

FAMILY TRAIL



EXPLORE THE STATE LIBRARY

The State Library collects and preserves South Australia's stories from the past and the present for you and future generations.

This trail takes you on an adventure through the Library to discover many treasures and stories.

Use the map to help you explore and find your way around the Library.



SPENCE WING

Find the stairs leading to the upper level of the Spence Wing. Stop at the landing of the stairs and look up - you will see the person whom this wing is named after.

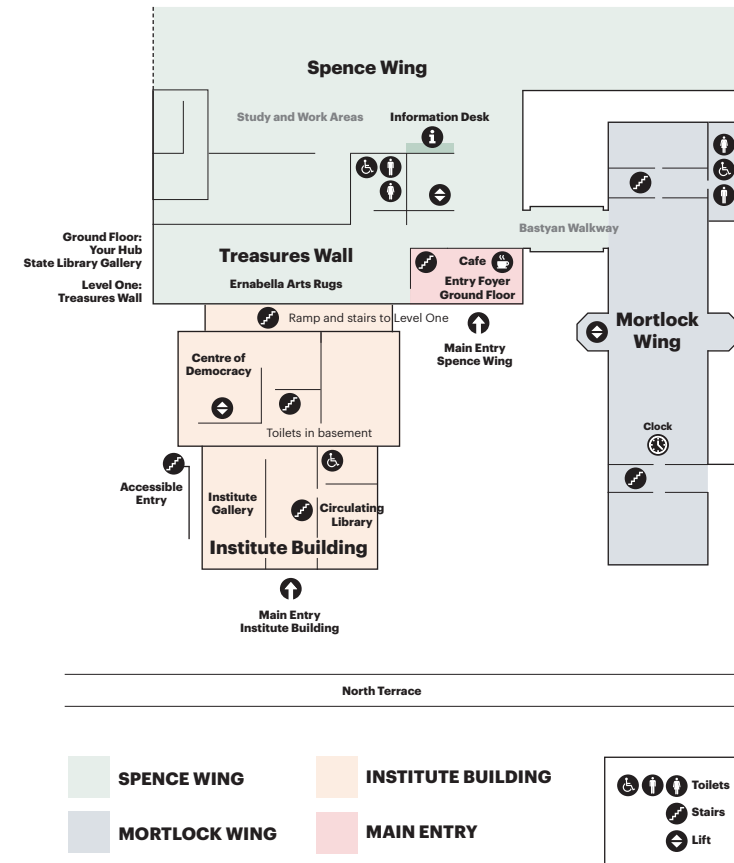
What is her name?

The picture here is an enlargement from a miniature portrait painting only 7 x 6 cm in size. The original was painted from a photograph by Adelaide artist Maude Gordon, in around 1900.



Did you know her portrait replaced the Queen on the Australian \$5 note in the year 2000?

LIBRARY MAP



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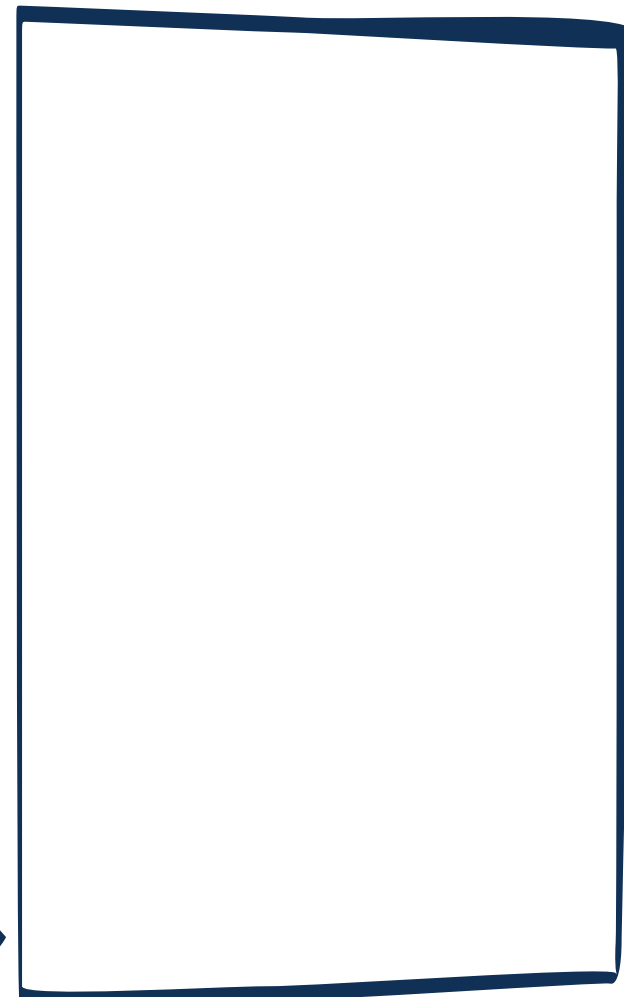
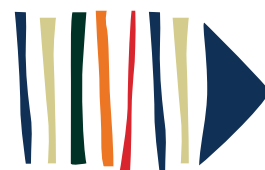
MORTLOCK WING

As you enter the Mortlock Chamber take a moment to stop, look and listen.

