

WHAT'S ON

SUMMER 2023-24



Goldfields
Libraries

BIG SUMMER READ

LIBRARY LOVERS' DAY

DIGITAL LITERACY
FOR SENIORS



JELENA DOKIC
UNBREAKABLE & FEARLESS

HOW TO BOOK

All Goldfields Libraries events are free unless specified. You don't need to be a library member to attend.

BOOK NOW

BOOKINGS

are essential wherever you see this symbol



ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Session link emailed 1 hour prior to event

ONLINE

www.goldfieldslibraries.com

IN PERSON

Visit your local library.
Information on back cover

BY PHONE

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For the latest details and information on library events visit goldfieldslibraries.com

Large print copies of this program are available. Please contact us on 5449 2790 or email programs@ncgrl.vic.gov.au



Explore our comprehensive range of eLibrary resources available free to Goldfields Libraries members!



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[ncgrl.vic.gov.au/social](https://www.facebook.com/ncgrl.vic.gov.au/social)

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Jelena Dokic

Unbreakable & Fearless
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Goldfields Library Corporation acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land and waterways of our region. We recognise their living cultures and ongoing connection to Country, and pay respect to their Elders past and present.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Celebrating Christmas

DECEMBER CARD PROJECT

Bendigo Health invites you to write a Christmas message of hope and kindness for inpatients in mental health units. Your understanding and support can help ease the stigma, loneliness and isolation of those affected by mental illness. Use your own card or one from the library, and place it unsealed in the library letterboxes provided.

More information at bendigohealth.org.au

MON 27 NOV-WED 20 DEC

Bendigo, Eaglehawk & Kangaroo Flat libraries

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS BOOK DISPLAY

From the bookshelves of a local crafter, artist and teacher comes this unique, incidental and ever-growing collection of books depicting the classic Christmas carol, *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. With over 300 versions in the collection, this display will showcase old and rare books, different language variations, and pictorial versions.

Kindly loaned by Roz Effenberg.

FRI 1-SAT 30 DEC

Bendigo Library



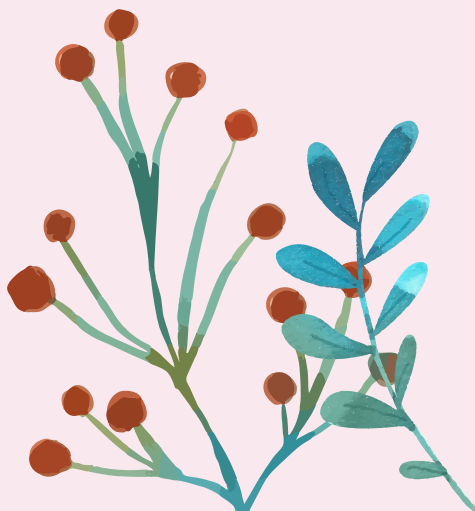
POP-UP CHRISTMAS CARDS

Learn the craft of pop-up and create a surprising and delightful Christmas card for someone special.

For families.

SAT 2 DEC, 12-1PM

Bendigo Library





TWINKLE TOES THE CHRISTMAS BALLERINA

Twinkle Toes will be a very special guest at Storytime in December. Come along in your Christmas or dancing clothes for some jolly stories and merry dance moves. Ho Ho Ho, how low can you go?

Ages 3-5 years.

TUE 5 DEC, 10.30-11.15AM

Eaglehawk Library

FRI 8 DEC, 10.30-11.15AM

Kangaroo Flat Library

FRI 15 DEC, 10.30-11.15AM

Bendigo Library

SELFIES WITH SANTA & GLITTER TATTOOS

We're joining in the fun at the Burra Block Party! Photo opps with Santa, badge making and Christmas glitter tattoos for everyone!

All ages.

FRI 8 DEC, 5-6.30PM

Eaglehawk Library

CD DECORATIONS

Drop in and upcycle old CDs into fun and cheerful Christmas decorations.

Ages 5-12 years.

SAT 9 & 16 DEC, 10AM-12PM

MON 11-FRI 15 DEC, 3.30-5PM

Woodend Library

MON 11-FRI 15 DEC, 3.45-4.45PM

Kyneton Library

BIG SUMMER READ

JOIN. BORROW. READ. WIN!



The BIG Summer Read is back!

Read 10 books over summer and be in the running to win great prizes, including book vouchers and gift vouchers from EB Games and Smiggle.

To get started, register at your local library or visit www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/bigsummerread

Return your reading record by 31 Jan for your chance to win a prize (Beanstack participants will have automatic entry).

Prize winners announced Fri 9 Feb.

For children and young people up to 18 years.

DEC-JAN

All libraries, selected library agencies
or online

BIG SUMMER READ LAUNCH EVENTS

It's launch day – sign up early and join in all the fun! Giveaways lucky dip, music and an ice cream cart!

Castlemaine launch includes a celebration for the release of 'Courageous Kids and Their Amazing Stories' featuring local illustrator Liz Duthie and book sales and signings.

SAT 2 DEC, 10AM-12PM

Castlemaine Library

SAT 9 DEC, 10AM-12PM

Bendigo Library

BSR ACTIVITIES

CREATIVE COLOURING COMPETITION

Colour your reading record in an interesting and creative way. On completion of the reading challenge, you'll also be in the running to win a prize for fabulous colouring.

