



Welcome to the Lu Rees Archives' first newsletter. We are looking forward to sharing our news, ventures, exhibitions and festivals, and all our 'goings on'. We aim to celebrate Australian children's literature with you.

It's our fortieth birthday this year, and there's much to celebrate. We hold 25,000 books, with 3,200 in 53 languages; authors' papers and illustrators' artworks; unique audiotapes and photographs; 450 research files on authors and illustrators, and tasty items like our chocolate Blinky Bill egg (we saved the wrapper and ate the chocolate!). Our [website](#) reveals these treasures and more.

This year we are setting up the Lu Rees Foundation to fund the Archives in perpetuity. Our aim is to collect, preserve and make available the artistic output of Australia's children's authors and illustrators. We will be inviting you to become a friend of the Archives and receive our newsletter, journal, invitations to events, discounts on merchandise like our book, SHOWCASING TREASURES 40-year story and our limited edition Pixie O'Harris etched glassware. These you can order from our [merchandise website](#).

We're sharing our news and events in other ways too. Catch up with us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). We hope you'll visit us soon – and like us!

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# A Bird in the Hand!

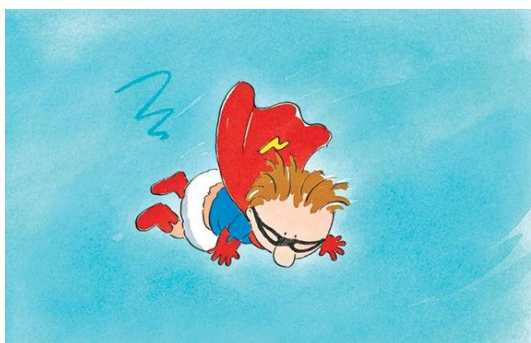
Bob Graham: A Retrospective



exhibition has something for everyone A BIRD IN THE HAND

- original artwork
- manuscripts
- books, including translations
- a replica of Bob's writing desk with copies of his little reminder notes
- a replica of the view from his desk with an image of Bob walking up the path
- activities for children, and
- a sofa where children and adults can sit and read his books.

The Lu Rees Archives arranged for this exhibition to occur in conjunction with Canberra Museum And Gallery. Ann James, Ann Haddon from Books Illustrated, joined by Nicky Lo Bianco guest curator, have curated the exhibition using many original materials and artwork from the Archives. Further information can be found at <http://www.museumsandgalleries.act.gov.au/Slideshow/bobgraham.html>



**Bob-a-thon Festival**



The Archives is inviting schools, public libraries, pre-school and day-care centres to celebrate Bob Graham's picture books during July. Just think of all those children relishing Bob's books! We hope to receive many inventive, original responses, some of which will feature on the [Bob-a-thon Festival](#) website.

We invite you to visit our site, view Bob's jacket covers, brief blurbs about each, and a guide to registering for the Bob-a-thon Festival. Enjoy!

ORIGINAL ARTWORK FROM BOB GRAHAM, MAX LONDON: WALKER BOOKS, 2000



### Showcasing Treasures

Belle Alderman and Leanne Barrett proudly displaying the publication **Showcasing Treasures** written by Belle and Dr Trish Milne. This fabulous publication was launched by Dr Mark MacLeod at the CBCA National Conference in May. THIS WELL-DESIGNED, BEAUTIFULLY PRODUCED PUBLICATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR ANY HOME, PROFESSIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL LIBRARY. **Lyn Linning, MAGPIES July 2014 p24.** To order your copy please go to our [merchandise website](#)

### WIND IN THE WILLOWS

THE LU REES ARCHIVES IS DELIGHTED TO OFFER A RANGE OF ETCHED GLASS ITEMS FEATURING PIXIE O'HARRIS ILLUSTRATIONS OF THOSE WELL LOVED CHARACTERS FROM Wind in the Willows.

TO ORDER THESE UNIQUE PRODUCTS FOR YOURSELF OR FRIENDS PLEASE GO TO OUR [MERCHANDISE WEBSITE](#)

## **GOFUNDME**

OVER THE YEARS, WE HAVE WORKED HARD TO COMPLETE OUR HOLDINGS OF AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS. WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL WITH JOAN PHIPSON AND PATRICIA WRIGHTSON, AND WE ARE PRESENTLY WORKING ON COLIN THIELE, HESBA BRINSMEAD AND NOELA YOUNG. AS THE YEARS PASS, THIS QUEST BECOMES HARDER. CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR OUR WISH LISTS. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HELP US. LIFELINE BOOK FAIRS IN CANBERRA HAVE UNEARTHED MANY TREASURES FOR US, MAINLY BECAUSE FOR 20 YEARS WE HAVE HAD TWO EXPERT 'SPOTTERS'. WE'VE BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL, WE NOW NEED TO TOP UP THE FUNDS WE SPEND ON THESE PURCHASES AND HOPE YOU CAN HELP US. CHECK OUT OUR [GOFUNDME SITE](#). WE'VE RAISED \$1,650 SO FAR AND OUR GOAL OF \$2,500 IS EDGING CLOSER. PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN!

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