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30 Territory Treasures on Display

The Northern Territory Library is bringing out the Library's most iconic, rare and interesting treasures from the collection in a brand new exhibition '30 Treasures' on display at Northern Territory Library in Parliament House from Tuesday, 24 May until Friday 26 August 2011.

Northern Territory Library Director Jo McGill said the exhibition is a celebration of the thirty years that the Library has been collecting a representative record of Northern Territory life and preserving it for the future.

"Thirty significant items from the collection have been selected specifically for this exhibition as the 30 most precious items in the Northern Territory Library's collection," Ms McGill said.

"The pieces reflect 30 formative moments in the history of the Territory.

"Many of these 'Treasures' are fragile and seldom displayed to the public so this exhibition is a truly unique opportunity to witness rare and precious items in the Library's collection."

Ms McGill said a commemorative booklet has been published to showcase thirty years of the Library and provide historical context to the artefacts, documents, letters and photographs in the exhibition.

"This exhibition and publication will contribute to greater public understanding and appreciation of the Library's role in preserving NT history and significant Territory cultural assets, and our continuing responsibility in protecting and preserving them for future generations," Ms McGill said.

"The Northern Territory Library has had thirty remarkable years in which it can claim numerous achievements, including its significant contribution to the Territory's cultural heritage.

"I encourage all Territorians to experience this remarkable exhibition that celebrates the Territory's history and informs its future."

The Northern Territory Library's '30 Treasures' exhibition will be on display at the Library from Tuesday, 24 May to Friday, 26 August 2011.

For more information about the Northern Territory Library, including a list of upcoming events, go to www.ntl.nt.gov.au.

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Media Note – for more information contact Jo McGill on 0401 118 752.



Images:

Frank Flynn's Ophthalmoscope

Father Frank Flynn used the ophthalmoscope from 1930 to 1990, which is housed in a black travelling case. Father Flynn was a well-known Roman Catholic priest, ophthalmologist and author in the Northern Territory.

Diary of Harold Giles

An account of daily life by a Top End schoolboy at the turn of the century, 1900-1901. Harold Giles notes daily events where trips to Pine Creek and Bonrook Station are mentioned frequently.

Frank Laver Photo Album

Frank Laver's images provide a window to the Northern Territory of 1919, as well as documenting an arduous journey which ended in Laver's untimely death. Laver was an Australian Test Cricketer, and prolific photographer. The images show Darwin, Maranboy, Mataranka and Elsey Station.

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