For children up to 12 years.

FIND THE MASCOTS!

BSR welcomes a new cast of fun and colourful mascots. Find where they are hiding in our libraries and discover their favourite thing to do on a hot summer day!

A little reward awaits if you complete the challenge.

All ages.

International Day of People with Disability

BENDIGO NDIS EXPO

We're excited to present the Bendigo NDIS Expo, celebrating International Day of People with Disability. Find all your local NDIS providers in the one spot, including Local Area Coordinators, Support Coordinators, Allied health professionals and other providers.

MON 4 DEC, 10AM-3PM

Bendigo Library

STORYTIME SPECIAL: COME OVER TO MY HOUSE

A very special family Storytime, hosted by writer, musician and disability advocate Eliza Hull. Features *Come Over to My House*, a delightful picture book exploring the home lives of children and parents who are deaf or disabled. Enjoy a cast of friendly characters who invite friends over for a play – there's fun to be had, food to eat and families to meet!

All ages.

MON 4 DEC, 12-1PM

Bendigo Library



Chinese New Year of the Dragon

DROP IN ACTIVITIES

Join in the colour and excitement of Chinese New Year. Create a Chinese zodiac, lucky charm or simple dragon puppet.

Ages 5-12 years.

FRI 9-16 FEB

All Libraries and selected Library Agencies

TRADITIONAL WELCOME

The Central Victorian Southern Lion, Dragon and Fu Wa Teams will bring the library to life with a noisy and spectacular welcome to the Chinese New Year of the Dragon. Not to be missed!

FRI 9 FEB, 5.30-6.30PM

Bendigo Library

CHINESE NEW YEAR STORYTIME SPECIAL

Join special guest Shengjie Chiu to celebrate Chinese New Year featuring some Chinese language, an interactive story, craft activity and a mini parade.

Ages 3-5 years.

WED 14 FEB, 10.30-11.15AM

Bendigo Library



Library Lovers' Day

BOOKS WE LOVE

Share the books you have most loved, and see what floats others' boats! Contribute to our displays or share on socials using [#bookswelove](#)

THU 1-29 FEB

All Libraries and selected library agencies

MAKE AND TAKE

Upcycle old books to celebrate your love of reading and words, and the libraries they live in! Drop by and visit our Making Station to create something quirky and wonderful – a paper rose, dictionary magnet, vintage bookmark or book house, you will love them.

For adults and teens.

MON 12 FEB, 11AM-12PM

Boort Library Agency

MON 12 FEB, 11AM-12PM

Elmore Library Agency

MON 12 FEB, 1-3PM

TUE 13 FEB, 4-6PM

Gisborne Library

MON 12 FEB, 1-4PM

WED 14 FEB, 1-4PM

Romsey Library

MON 12 FEB, 3-5PM

WED 14 FEB, 3-5PM

Castlemaine Library

TUE 13 FEB, 9.30-10.30AM

Dingee Library Agency

TUE 13 FEB, 11.30-12.30PM

Pyramid Hill Library Agency

WED 14 FEB, 10.30-11.30AM

Inglewood Library Agency

WED 14 FEB, 1.30-2.30PM

Wedderburn Library Agency

WED 14 FEB, 2-4PM

SAT 17 FEB, 10AM-12PM

Woodend Library

WED 14 FEB, 2-5PM

Bendigo Library

WED 14 FEB, 2.30-4.30PM

SAT 17 FEB, 10AM-12PM

Kangaroo Flat Library

FRI 16 FEB, 3-4PM

Heathcote Library



AUTHOR TALKS

GEOFF ALLSHORN: ALWAYS REMEMBER

Author and academic Geoff Allshorn reflects on the 40th anniversary of AIDS - a distressingly lethal epidemic hitting minority groups already suffering stigma and discrimination. As an eyewitness and community activist of this time Geoff's hope is for the heroes, the losses and the lessons to always be remembered.

Geoff Allshorn is an LGBTIQAA+ and human rights advocate and participant in the AIDS Memorial Quilt, and the Victorian AIDS Council (Thorne Harbour Health)

FRI 1 DEC, 5.30-6.30PM
Bendigo Library

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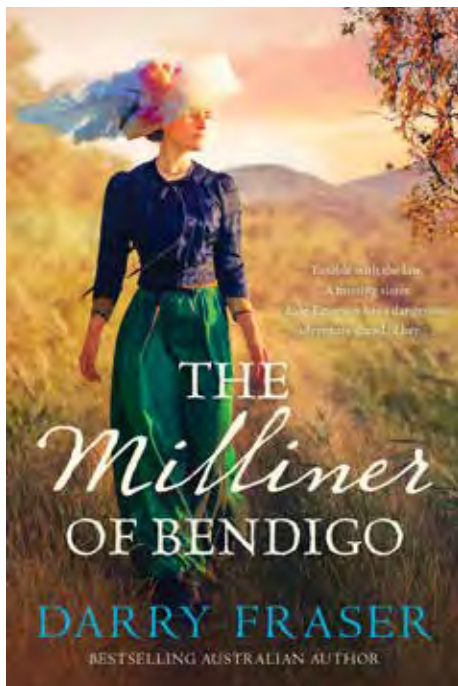
KAREN MARTIN: THE BRINGER OF HAPPINESS

Join local, independent author Karen Martin for insights into her new novel. Narrated by Sara, the daughter of Jesus and Mary Magdalene, who time travels forward into other people's bodies. Part history, part myth, part imagination - compelling and (almost) true.

