



OUR PRECIOUS HERITAGE...

"LOCATING THE ORIGINAL ARTWORKS FOR AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S ILLUSTRATED BOOKS OF THE PAST CAN BE A FRUSTRATING AND DISAPPOINTING EXERCISE. ALL TOO OFTEN THIS WORK HAS NOT SURVIVED, OR HAS BEEN OVERLOOKED OR EVEN DISPARAGED BY COLLECTORS AND INSTITUTIONS."

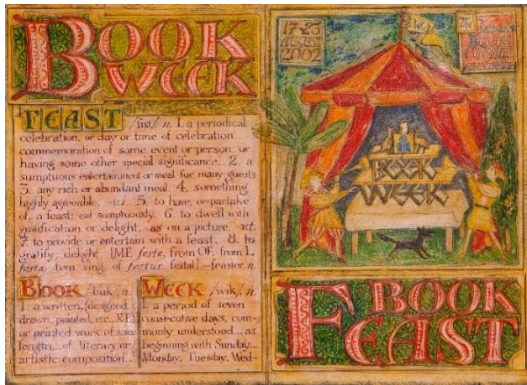
*Robert Holden, Director of the Museum of Childhood Sydney in the 1992 Publication
A Golden Age*

EXPERTS IN ACTION

Philippa Kelly & Helen Maxwell are valuing Children's Book Week original artwork housed for the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) in the Lu Rees Archives.

The artwork was relocated from the National Library of Australia to the Lu Rees Archives so it was more readily accessible in 2009.





RON BROOKS ORIGINAL ARTWORK FOR THE 2002 CBCA CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

There has been a national theme for Children's Book Week since 1945. In 1987 the CBCA selected a national theme chosen by all Branches. Artwork is developed by the winner of the previous Picture Book of the Year illustrator and used to create promotional material.

LU REES HAD A VISION

In 1980 there were 60 files. In 2011 an independent expert described these files as a "major body of research material" and "unmatched" in Australia. We source [30 types of materials](#) for our files.

Research files

In the 1950s Lu Rees started gathering information about authors' and illustrators' works out of personal interest and admiration for their work. We now have over 428 files on established authors, illustrators, publishers and critics which takes up 21.12 linear metres of shelf space. Pending files take up another 2.32 linear metres.



Did you know?

In 2014 the Archives added 7 new files including ones on Mark Macleod, Tracey Hawkins and Belinda Murrell.

Our biggest research file is Bob Graham at 24cms.



VISITORS TO THE ARCHIVES

Diana Richards from Australian Library & Information Association visits in September with Kate King, who is facilitating the creation of Indigenous Baby Board books.

Some of our other visitors were Jenny Faull, Tara Waghorn, Jacki Lardner, Malcolm Holden and Leanne Shea.

We welcome visitors who would like to come and see Australia's children's literature treasures. If you are visiting Canberra please contact lu.rees@canberra.edu.au to make an appointment to visit.

And the Winners of the Bob-a-thon are.....



Professor Geoffrey Riordan, University of Canberra with CGGS winners (Left) and Teacher Mariana Fuenzalida with students from O'Connor Cooperative School. (Right).



Judges Vanessa Galloway and Meg Hall (Left). Professor Geoffrey Riordan, Michelle Stuart and Dr Trish Milne (Right). [Click here](#) to see all the images and a full write up of the event.



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Next month: Mark Macleod's thoughts on the files & Vanessa Galloway's community project.

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