



# Library Happenings!

## Reading Challenge

Have you challenged yourself to read a book each month yet?

Pick up a book and you just might

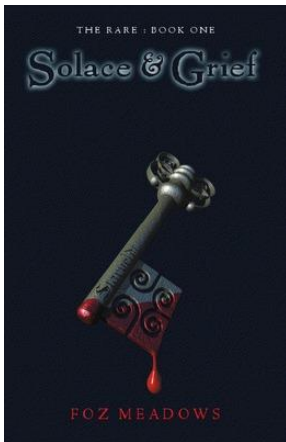
**"Discover or rediscover the joy of reading"!**

**Need a Book to Read? Come and browse  
the shelves and try out our Reading Chair!**

**Book of the Week** If you enjoyed the Twilight series, this  
might be the next series you can plunge into!

The Rare: Book One *Solace & Grief*

By Foz Meadows



**Solace Morgan was born a vampire. Raised in foster care, she has always tried to keep her abilities secret, until an eerie encounter with a faceless man prompts her to run away. Finding others with similar gifts, Solace soon becomes caught up in a strange, more vibrant world than she ever knew existed. But when the mysterious Professor Lukin takes an interest in her friends, she is forced to start asking questions of her own. What happened to her parents? Who is Sharpsoft? And since when has there been a medieval dungeon under Hyde Park?**

Source: <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/7513915-solace-and-grief>

### Premier's Reading Challenge 2015

Open to all students in Years 7-9.

Want to challenge yourself to read 20 books or more this year? Then this is the challenge for you.

See Mrs Owen, in the Library, for more information.

# Ways to Use Your School Library



**School libraries aren't what they used to be. They are not just about books. They are more than that!**



**Here are 50 ways (and counting ...) your school library can enrich your life.**

**Visit your school library, and discover the limitless opportunities that await you.**

- 1. Scare yourself with a mystery novel.
- 2. Reserve a book.
- 3. Read the books which inspired the blockbuster movie series: "The Lord of the Rings", "The Hunger Games", "The Hobbit", "The Maze Runner" etc.
- 4. Find some books on how to plan a personal budget
- 5. Prepare for your job interview.
- 6. Spend a couple of nostalgic hours looking at back issues of the school magazine.
- 7. Decide which iPod to buy with the help of "Choice" consumer guide.
- 8. Check out the progress of the stock market
- 9. Learn how many medals Australia won at the Sydney 2012 Olympic Games.
- 10. Discover ways to reduce, re-use & recycle to save the planet!
- 11. Get a list of materials that help improve reading skills.
- 12. Trek to another planet in a Sci-Fi novel.
- 13. Ask the Teacher Librarian or Library Assistant how to use Library Inquiry.
- 14. Play a game of Chess, Scrabble, Monopoly, Connect Four, Logo or UNO.
- 15. Choose some picture books to read to your younger brothers & sisters.
- 16. Browse the displays of new books and interesting books
- 17. Catch up on world news events by reading newspapers and magazines
- 18. Read books from the Premier's Reading Challenge list.
- 19. Pick up some brochures for Book Club and do your Christmas shopping early!
- 20. Use the globe to decide where you would like to travel.
- 21. Ask the Teacher-Librarian for help with research assignments
- 22. Form a quiet study group with your friends
- 23. Practice your speech in a small discussion room
- 24. Enter a competition advertised in the newsletter
- 25. Study quietly for your exams
- 26. Look up your HSC exam timetable online
- 27. Print out your own personalised reading list.
- 28. Ask the Teacher-Librarian for holiday reading suggestions.
- 29. Find out more about your favourite hobbies.
- 30. Borrow a cookbook and surprise someone with dinner
- 31. Cut up old magazines and newspapers for interesting articles and pictures.
- 32. Do the RTA practice driving test online.
- 33. Relax with the latest blockbuster novel on the lounge chairs.
- 34. Update your PRC reading log online.
- 35. Create a PowerPoint presentation.
- 36. Do the crossword from old back issues of the newspaper.
- 37. Use the library scrap paper to draft your essay.
- 38. Watch a video on Clickview.
- 39. Imagine yourself as a wizard/goblin/dragon rider in a fantasy novel.

- 40. Ask the Teacher-Librarian for help with time management and study skills.
- 41. Use the library inquiry to find a reputable website on an assignment topic.
- 42. Learn how to evaluate websites.
- 43. Use an online citation maker to create your reference list.
- 44. Check out the online Library Blog.
- 45. Use the interactive whiteboard to present a presentation.
- 46. Learn some relaxation exercises to reduce study stress.
- 47. Explore the lost world of dinosaurs.
- 48. Borrow a book on debating techniques.
- 49. Investigate the best type of cats as pets.
- 50. Find a book on the life of Charles Darwin.
- 51. Research the causes of climate change & how to fight it at home.
- 52. Learn how to plan a drought resistant garden.
- 53. Investigate online university courses.
- 54. Be inspired by the art of Da Vinci, Degas and Delacroix.
- 55. Find out where to send a consumer complaint.
- 56. Refine your internet search skills by using specific search engines for particular information searches.
- 57. Learn how to remove paint from clothes.
- 58. Use a thesaurus to improve your use of words.
- 59. Create a list of questions (and answers) for a trivia night.
- 60. Discover how to ergonomically use your computer.
- 61. Find out what a WORDLE is and create one.
- 62. Listen to famous speeches that changed history.
- 63. Use an iPad.
- 64. Log on to the Online Study Skills Program QHS Library subscribes to.
- 65. Ask a question & learn how to find an answer!

#### ASCA – TRY SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR!

**Are you interested in developing your communication skills?**

**Give ASCA a try this year!**

**Australian Speech Communication Association**

**ASCA PROMOTES COMPETENCE, REWARDS EFFORT AND ENCOURAGES EXCELLENCE**

**Participating in ASCA is a great way to promote your communication skills and a great certificate to include in your resume.**

**ASAC Examinations will be in Week 4, Term 3.**

**SEE Mrs Owen in the Library for an entry form and more information.**

**Get involved – it is well worth the effort!**

### Online Study Skills Program

Improve your study habits by checking out the online study skills program. Lots of great information, tips and resources to help you succeed at school. [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au)

QHS students have direct access to this handbook through the school's Moodle site. They use their DET username and password to access QHS Moodle.

#### Need Help?

Make sure you ask us for help.

Happy Reading and Studying!

**Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian**

**Mrs Sweep – SAS Library**