Book sales and signings.

WED 6 DEC, 2-3PM
Woodend Library

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DARRY FRASER: THE MILLINER OF BENDIGO

How lucky we are to have Darry Fraser launch her new novel right here in Bendigo? But how could she not?

1898: Bendigo, Victoria - Trouble with the law, a missing sister, and a growing attachment to the wrong man. Evie Emerson has a dangerous path ahead of her in this exciting and twisty historical mystery and adventure. Darry's wonderful research makes you feel like you're back in 1898 with richly detailed scenes in Bendigo and along the Murray. Authentic, riveting and delightful.

Please join us, and why not wear a hat?!

Book sales and signings.

THU 7 DEC, 5.30-6.30PM
Bendigo Library

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PAULIE STEWART: ALL THE RAGE

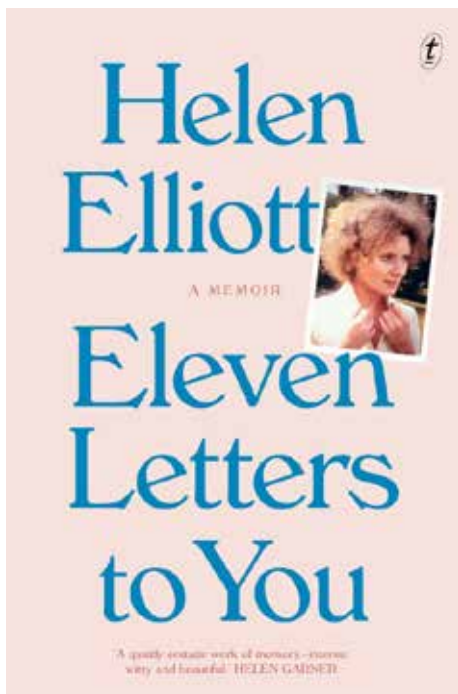
Paulie Stewart OAM is an Australian rock legend. He's also a legend of the movement advocating for the freedom of East Timor and West Papua. In his tell-all, highly entertaining memoir, Paulie describes channelling his anger from the murder of his brother, one of the Balibo Five, into the infamous punk rock Painters & Dockers band that put the Australian music scene on notice. His story transcends music and activism, reflecting a life lived to the full – both wild and compassionate, going from hilarious interactions with major stars and rocking it out on stage, to tireless support of Timor-leste's Alma Nuns.

Book sales and signings.

THU 7 DEC, 6-7PM
Castlemaine Library

FRI 8 DEC, 6-7PM
Bendigo Library

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HELEN ELLIOTT: ELEVEN LETTERS TO YOU

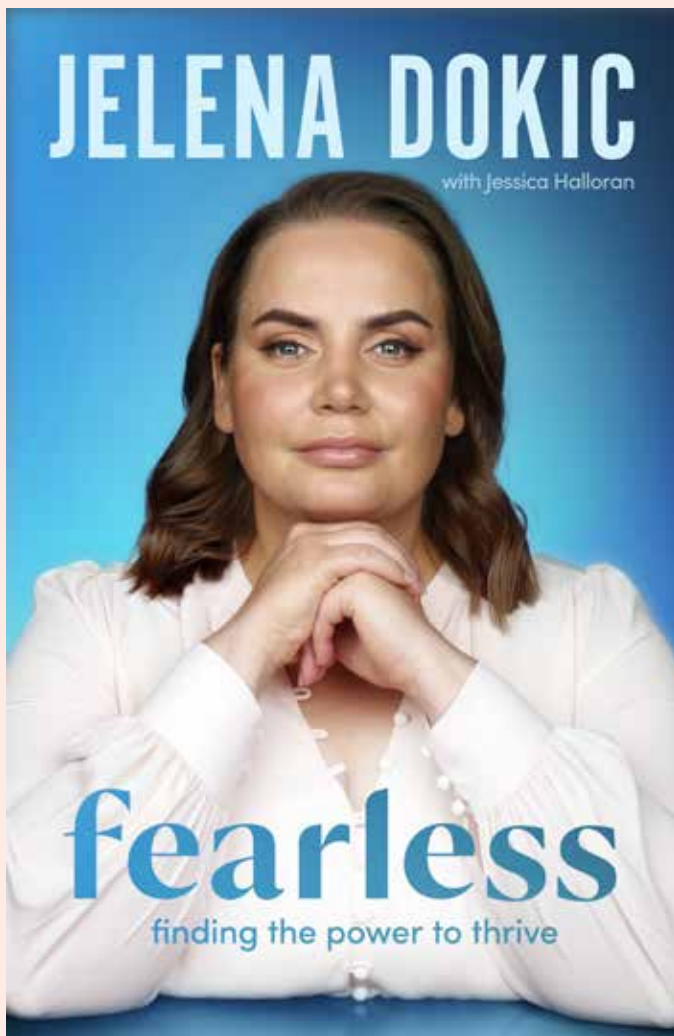
A profoundly original memoir and an intimate account of growing up in the suburbs of Melbourne in the 50s and 60s, before feminism. This sparkling and absorbing book is written in the form of eleven letters to those neighbours, relatives, friends, teachers and mentors who shaped the young Helen. Each letter recreates life in sensuous and indelible detail, bringing marvellous characters back to life, along with the lost worlds they inhabit.

