

## Other things you can use in the library for inspiration:

1. See what the library staff have enjoyed reading. The staff picks will be flagged with a purple ribbon.
2. Award winning books will be flagged with an orange ribbon.
3. Look at the suggestions posted on the notice board in fiction. They will tell you what books people are asking for and what new books are available.
4. Ask staff for help.

We have a selection of reference books available at the service desk and will be happy to give advice on what you could be reading next.

5. In a rush? Try selecting something from the Quick Picks display by the main service desk.
6. Use our regular book displays to try something that you hadn't considered before!
7. Reading groups are a great way to share your love of books and to explore new authors.

Mona Vale Library runs 3 reading groups which meet in the library for one session per month.

8. The Literary Awards folder is at the service desk for your perusal.
9. The library is interested in the recommendations of our readers. Make a suggestion online at the library website or send us an email.

## Do you need further assistance?

Speak to a staff member at the service desk on your next library visit or call us on 9970 1600 to discuss your needs.



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## Reading for pleasure

*How the Library can help you find a 'good book' to read.*



## Where will I look first?

Reading is a great way to enjoy yourself and relax but it isn't always easy to find the right book.

The sources listed here will help you decide what to take home from the library today.



## Websites:

### Mona Vale Library Book News and Reviews

[www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/library/Book\\_News\\_\\_and\\_\\_Reviews](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/library/Book_News__and__Reviews)

### Whichbook

Whichbook is great fun to use. It gives readers an intuitive way to find books to match their mood

[www.whichbook.net](http://www.whichbook.net)

### Google Books

Search and preview millions of books from libraries and publishers worldwide.

<http://books.google.com.au>

### Authortracker

Use this tool to automatically track your favourite authors.

<http://authortracker.com>

### State Library of Tasmania

[www.statelibrary.tas.gov.au](http://www.statelibrary.tas.gov.au)

### ReadingGroupGuides.com

A complete reading group resource.

<http://readinggroupguides.com>

### Literature Maps

The tourist map of literature!

<http://literature-map.com>

### LibraryThing

LibraryThing is a social networking website for cataloguing and sharing library collections. The site contains a 'Suggester' feature which provides book recommendations based on user catalogs with similar books.

[www.librarything.com](http://www.librarything.com)

### Austlit

The Australian Literature Resource.

[www.austlit.edu.au](http://www.austlit.edu.au)

### BookBrowse

A guide to exceptional books.

<http://bookbrowse.com>

### Good Reading Magazine

Everything about books!

[www.goodreadingmagazine.com.au](http://www.goodreadingmagazine.com.au)

## Subscription Databases:

Subscription databases are available free to library members.

You can access them in the library or from home.

1. Go to the library website:  
[www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/library)
2. Choose the link to *Online Services*
3. Click on search a database and then click on the link to *Research databases (EBSCO)*
4. Enter your library membership number for access to the following two databases:

- **NoveList**

This database serves fiction readers of all ages and includes full text access to annotations, book reviews, awards and links to author websites.

Useful for finding an author that writes in a similar way to other authors you already like.

- **Literary Reference Center**

Information about authors and their works.

This database includes plot summaries, critical essays, reviews and more.

