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Library a tribute to wonderful citizen

There are some people in the community who touch the lives of everyone they come across and truly help make Bunbury a better place.

Arthur Taylor, who sadly passed away in September, was one of those people.

On Friday I was pleased to attend a special assembly at Cooinda Primary School where an extremely moving tribute was paid to Arthur.

The school dedicated its library to Arthur, an East Bunbury resident who had visited the school for the past nine years, where he quietly went about helping the school and students in a number of areas, including reading with Year 1 and 2 children.

As one student now in high school described so beautifully, Arthur didn't just teach them to read, he taught them to love words and their power, and to put their emotions into reading out loud.

He was a gentleman who inspired respect in children and fascinated them with his stories, and I am sure provided a wonderful "grandfather figure" for many children.

Arthur Taylor, a World War II veteran, was named Bunbury's Citizen of the Year for 2009 and it is fitting that his contribution to our community will be immortalised in Cooinda Primary School's library.

All welcome to join Rally 4 Respect

Western Australia's first-ever Rally 4 Respect is happening in Bunbury next Thursday 17th November and I would urge all local people to attend.

The Rally is about using people power in a positive way, to stand up and call for an end to anti-social behaviour and for a return to a more respectful society.

Participants will meet at Anzac Park near the library at 4pm, before marching down Victoria Street to raise awareness of the Choose Respect initiative and the positive impact it can have on our community.

People who do not wish to march are still encouraged to attend the celebrations in the Park and support the cause.

I will be speaking about Choose Respect, along with Cliff and Nay from Radiowest who are strong supporters of the initiative.

This is an important chance for community members to make their voices heard and show that we can all contribute towards a more respectful, safer and friendlier community, both now and in generations to come.