)
- [Watershed: deciding our water future / Ticky Fullerton](#)
- [Every drop for sale: our desperate battle over water in a world about to run out / by Jeffrey Rothfeder](#)
- [The home water supply: how to find, filter, store, and conserve it / Stu Campbell](#)
- [From the Merri to the Gellibrand: a history of 100 years of water supply to the City of Warrnambool 1893-1993 / M. J. Johnstone and D. S. Johnstone](#)

For juniors:

- [Water for all / Sally Morgan](#)
- [Water... the amazing journey / written by Caren Trafford; illustrations by Megan Eriksson](#)

## Pages torn? Binding broken?

Sadly on occasion library books can fall apart while being read.

Sometimes a page comes loose and falls out, other times the binding falls completely away. If this happens to you, please don't panic and please, please, *please* don't attempt to repair the book yourself. Rather collect all pages together and return it directly to a library staff member who can assess the book for repair.

## Congratulations!!!

To the lucky 10 year old from Warrnambool who won the state prize for the Summer Reading Competition!

Over 130 youngsters were registered for the competition at Warrnambool, with every participant eligible for a bag full of prizes and a lucky few taking home some big prizes at the finale. All entry forms were then sent to Melbourne for the state-wide draw and from the thousands of entry forms received, only one was lucky enough to win the major prize of an ipod nano.

## Results are in!

### Reading Victoria's Top 5 Victorian Reads

In reverse order, these are:

5. *Shadowboxing* by Tony Birch
4. *Picnic at Hanging Rock* by Joan Lindsay
3. *My Brother Jack* by George Johnston
2. *The Dressmaker* by Rosalie Ham

And Victorian readers' favourite book is ***Three Dollars*** by **Elliot Perlman**.



## Looking for information on health and wellness?

The Library subscribes to a number of online databases including the Health and Wellness Resource Center.

This database provides medical information on a wide range of topics, such as:

- Nutrition
- Pregnancy
- Herbal remedies
- Prescription Drugs
- Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- Diseases; and
- Links to other Health Assessment sites

You can access this database from within the Library or from home using your Library membership card; just follow the links to the online resources on the left side of the Library's webpage at [www.corangamitelibrary.vic.gov.au](http://www.corangamitelibrary.vic.gov.au)

For assistance with this or any other online database ask our staff on your next visit to the Library.

## New DVD Titles

If you were to judge our DVD collection by the availability of titles in the Library at any given time, you could mistakenly think that we don't have many titles. However, there are actually over 500 DVD titles spread throughout the Corangamite Regional Library Corporation. At Warrnambool Library, we regularly exchange titles with other libraries throughout the region, but if you can't wait for the title you want to hit our shelves you can always reserve it for \$1.00. Here are some titles you may recently have missed:

### Adult titles:

- 9/11 the falling man
- A Christmas carol
- Are you being served? Series 1 – 3
- The Aunty Jack show The complete second series
- Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid
- Cards on the table: a party to murder
- David Copperfield
- Elizabeth I / starring Helen Mirren
- Eyes of the tiger: diary of a dirty war / narrated by Marshall Napier
- Great expectations
- An introduction to scientology: a filmed interview with L. Ron Hubbard
- Jindabyne
- Kenny
- Little Britain the complete third series
- March of the penguins
- Martin Chuzzlewit
- Moby Dick
- Oliver Twist
- Our mutual friend
- The Pickwick papers
- Rebus
- Silent witness series one
- Taken at the flood: wash away the mystery / Agatha Christie
- A tale of two cities
- Tasmanian wilderness / presented by Sorrel Wilby
- The dark room / Minette Walters
- The echo / Minette Walters
- The ice house / Minette Walters
- The scold's bridle / Minette Walters
- The sculptress / Minette Walters
- The white Masai
- Who killed Dr. Bogle and Mrs. Chandler?

### Junior titles:

- Anne of Green Gables
- Bananas in pyjamas
- BBC children's favourites
- Bindi kid fitness
- Brum: Soccer hero and other stories
- Call of the wild
- The classic adventures of Thomas & friends series 1 and 2

As new fiction is placed on order with the publisher, a record is created in our catalogue. This enables all members to place a reservation on the items before we receive them.

