

# The Librarians

Series 3



**They're back.**

The Librarians Series 3 returned to our screens this month, screening on ABC1 at 8.30pm. Given all the time they spent talking to actual librarians during the making of Series 2, there are bound to be some real life library incidents popping in through that infamous return shoot. Watch that space...



## Sydney symposium puts translators on centre stage

The University of Western Sydney's Writing and Society Research Group has hosted a symposium this month bringing together literary translators from Australia and overseas to explore issues confronting the internationalisation of literature.

Group representative Professor Ivor Indyk says as large-scale literary translation projects have been undertaken in recent years, new publishers have entered the arena and the study of translations has diversified.

According to Professor Indyk, literary translators are in fact "ambassadors for the global age".

"They mediate between cultures at the highest level, yet their work often goes unregarded, or is taken for granted as a secondary part of the publication process," he says.

Information about the Symposium is available from Suzanne Gapps on (02) 9772 6780 or visit: <http://www.uws.edu.au/writingsociety>

## Over 500 libraries 'Get Reading!'

This year's *Get Reading!* campaign was bigger and better than ever before. Over 500 libraries took part in Australia's largest annual celebration of books and reading, a huge increase on the 378 libraries that participated in 2009.

Previously known as *Books Alive*, the newly branded *Get Reading!* campaign ran from 25 August to 30 September and encouraged all Australians to 'get lost', 'get fresh', 'get hooked', 'get real' and 'get comfy' with a book.

In an exciting new development, this year's campaign took the festivities right into the hearts of our communities with Outdoor Reading Rooms popping up in some of our cities' most idyllic locations. For a gold coin donation to the Indigenous Literacy Fund, Australians enjoyed comfy furniture for adults and children, great reads, good coffee and author appearances at their favourite outdoor spots.

Wagga Wagga Library hosted one of the Outdoor Reading Rooms, which featured an interview with author Judy Nunn via a live to air broadcast by ABC Radio.

For the first time a revamped website featured first chapter downloads for most of the 50 books in both text and audio format, enabling readers to browse the guide, find a book they liked the sound of and then read or listen to the first chapter. This year also saw the introduction of an iPhone app and a limited edition series of free postcards featuring specially commissioned poems and distributed through cafes, bookstores and libraries.

"I think this year everything really came together, thanks to the enormous support from publishers, book retailers, libraries and the general public," said *Get Reading!* Project Director Cheryl Akle.

"Libraries are always strong supporters of the campaign, but this year even more of them got onboard. We really couldn't have done it without them. Libraries know how to inspire people to pick up a book."

*Get Reading!* is an Australian Government initiative developed through the Australia Council for the Arts. Now in its ninth year, since 2001 the campaign has promoted over 380 titles, and resulted in the sale of an extra 1.56 million books in Australia.

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