

**Library Branches will be Closed from March 18 until April 20 – Planned Activities Cancelled (see below)**

Colleen McCullough

Born in Wellington, New South Wales in 1937, Colleen Margaretta McCullough was an accomplished author best known for *The Thorn Birds*, *The Ladies of Missalongi*, and her Masters of Rome series.

McCullough's family moved around a great deal before settling in Sydney, where she earned a living as a teacher, a librarian and a journalist. She attended Holy Cross College in Woollahra, a suburb of east Sydney. Upon graduation, McCullough began medical studies at the [University of Sydney](#). She found that she suffered severe [dermatitis](#) from surgical soap, however, so she switched to [neuroscience](#). After working at the [Royal North Shore Hospital](#) in Sydney, McCullough moved to the United Kingdom. There she served on the medical staff of the [Great Ormond Street Hospital](#) in London. McCullough met the chairman of the neurology department at [Yale University](#). He offered her a job as a research associate. She accepted.

From 1967 to 1976 McCullough taught in the Department of Neurology at the [Yale Medical School](#). While at Yale, she wrote *The Thorn Birds*. The novel's overwhelming success prompted McCullough to forsake her medical career and concentrate on writing. In the late 1970s McCullough moved to [Norfolk Island](#), part of an Australian external territory located in the Pacific Ocean. In 2014 Colleen McCullough was admitted to the Norfolk Island Hospital; she died there in late January, 2015.

*Essay by Bill Lounsbery*

KRL has *The Thorn Birds* and the *Masters of Rome* series, as well as a DVD of *The Thorn Birds* TV series..

**BOOK WORMS (monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7 pm)**

~~On March 16, *Full Body Burden* by Kristen Iversen is our Book Group selection.~~ On April 20, we will discuss *Not My Father's Son* by Alan Cummings.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mr. Rogers! (all ages)**

- **WISH HIM HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Celebrate "your neighbors" at home with crafts and cardigans in honor of Mr. Rogers' birthday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Baby Band – Ages 0 to 18 months  
Every Wed. starting April 22nd, 10:30-11 am**

Babies and caregivers enjoy active musical experiences that develop preliteracy skills as well as physical and emotional development.

**Learn Local:**

**Genealogy CANCELLED**

Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>: *Learn techniques and resources to capture family stories and oral histories.*

**Fact or Fiction? How To Navigate a Sea of Fake News**

Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8 pm. *Learn skills and best resources to help you discern which news is real and how to tell.*

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**Afternoon Arts:**

Inspired by a well-known artist's life, their artwork, or the medium itself, explore your thoughts with a pencil or the featured art medium. Registration Required (call library 360-871-3921).

*First Wednesdays, May 6*

**Winter Book Sale a Success !!**

**Over \$1,000 raised**

A huge selection of books drew a sizable crowd of book lovers of all-ages and many bags of books found a home in our neighborhood. Thank you for your support.

**Manchester Earth Day Festival**

**All ages – Saturday April 18, 10 am – 3 pm**

Celebrate Earth Day in Manchester with a hands-on earth sciences festival. Family friendly STEM activities brought to you by the Manchester Community Association.

**STAY TUNED & THANK YOU**

At the Library & Qa'Qad (Stormwater) Park

**Due to the Coronavirus emergency, other planned activities may change. We will keep you posted.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.**