Book sales and signings.

Helen Elliott is a prominent literary critic, journalist and editor who lives on an acre of garden in Mt Macedon.

WED 14 FEB, 11AM-12PM
Woodend Library

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JELENA DOKIC: UNBREAKABLE & FEARLESS

How do you find hope when all is lost? How do you find strength when you feel broken? How do you find your voice when you feel scared?

In Jelena Dokic's first bestselling book, *Unbreakable*, the former world no.4 revealed her incredible survival story; how she overcame adversity, poverty and violence to rise to the top of the tennis world. Jelena's revelations about her father's shocking abuse stunned the world.

Her most recent book, *Fearless*, is about how you reclaim your life when all feels lost.

Join us for what we know will be an insightful, moving and incredibly powerful conversation with one of the world's greatest champions, Jelena Dokic.

Book sales and signings.

WED 14 FEB, 11AM-12PM
Gisborne Library

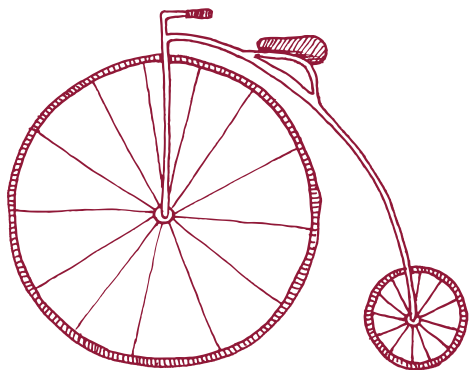
THU 15 FEB, 5.30-7PM
Bendigo Library

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WRITING

Mulga Bill

WRITING AWARD



Aspiring poets and writers are warmly invited to enter the Mulga Bill Writing Award, part of the Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Festival.

Theme: Mystical Waters

Short story: Max. 2000 words.

Poetry: Max. 25 lines.

Prizes awarded in each category. \$5 entry fee. More information and entry forms at www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/mulgabillwritingaward

Entries open: Friday 1 December 2023

Entries close: Friday 23 February 2024

Winners announced at the Dahlia and Arts Festival Opening in March.

Sponsored by Eaglehawk Festivals Inc.

READING

RECONCILIATION READING GROUP

Join us and the Macedon Ranges Truth & Reconciliation Group (MRTRG) for readings and discussion to enhance awareness and respect of First Nations cultures, knowledge, experience and country. Those interested just need to read the provided text, usually a journal or newspaper article or blog of about 10 minutes in length, and be ready to discuss.

BOOK NOW

THU 14 DEC, 5-6PM

Kyneton Library



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DICKENS

Andrew Barrie shares his exuberance over the life, time and works of Charles Dickens in celebration of Dickens' birthday (Feb 7, 1812).

BOOK NOW

THU 8 FEB, 5.30PM-6.30PM

Castlemaine Library

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

MANZWG NETZERO FILMS

Mount Alexander Net Zero Working Group (MANZWG) presents video stories from Phil McConachy of The Mill and Dr Louisa Hope of the Mostyn St Medical Clinic, showcasing their vision and achievements in taking their communities towards a cleaner future. Hear about these local business sustainability efforts, and chat with MANZWG members about getting your business/home on the road to 100% renewable.

Drinks available for purchase from 5pm (provided by Shedshaker Brewery)

THU 14 DEC, 5.30-6.30PM
Castlemaine Library

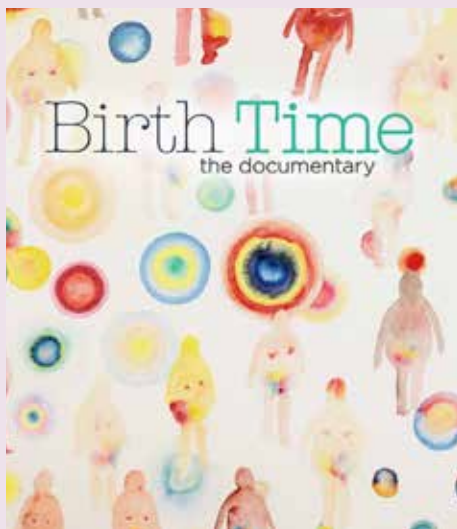
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PARENTING IN THE MODERN WORLD: TWEENS AND TEENS

Bron Grieve is a passionate health communicator, youth advocate and highly experienced community health nurse. She will provide insights and information for parents on communicating, negotiating the world of porn, media and technology, and talking with teens about sex. A proactive and positive start to the year!

THU 22 FEB, 5.30-7PM
Kyneton Library

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BIRTH TIME

A powerful and inspiring documentary encouraging reflection about birthing practises in Australia. The film follows three women embarking on a mission to discover why an increasing number of women are emerging from their births physically and emotionally traumatised. Their insights inspired them to create the Birth Time education platform with the hope of changing the face of maternity care across the world.