Some of the new titles we are currently awaiting from the publisher in 2007 include:

Fear / Jeff Abbott  
Meet me in Venice / Elizabeth Adler  
Scattered leaves / V. C. Andrews  
Cat O nine tales / Jeffrey Archer  
Simple genius / David Baldacc  
Simply magic / Mary Balogh  
Case of the talking pie crust / Robert G. Barrett  
Conqueror / Stephen Baxter  
Death of a maid / M. C. Beaton  
False advertising / Dianne Blacklock  
Dream when you're feeling blue / Elizabeth Berg  
The double bind / Chris Bohjalian  
The cat who had 60 whiskers / Lilian Jackson Braun  
Strike force / Dale Brown  
Puss n cahoots / Rita Mae Brown  
Dead connection / Alafair Burke  
The tin roof blowdown / James Lee Burke  
The quilters homecoming / Jennifer Chiaverini  
Bad luck and trouble / Lee Child  
I heard that song before / Mary Higgins Clark  
Roar of the lion / Frank Coates  
The woods / Harlan Coben  
Drop dead beautiful / Jackie Collins  
The overlook / Michael Connelly  
Book of the dead / Patricia Cornwell  
Double take / Catherine Coulter  
The watchman / Robert Crais  
Water like a stone / Deborah Crombie  
The navigator / Clive Cussler  
The sleeping doll / Jeffery Deaver  
Chain of evidence / Garry Disher  
The serpent bride / Sara Douglass  
The sea lady / Margaret Drabble  
It's not you, it's me / Helen Dunne  
Spirit gate / Kate Elliott  
Flying the coop / Ilsa Evans  
Into a dark realm / Raymond E. Feist  
Bidding for love / Katie Fforde  
Heartstopper / Joy Fielding  
The savage gorge / Colin Forbes  
The land of mango sunsets / Dorothea Benton Frank  
In the woods / Tana French.  
My glass heart / Karen Gilece  
Stone of tears / Terry Goodkind  
Woman in red / Eileen Goudge  
Rattling the bones / Ann Granger  
Irish linen / Andrew M. Greeley  
Second chance / Jane Green  
The double agents / W. E. B. Griffin  
Lying with strangers / James Grippando  
Peace and war / Joe Haldeman  
The harlequin / Laurell K. Hamilton  
The hooded hawke / Karen Harper  
Envy / Kathryn Harrison  
Cold day in hell / Richard Hawke  
Death of Dalziel / Reginald Hill  
The alibi man / Tami Hoag  
Hollow core / Lesley Horton  
Up close and dangerous / Linda Howard  
One under / Graham Hurley  
Past perfect / Susan Isaacs  
Absolute fear / Lisa Jackson  
Obsession / Jonathan Kellerman  
Queen of broken hearts / Cassandra King  
The good guy / Dean Koontz  
The savage altar / Asa Larsson  
The taste of innocence / Stephanie Laurens  
Suffer the little children / Donna Leon  
Up in honeys room / Elmore Leonard  
Frankie / Kevin Lewis.  
The devil who tamed her / Johanna Lindsey  
What the dead know / Laura Lippman  
Shattered / Gabrielle Lord  
Growing up again / Catriona McCloud  
On Chesil beach / Ian McEwan  
Trapped / David Mckeowen  
When the light goes / Larry McMurtry  
Depths / Henning Mankell  
The intruders / Michael Marshall  
The Chocolate Lovers' Club / Carole Matthews  
The marriage game / Fern Michaels  
The Elysium Commission / L. E. Modesitt  
Scavenger / David Morrel.  
The ever-running man / Marcia Muller  
The gravediggers daughter / Joyce Carol Oates  
Sister mine / Tawni ODell  
The fifth vial / Michael Palmer  
Bleeding Kansas / Sara Paretsky  
Spare change / Robert B. Parker  
Storm runners / T. Jefferson Parker  
Silver in the sun / Tony Parsons  
6th target / James Patterson  
The quickie / James Patterson  
Killer weekend / Ridley Pearson  
At some disputed barricade / Anne Perry  
We shall not sleep / Anne Perry  
Nineteen minutes / Jodi Picoult  
A distant magic / Mary Jo Putney  
The waters lovely / Ruth Rendel  
Obsession / Karen Robards  
Innocent in death / J. D. Robb  
Heart of the sea / Nora Roberts  
Jewels of the sun / Nora Roberts  
Tears of the moon / Nora Roberts  
Sixty days and counting / Kim Stanley Robinson  
Revenge of innocents / Nancy Taylor Rosenberg  
Dying day / Robert Ryan  
Invisible prey / John Sandford  
The devil's labyrinth / John Saul  
Daddy's girl / Lisa Scottoline  
Body surfing / Anita Shreve  
Tatiana's table / Paullina Simons  
Ten days in the hills / Jane Smiley  
The quest / Wilbur Smith  
Bungalow 2 / Danielle Steel  
Gray ghost: a Stoney Calhoun novel / William G. Tapply  
Things to make and mend / Ruth Thomas  
The rouseabout / Rachael Treasure  
An absolute scandal / Penny Vincenzi  
Bone machine / Martyn Waites  
Dragons of the highlord skies / Margaret Weis  
Amy's touch / Lynne Wilding  
In at the death / David Wishart  
Fresh disasters / Stuart Woods  
The sweet life / Lynn York

Any of these titles can be reserved today for \$1.00 per book. Reservations will be processed in order once they are received.