



Goondiwindi Regional Council

LIBRARY BOOK LOVERS' GROUP

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September Theme: *Espionage*

Featured Titles (Details available in library)

- *The storm we made* / Vanessa Chan
(Fiction - 2024)
- *Mr Einstein's secretary* / Matthew Reilly
(Fiction - 2023)
- *With my little eye* / Sandra Hogan
(Non Fiction - 2021)
- *Ethel Rosenberg: An American tragedy* / Anne Sebba
(Non Fiction - 2021)

Recommended Reading List

List attached. Printed copies in the library.

Featured Author

Tim Ayliffe

Recommendations From Other Readers

List attached. Printed copies in the library.

Book Reviews:

- *Everyone here is lying* / Shari Lapena
Fiction - 2023
- *The mother wound* / Amani Hayadar
Non Fiction - 2022

From Both Groups This Month

Dark Arena / Jack Beaumont Fiction - 2024

Alec de Payns, espionage operative of the Y Division of the DGSE, France's famed foreign intelligence service, is tasked with tracking down an agent of influence sending highly classified material against the Kremlin to embassies all over Europe. A deadly conspiracy is aligning the West against Russia. But who is behind it? And to what end?

The Lost Apothecary / Sarah Penner Fiction - 2021

Hidden in the depths of eighteenth-century London, a secret apothecary shop caters to an unusual kind of clientele. Women across the city whisper of a mysterious figure named Nella who sells well-disguised poisons to use against the oppressive men in their lives. But the apothecary's fate is jeopardized when her newest patron, a precocious twelve-year-old, makes a fatal mistake, sparking a string of consequences that echo through the centuries.

The Exchange / John Grisham Fiction - 2023

Mitch McDeere has cheated death and come out the other side. Fifteen years ago, he stole ten million dollars from the mob and disappeared. Now, with his enemies jailed or dead, he has fought his way to the top of the biggest law firm in the world..

OCTOBER MEETINGS

Theme: *Medicine*

1st October 2024

Goondiwindi 10 am

15th October 2024

Inglewood 10 am

The Boardwalk Bookshop / Susan Mallery.
Fiction - 2023

As the owner of Twisted, Seattle's best salons, Erica knows that the sharpest cuts come from the people we love. She's terrified that she's losing her teen daughter, Summer, to her "other" family, especially to her stepmom, Allison. All it takes to blow up Allison's happy life is one collect call. From prison. Her beloved husband, Peter, has been arrested, leaving Allison pregnant, broke, scared and alone with a toddler. But when her stepdaughter ferrets out the truth, the teen rushes to the last person Allison wants to ask for help--her husband's battle-axe ex.

Gathering Dark / Candice Fox
Fiction - 2020

A convicted killer. A gifted thief. A vicious crime boss. A disillusioned cop. Together, they're a missing girl's only hope.

The nowhere child / Christian White
Fiction -2018

'Her name is Sammy Went. This photo was taken on her second birthday. Three days later she was gone.' On a break between teaching photography classes in Melbourne, Kim Leamy is approached by a stranger investigating the disappearance of a little girl from her Kentucky home twenty-eight years earlier. He believes Kim is that girl.

Light Shining in the Forest / Paul Torday
Fiction - 2013

Norman Stokoe has just been appointed Children's Czar by the new government. He sells his flat and moves up north to take up the position. However, before his first salary cheque has even hit his bank account, new priorities are set for the government department for which he works. The Children's czar network is put on hold.

You called an ambulance for what / Tim Booth. **Non Fiction - 2023**

Told with cutting wit, pathos and disarming insight, this is a comedic behind-the-scenes look at the challenges, absurdities and shocking reality of life as an Australian intensive care paramedic.

A shrink in the clinic / Tim Watson-Munro
Non Fiction - 2018

Drug Lords. Deviants. Black Widows. Hit Men. Riot Girls. Mass Murderers. Psychos. No one gets closer to Australia's craziest characters than 'Doc' Tim Watson-Munro, a criminal psychologist with 40 years' experience assessing the mad, bad and dangerous.

The Lovers / Rod Nordland
Non Fiction – 2015

This is the heartrending account of Zakia and Mohammad Ali, a couple from opposing ethnic sects, who defying their society's norms have left behind everything they know and are quite literally risking their lives for their love.

Australian gypsies: Their secret history / Mandy Sayer. **Non Fiction – 2017**

In *Australian Gypsies*, award-winning memoirist and novelist Mandy Sayer weaves together a vivid, wide-ranging history that begins with the roots of the Romani culture, tracing the first Gypsy people to arrive in Australia (including James Squire, the colony's first brewer) through to Gypsy families today.

Chasing Plants: Journeys with a botanist through rainforests, swamps and mountains
Chris Thorogood. Non Fiction - 2022

After making a strange discovery on a childhood trip to Ikea, Chris Thorogood dreamed of becoming a botanist and would stop at nothing to feed his growing addiction to plants. In his hair-raising adventures across Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, he treads a death-defying path over clifftops, up volcanoes, through typhoons, and into the heart of the world's vast green wilderness.

Previously Recommended

Black Silk and Sympathy / Deborah Challinor
Fiction - 2024

Black Sheep / Judy Nunn
Fiction - 2023

With my little eye / Sandra Hogan
Non Fiction – 2021