WED 28 FEB, 7-8.30PM
Gisborne Library

BOOK
NOW

THU 29 FEB, 11.30AM-1PM
Romsey Library

THU 29 FEB, 5-6.30PM
Castlemaine Library

THU 29 FEB, 5.30-7PM
Bendigo Library

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SERVICE

A document witnessing services is available at several of our libraries.

For more information visit ncgrl.vic.gov.au/jp



DIGITAL LITERACY

Digital Literacy for Seniors Program

The State Government of Victoria is supporting public libraries to conduct hands-on digital training programs for Seniors (60+) over the summer. Programs will assist in managing mobile phones, data and apps, understanding the internet, and getting the most out of laptops and tablets.

TECH HELP FOR SENIORS

Register for free one-on-one digital training at your local Goldfields Libraries branch or agency. Drop in or give us a call, tell us what you would like to know about or learn, and we'll make an appointment for you.

See back cover for contact details.

WED 1 NOV-THU 29 FEB
All libraries and library agencies

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BOOKMAKING: CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

Local author, artist and book creator Trace Balla will inspire you to use technology in a fun way, guiding the creation of a simple collaborative book using photos, text, and other images. We hope you will be empowered to keep on creating for your families and friends!

No experience necessary, but attendance at both sessions is required.

iPads and refreshments provided, and a copy of the final book.

WED 7 & 14 FEB, 10AM-12PM
Bendigo Library

BOOK
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KNOW YOUR GIZMO

Bring your phone, laptop or tablet and let us bust your tech problems! We'll help you navigate email and photos, use apps, message and add contacts to open up your online world. Let us know how we can help you.

BOOK NOW

TUE 9 JAN, 10.30-11.30AM

Eaglehawk Library

MON 12 FEB, 2-3PM

Kangaroo Flat Library

INTRODUCTION TO THE CLOUD

Wondering what people mean when they mention The Cloud? This introductory session will give you an overview of what The Cloud is and how it can be a useful tool in everyday life.

BOOK NOW

MON 5 FEB, 10.30-11.30AM

Kangaroo Flat Library

FUN THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR PHOTOS

Learn how to shoot, edit, print and store your photos like a pro!

BOOK NOW

THU 8 FEB, 2-2.45PM

Bendigo Library

ONE-ON-ONE IT HELP

Assistance from our patient and experienced staff with laptops, tablets and phones, including setting up email and learning how to use the library's fantastic online collections.

BY APPOINTMENT

All library branches and agencies.

Contact information on back cover.

CREATING DESIGNS WITH CANVA

Learn how to create professional and eye-catching posters, flyers and social media ads for your community group using Canva, a free-to-use online graphic design tool.

BYO device or use one of ours.

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FRI 9 FEB, 11AM-12.30PM

Elmore Library Agency

FRI 9 FEB, 2-3.30PM

Heathcote Library

WED 28 FEB, 10.30AM-12PM

Wedderburn Library Agency

WED 28 FEB, 1.30-3PM

Inglewood Library Agency

THU 29 FEB, 10.30AM-12PM

Boort Library Agency



VICTORIAN EMERGENCY AND BUSHFIRE APPS

Discover how to use online tools and apps to be prepared and stay informed during bushfire season.

BOOK NOW

MON 12 FEB, 2.30-3.30PM

Kyneton Library

OUR AMAZING eLIBRARY

Learn how to stream films, audiobooks and more for FREE with your library card.

BOOK NOW

MON 12 FEB, 10.30-11.30AM

Woodend Library

THU 22 FEB, 2-2.45PM

Bendigo Library

INTRO TO TROVE

Discover Trove, a free online service to search fully digitised Australian newspapers and more. While simple to use, there are some great techniques to help you become a successful Trover.

BOOK NOW

FRI 16 FEB, 2-3PM

Castlemaine Library

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

Learn the essentials of safe passwords, how to pay safely online, and tips to avoid scams and tricks.

BOOK NOW

MON 26 FEB, 2.30-4PM

Kyneton Library

LISTENING ONLINE

Explore all the different ways you can listen online, including podcasts, audiobooks, and music streaming services.

BOOK NOW

TUE 27 FEB, 2-3PM

Eaglehawk Library

FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY

HANDLE WITH CARE: EXPLORING THE BENDIGO HEALTH ARCHIVES

Over 40 record series containing 340+ volumes were recently transferred to the Public Record Office from Bendigo Health and are now available from the BRAC Reading Room. Join Desiree to discover the wealth of information available for researchers, family historians, local history fans, academic,s and authors.

BOOK NOW

TUE 20 FEB, 2-3PM

Eaglehawk Library

DISCOVERING HISTORY SEMINARS

Recommencing at Bendigo Library in March 2024.



SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

TINY ART SHOW

Create a masterpiece for our Tiny Art Show. Collect a mini canvas from the library and unleash your inner artist! To be followed by a Tiny Art Exhibition where the community votes for their favourite, with prizes awarded.

For children and adults.

**COLLECT A CANVAS FROM 2 JAN
RETURN CANVAS BY 31 JAN
TINY ART EXHIBITION 1-29 FEB**
Romsey Library

ART WORKSHOPS: INTRODUCTION TO DRAWING

Join passionate artist and facilitator Marilyn Andrews for a series of four workshops introducing drawing skills and techniques. Content includes working on different papers with graphite pencil, charcoal, and pen. Marilyn will also cover mass, form, line, perspective and still life, and landscape composition.

