



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Where Are All the Books?

Date: Thursday 11 May

Time: 11.30 am – 12.30 pm

Venue: Hume (details to be provided by bookings officer)

Cost: By donation

Bookings essential: (02) 6262 1698

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May Friends

Dear Friends
The National Library shop is known to many of you as a great source of Australian publications, housing the full range of National Library of Australia publications, as well as a wonderful range of gift ideas. Jewellery and pottery by artists from the region serve as great gift items, not to mention the beautiful Ferdinand Bauer and Celia Rosser mounted prints and cards. The specialist cards, wrapping paper and bookmarks produced from images in our collection are very popular and well-priced.

The shop also stocks a substantial range of Australian journals and is regarded by many poetry fans as having the best range of poetry in the country! Friends receive 15 per cent discount on all items in the shop, so be sure to drop in next time you are in Canberra or driving by. Candice and her colleagues would love to see you. The National Library shop is open seven days from 9 am – 5 pm.

How is it that the National Library can accommodate over 2.5 million books and still fit in another five semi-trailer loads every year via the legal deposit scheme? That doesn't even take into consideration the many thousands of journals, newspapers, manuscripts, maps and other items that make up the collection. Well, as you might imagine, it is all about space and planning ahead. Aside from the great storage offered in the basement of the National

Library (which is not unlike an iceberg in its structure), the Library has two warehouses or repositories in Hume, an industrial area of Canberra.

To meet the ever growing demand for more climatically-controlled storage suitable to house the collection, one of these warehouses will soon be replaced with a purpose-built facility. This repository will meet the needs of the expanding collection well into the future.

Of course, it is not just about storing items safely. Once catalogued, all these items need to be retrieved quickly for any user who wants to view them. Perhaps you've requested something in the past and have been curious to know where it was sitting and how it was retrieved? If you live in Canberra, you might want to come to *Where Are All the Books?*, a Friends tour of the Hume annex that offers a glimpse of the new Repository. The event is by donation, and will run from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm on Thursday 11 May. Bookings are essential (ph: 02 6262 1698) and you will need your own transport to Hume. Details will be posted to all those who book.

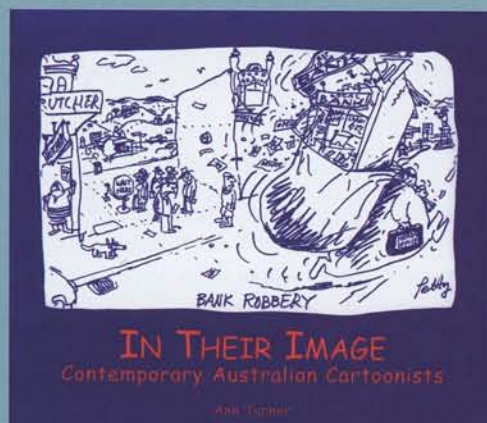
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