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Dive into dark nights and discover Stories After Dark

On the shelves stand thousands of books. In the archives sit thousands of artefacts, images, and priceless documents.

Are they sleeping peacefully... or are they sharing their stories?

Amid the welcome winter chaos of Dark MOFO, take a moment to rediscover the State Library of Tasmania and Tasmanian Archives illuminated this Saturday 18 June, at Libraries Tasmania's signature cultural event of the year, Stories After Dark.

For one exciting night, the doors to the State Library and Archives building at 91 Murray Street, Hobart, stay open after dark... and the walls, ceilings, floors and stairwells light up to become a mesmerising digital canvas.

Explore the State Library and Tasmanian Archives collections from the inside out with highlights including projections of Gould's botanical illustrations, Rodney Gardner's *Vision of a palawa*, and a live performance of *The Toreador* by Hobart actor and writer Anne Blythe-Cooper.

As a special new addition to Stories After Dark, City of Hobart Youth Arc Curator Yumemi Hiraki and artist mentors Will Nicolson and Sara Wright, will present the work of 19 emerging young artists. Experience original dance, music, sculpture, projection, paintings, drawing, photography, animation and live storytelling created in response to the Tasmanian Archives collections.

This is another chance to experience what hundreds discovered last year – what happens inside Hobart's iconic State Library and Archives building when the doors close at the end of the day and the lights go out.

Everyone is invited to join us for this free, family-friendly event. Registration is not required. Entry will be based on capacity with numbers in the building monitored throughout the night.

For more information visit libraries.tas.gov.au/StoriesAfterDark

Images from the Stories After Dark 2021 can be viewed on [Dropbox](#) and [Flickr](#).

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