No experience is necessary, but attendance at all sessions is required.

\$10 materials cost – please pay cash at the first session.

THU 8, 15, 22 & 29 FEB, 1-3PM
Kangaroo Flat Library

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DISPLAYS

**The Twelve Days of Christmas
Book Display**

FRI 1-SAT 30 DEC
Bendigo Library

Possum Skin Cloaks
TUE 2-SAT 27 JAN
Woodend Library



TOYS AND JOYS: VINTAGE MODEL VEHICLES

Meet inspirational senior David Flintoff, a talented creator of wooden and historical iconic vehicles. Enjoy a show and tell of his beautiful models, including a 1930 Ford Roadster, a 1934 Chevy Coupe, vintage fire trucks, and an engine that runs on air. David's love and talent for woodworking developed as a young boy playing in his father's carpentry workshop. Join us for a yarn and a cuppa as David shares his passion.

Model vehicles will be displayed at Kyneton Library during Feb.

WED 14 FEB, 10-11AM
Kyneton Library

BOOK
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REGULAR PROGRAMS

Craft and Sewing Groups

CRAFTING CONNECTIONS

Join us for a coffee, chat, craft and crochet. Want to learn? No problem! Come along and chat to any of our makers. All crafts welcome.

Members of Crochet Hookers Australia will be present.

THURSDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM

1-2.30PM

Kangaroo Flat Library

PREEMIE HEARTS

Come along and stitch a scent heart for premature and very sick babies to assist with mother and baby bonding.

All materials provided.

FRI 1 DEC & 2 FEB, 2.30-4PM

Kyneton Library

PUZZLE AND CHAT

A good puzzler can complete a 500-piece jigsaw in three hours! But how quickly can a group of keen puzzlers do it? Join with others to complete a new jigsaw while chatting.

Refreshments provided.

WED 6 DEC & 7 FEB, 1-4.30PM

Kangaroo Flat Library

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CROCHET AND CONVERSATION

Are you new to crochet, or would you like to learn? Working on a crochet project and feel like company? Join our friendly gathering and share the love of all thing crochet.

BYO supplies or your current project.

MON 4 DEC & 5 FEB, 2.30-3.30PM

Gisborne Library

CRAFT AND CHAT

Bring along your current craft project for idea sharing and skills in a friendly gathering. Premie Hearts materials will also be available.

All will be warmly welcomed.

WED 13 DEC & 14 FEB, 2-4PM

Woodend Library

SOCIAL SCRABBLE

Drop in and test your vocabulary against others in light hearted social scrabble. It's a great way to keep your brain active!

Refreshments provided.

TUE 19 DEC & 27 FEB, 1-4.30PM

Kangaroo Flat Library

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A Curious Circle at Romsey Library

Enjoy crafting for fun and connection in a friendly and inclusive setting. No skills required. Refreshments provided.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT

THU 7 DEC, 6.30-8.30PM

BOOK NOW

VISION BOARDS

SAT 17 FEB, 1-4PM

BOOK NOW

The Memory Place

Join us for memories, conversation and fun as we share our beautiful themed memory kits. Enjoy reflecting on or learning about the past and the stories that objects can tell.

Refreshments included.

KITCHENS AND COOKING

TUE 19 DEC, 11AM-12PM

Bendigo Library

BOOK NOW

FAMILIES IN THE HOME

THU 1 FEB, 2-3PM

Kangaroo Flat Library

BOOK NOW

BEAUTY AND STYLE

TUE 20 FEB, 11AM-12PM

Bendigo Library

BOOK NOW

FAMILY FUN

FRI 23 FEB, 2-3PM

Heathcote Library

BOOK NOW



Library Film Club

LOVE ACTUALLY (M)

What's Christmas without *Love Actually*? A delightful and spirit-warming Christmas romantic comedy delving into different aspects of love shown through 10 separate stories with interlinked characters.

WED 13 DEC, 1-3.15PM
Gisborne Library

BOOK NOW

BARBIE (PG)

Eccentric and individualistic, Barbie is exiled from Barbie Land because of her imperfections. When her home world is in peril, Barbie returns...

Great fun, but not for little kids!

THU 11 JAN, 10.30AM-12.30PM
Castlemaine Library

BOOK NOW

FRI 12 JAN, 1-3PM
Bendigo Library

OPPENHEIMER (MA 15+)

An epic biographical thriller about J. Robert Oppenheimer, the American theoretical physicist credited with being the father of the atomic bomb for his role in the World War II Manhattan Project, which developed the first nuclear weapons.

Based on the 2005 biography *American Prometheus* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin.

THU 11 JAN, 3.30-6.30PM
Castlemaine Library

BOOK NOW

FRI 12 JAN, 4-7PM
Bendigo Library



THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION (MA 15+)

A fabulous prison drama based on the novella *Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption* by Stephen King. Showcases the power of hope, dignity, and friendship with redemption in the end. Spot the library!

THU 15 FEB, 5-7.30PM
Castlemaine Library

BOOK NOW

BIRTH TIME: THE DOCUMENTARY (M)

See page 13 for details

WED 28 FEB, 7-8.30PM
Gisborne Library

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THU 29 FEB, 11.30AM-1PM
Romsey Library

THU 29 FEB, 5-6.30PM
Castlemaine Library

THU 29 FEB, 5.30-7PM
Bendigo Library



Get Moving!

