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LIBRARY IN ENGLISH

Writers' Workshop

Next Meeting August 21 2026

at 10:30

at:

Lieu: Frutties

Planet Charmilles, Charmilles.

Assignment: Loss

Leader: Carolyn

With overwhelming heat and more to come, we met at Frutties for our meeting as the Reading Room of the Library is not available to us at present.

Those in attendance were **Rose** (leader) **Marlene** (secretary) and **Sarah**. We received apologies from **Zinat**.



Business:

Rose reminded us that the three-day Autumn book sale at the Library will be held on the 6th to 8th November. Further the Library has extended its Thursday hours and will now be open from 12:30 to 20:00.

As there was no further business to attend to, we proceeded to share our submissions for the assignment 'Secrets and Lies in History'.

Reading:

Rose cleverly took us through history, from before the modern era to the present 21st century in 'Imagery' exposing secrets and lies. Images, statues, towers and buildings of rulers have been constructed to represent any one of the rulers or people in power, though not one was a true image

of the person they represented. From Ramses II, Alexander of Macedon, Louis XIV to the first Tudors and Henry the VIII, and present day Presidents, everyone misrepresented, stating and making their mark: 'I came, I saw, I conquered'.

Sarah approached the subject philosophically in her analytical piece, hinting that lies is the antithesis of history. When we uncover lies, we invent a future and goals, changing our perspective to suit the narrative. Though mankind continues to create ways to move on and lay new foundations, based on, or not on, certitudes. We keep dreaming and creating possible futures on what is real or a dream.

Marlene: The Bayeux tapestry brought to mind the secrets, lies and deceit which touched the lives of Edward, Harold and William during the latter part of 11th century. From appointing a successor to Edward, to the crowning of Harold on Edward's death and the subsequent defeat of the Anglo-Saxons by William of Normandy, deceit and lies pepper history, to such an extent that we are still today, not exactly sure of the real facts.

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The schedule and topics for 2025 is as listed below. Any changes will be advised before the due date.

The list of dates, topics, and leaders will be sent to all under separate cover.

Aug 21: Loss - Carolyn

Sep 18: Crime - Marlene

Oct 16: Book Review - Rose

Nov 20: Memories – Marlene

Dec 11: Open - Marlene