What is the first thing you notice when you enter?

How many books do you think are in this old library?*

Draw your favourite part of this space.



FIRST FLOOR

Climb the stairs and discover the hundreds of books that formed the Circulating Library. People could pay a fee to join the library and borrow books. Now the State Library is a research library, but you can borrow books for free from any public library.

Explore the many shelves and find a title that captures your attention.

What is the name of the book?

Which do you think is the oldest book on the shelves?

CLOCK

Stop and stand behind the 1887 clock, take a moment to listen to it tick.

Do you have a clock at home that makes a similar ticking sound?



Did you know this clock needs to be hand wound once a week to keep time? A librarian has done this every week for over 130 years.

Check out our family activities!





TREASURES WALL

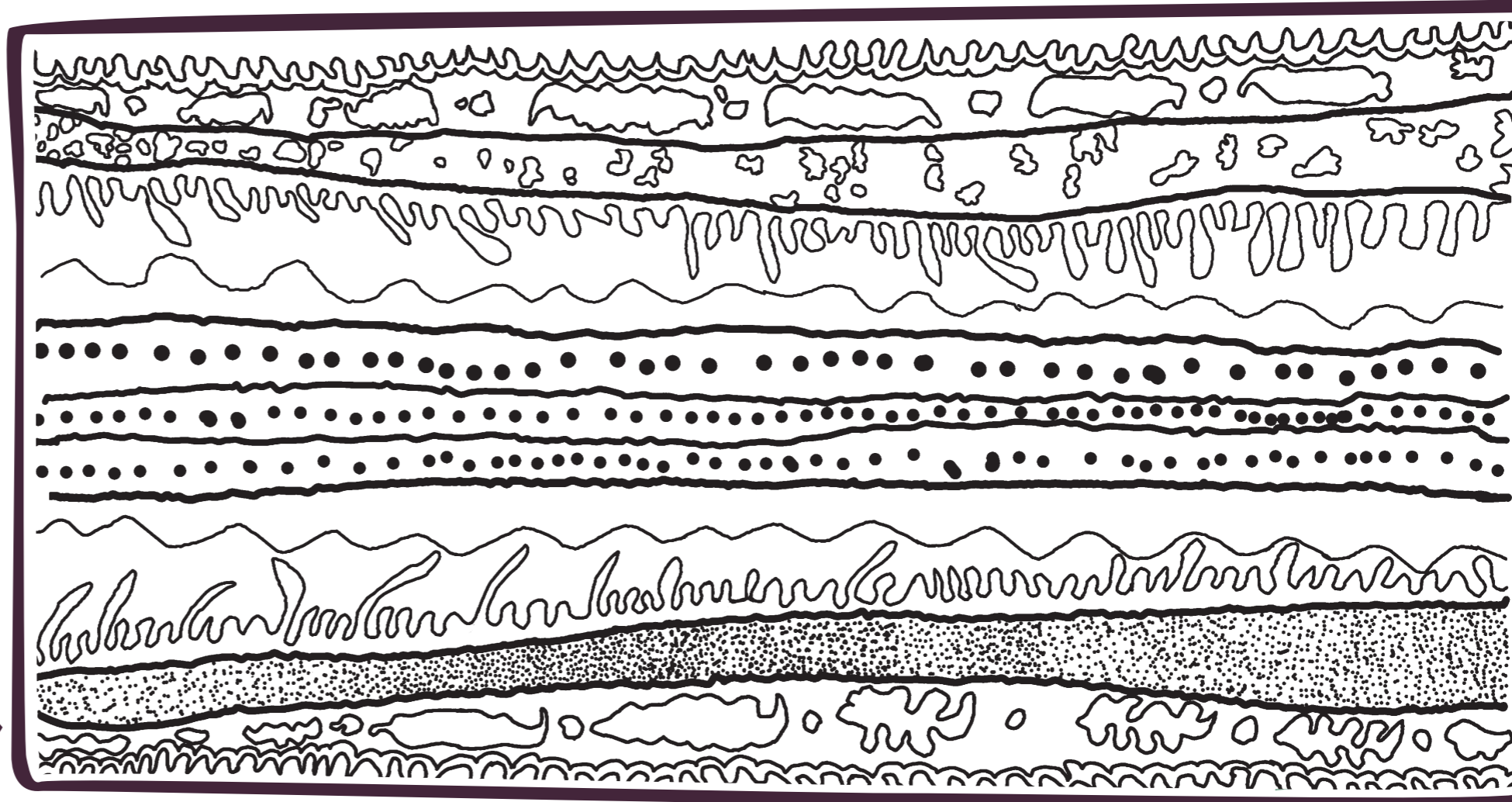
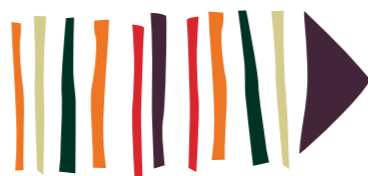
In the Treasures Wall, stop and marvel at the many South Australian natural products featured along the wall.