The Get Moving exercise program for older adults is back, thanks to funding from the City of Greater Bendigo. Try something new for fitness, health and fun.

YOGA: COME AND TRY

Relax into the festive season with a gentle yoga class led by experienced yoga instructor Simon Phelan.

Enjoy conscious breathing and meditation, as well as poses and techniques suitable for over 60s bodies with seated options incorporated.

Please BYO yoga mat or towels.

THU 14 DEC, 10.30-11.30AM

Kangaroo Flat Library

Bookings: phone 5447 8344

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TAI CHI: COME AND TRY

Join Welby Holistic for a series of gentle flowing sessions of Tai Chi Qigong Shibashi, incorporating movement and breathing to invigorate the body and calm the mind. Perfect for over 60s with no experience necessary.

WED 14 FEB, 1-1.45PM

Kangaroo Flat Library

Bookings: phone 5447 8344

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TEENS & YOUNG PEOPLE

TINY ART SHOW

See page 17 for details.

COLLECT A CANVAS FROM 2 JAN
Romsey Library



MANGA DRAWING WORKSHOPS WITH KENNY CHAN

Do you like to read Manga? Would you like to draw Manga?

Manga artist Kenny Chan has worked as a freelance artist and animator in comics, animation, video games and movies – he is the real deal!

Kenny will teach a quick and simple way to draw original characters in a Japanese comic style – with tricks to add personality and humour, along with some interesting cultural nuances and observation skills.

WED 10 JAN, 10.30-11.30AM
AGES 8-15 YEARS
Woodend Library

BOOK
NOW

WED 10 JAN, 2.30-3.30PM
AGES 12-18+ YEARS
Bendigo Library

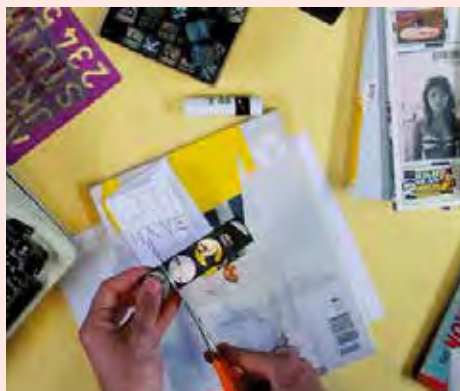
LIBRARY FILM CLUB: BARBIE

See page 20 for details.

THU 11 JAN, 10.30AM-12.30PM
Castlemaine Library

BOOK
NOW

FRI 12 JAN, 1-3PM
Bendigo Library



MAKE A POETRY ZINE

Poets and zine-sharers Dave Munro and Amanda Collins will walk you through the writing of a poem and the creation of a zine for sharing. You will learn how to make a basic zine, explore some poetry, and take away a set of zine creations.

Ages 12-15 years.

WED 17 JAN, 10.30AM-12PM
Castlemaine Library

BOOK
NOW

THU 25 JAN, 10.30AM-12PM
Heathcote Library

MINECRAFT LAB

Enjoy Minecraft with others in specially created Minecraft worlds with challenges, tests and lots of fun along the way.

Laptops supplied.

Ages 12-15 years.

WED 24 JAN, 2-3PM
Bendigo Library

BOOK
NOW

CHILDREN & FAMILIES



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Pop-Up Christmas Cards
Twinkle Toes the Christmas Ballerina
Selfies with Santa

See pages 4-5 for details

PRIMARY SCHOOL YEARS

BIG SUMMER READ

See page 6 for details.

DEC-JAN

All libraries, selected library agencies or online

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SAT 6 JAN

8-12 YEARS: 9.30-10.30AM & 11AM-12PM

Gisborne Library

WED 10 JAN

6-10 YEARS: 11AM-12PM

8-12 YEARS: 1-2PM

Kyneton Library

MON 15 JAN, 10.30AM-12PM

TUE 16 JAN, 2-3.30PM

8-12 YEARS

Woodend Library

FRI 19 JAN

6-10 YEARS: 10-11AM

8-12 YEARS: 11.30AM-12.30PM

Castlemaine Library

WED 24 JAN

6-10 YEARS 10-11AM

8-12 YEARS: 11.30AM-12.30PM

12-15 YEARS: 2-3PM

Bendigo Library

Drop In Activities

GET YOUR GAME ON!

Board games for young and old.

FRI 1 DEC & 2 FEB, 5-6.30PM
FRI 5, 12 & 19 JAN, 1.30-6.30PM
Bendigo Library

LIBRARY MAGIC BEACH

Create sea creatures from Magic Beach by Alison Lester for the library seascape.

All ages.

FRI 5-TUE 30 JAN, OPENING HOURS
Eaglehawk Library

SUMMER SCIENCE LAB

Drop in science fun.

Ages 5-12 years.

WED 3-31 JAN, OPENING HOURS
Kangaroo Flat Library

MARBLE RUN

Test your engineering skills and see how it rolls!

Ages 5-12 years.