Which is your favourite?

Are you surprised by any of them?

The three vibrant rugs found near the Treasures Wall were designed by Pantjiti McKenzie from Ernabella Arts Inc of the Pukatja Community.

Colour in your own design of the rugs when you get home.



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INSTITUTE BUILDING

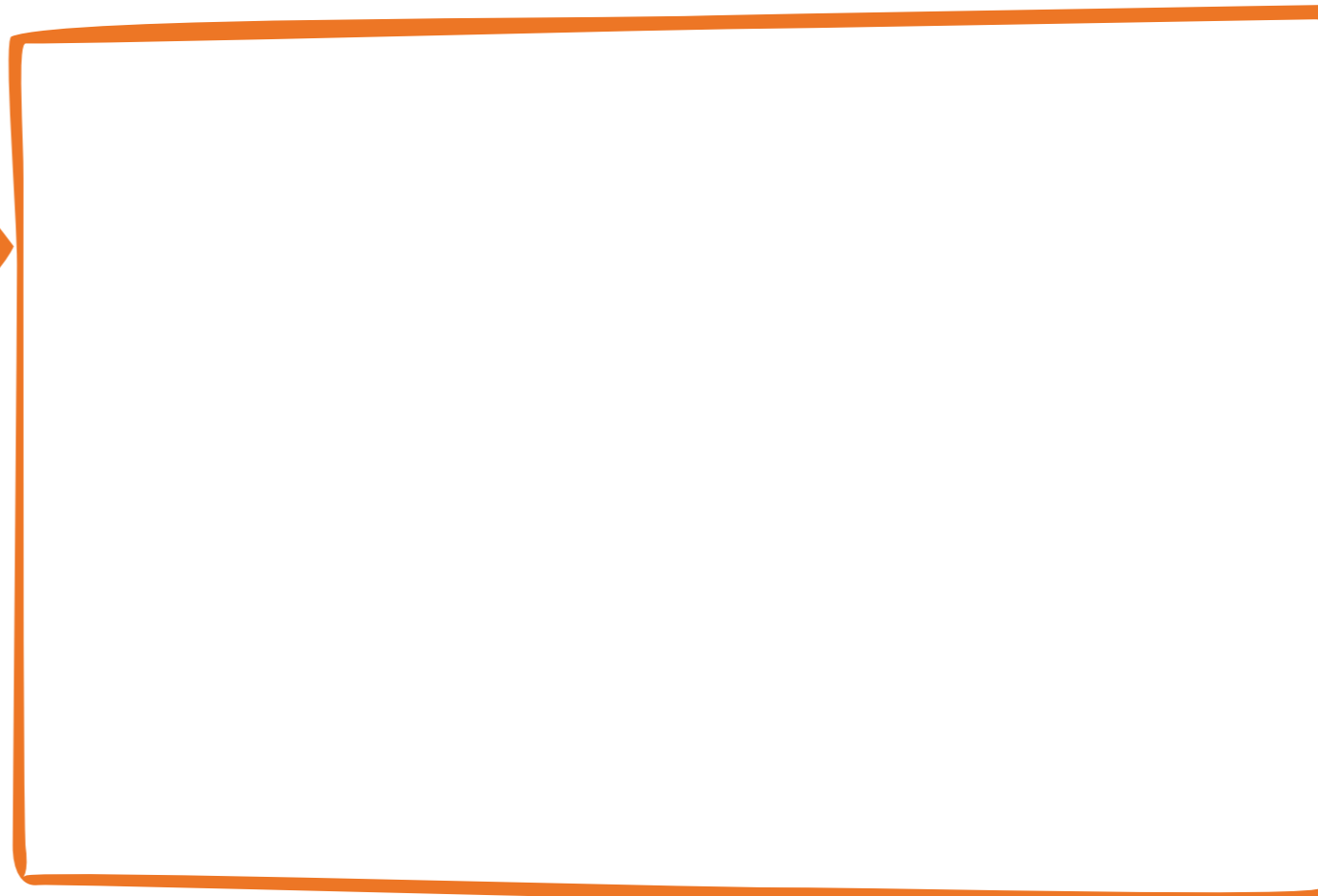
In the Institute Building, step back in time into South Australia's first library, gallery, and museum.

Find the Circulating Library and peek into the first library with books filling the shelves.

Fun fact: Soon after this building was opened in 1861, the caretaker's dog was locked in overnight by accident and chewed some of the books!

The room across the hallway is the first gallery of South Australia.

Draw what you think the first painting was in this gallery.



The Institute Building in 1872 ...



... and today!