MON 8-FRI 12 JAN, OPENING HOURS
Woodend Library

TUE 16-30 JAN, OPENING HOURS
Heathcote Library

SUMMER BUGS

'Nice' insect Nature Table, bug activities and window mural.

All ages.

MON 8-THU 25 JAN, OPENING HOURS
Kyneton Library



STIG LIVE @ THE LIBRARY!

Fabulous actor and narrator of Andy Griffiths books, Stig Wemyss is back! Join us for a romping great time in this interactive and hilarious show. Games, sketches and Andy Griffiths giveaways. You'll love it!

Ages 5-12 years.

THU 18 JAN, 10.30-11.30AM
Gisborne Library

THU 18 JAN, 1-2PM
Castlemaine Library

THU 18 JAN, 3-4PM
Bendigo Library

BOOK
NOW



MIN AND SEAN: THE BOOK SONG SHOW

A very special music show for little kids. Min and Sean will delight with endearing and interactive songs based on the wonderful books of Aaron Blabey and other top Australian picture book authors. If you love *Pig the Pug* or you *Need a Hug* this shows for you!

For young families.

BOOK
NOW

TUE 23 JAN, 11AM-12PM
Kyneton Library

TUE 23 JAN, 2-3PM
Romsey Library

Movies for Kids



MARCEL THE SHELL WITH SHOES ON (PG)

WED 10 JAN, 11AM-12.30PM
Gisborne Library

WED 10 JAN, 2-3.30PM
Castlemaine Library

WED 17 JAN, 2-3.30PM
Bendigo Library

BOOK
NOW



THE LITTLE MERMAID (PG)

WED 17 JAN, 11AM-1.15PM
Gisborne Library

WED 17 JAN, 2-4.15PM
Castlemaine Library

WED 24 JAN, 2-4.15PM
Bendigo Library

BOOK
NOW

EARLY YEARS

Storytime Specials

COME OVER TO MY HOUSE

See page 7 for details.

MON 4 DEC, 12-1PM

Bendigo Library

TWINKLE TOES THE CHRISTMAS BALLERINA

See page 5 for details.

TUE 5 DEC, 10.30-11.15AM

Eaglehawk Library

FRI 8 DEC, 10.30-11.15AM

Kangaroo Flat Library

FRI 15 DEC, 10.30-11.15AM

Bendigo Library

CHINESE NEW YEAR

See page 7 for details.

WED 14 FEB, 10.30-11.15AM

Bendigo Library



BOOK LAUNCH: ARABELLA

Join us for the launch of the beautiful new picture book *Arabella* by multi-award-winning writer Carmel Bird and local artist Jace Rogers.

Young families.

SAT 9 DEC, 10.30AM-11.30AM

Castlemaine Library

Illustration of a yellow and orange owl sitting on a tree branch, reading a blue book, set against a dark blue background with white stars and a white circle behind the owl.

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Get in the reading habit and join 1000 Books Before School!

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NOT A STICK

By Antoinette Portis

DEC-FEB

Gingell Street, Castlemaine

THE BLACK COCKATOO WITH ONE FEATHER BLUE

By Jodie Mcleod, illustrated by Eloise Short

DEC-FEB

Kyneton

Shared path by Primary School and Kinder

THE DAY A TRICERATOPS TURNED UP

By Mica Felix, illustrated by Allira Tee

DEC-FEB

Heathcote Playspace, 126 High Street

THE MAGIC BEACH

By Alison Lester.

SAT 6-TUE 30 JAN

Canterbury Park Gardens, Eaglehawk

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MR BEAKY

By Cassie Leatham and Sue Lawson.

MON 8 JAN-MON 5 FEB

Rotary Gateway Park, Kangaroo Flat

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Summertime Fun Holiday Program

Pick up a program from
December 18, or visit
ncgrl.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram

Storytime

Share Storytime with your little ones
each week of school term.

Collect a timetable from your library or
visit ncgrl.vic.gov.au/storytimes

LIBRARIES

BENDIGO

251-259 Hargreaves Street
p: 5449 2700

CASTLEMAINE

212 Barker Street
p: 5472 1458

EAGLEHAWK

Eaglehawk Mechanics Institute
1 Sailors Gully Road
p: 5446 7577

GISBORNE

8 Hamilton Street
p: 5428 3962

HEATHCOTE

125 High Street
p: 5433 3734

KANGAROO FLAT

23 Lockwood Road
p: 5447 8344

KYNETON

3 Baynton Street
p: 5422 1365

ROMSEY

98 Main Street
p: 5429 3086

WOODEND

Cnr High & Forest Streets
p: 5427 2074

AGENCIES

AXEDALE

Axedale Public Hall
94 Mclvor Road

BOORT

Boort Resource and
Information Centre
119-121 Godfrey Street

DINGEE

Dingee Railway Station
Bendigo-Pyramid Road

ELMORE

Elmore Athenæum Hall
62 Michie Street

INGLEWOOD

Inglewood Community
Neighbourhood House
Inglewood Town Hall Hub
20 Verdon Street

PYRAMID HILL

Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House
Unit 5-8/43 Kelly Street

TARNAGULLA

Tarnagulla Community Centre
8 Sandy Creek Lane

WEDDERBURN

Wedderburn Community Centre
24 Wilson Street

Library Agencies
P. 5449 2790

For opening hours and accessibility information visit
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