

Bendigo  
Eaglehawk  
Heathcote &  
Kangaroo Flat  
Libraries



Goldfields  
Libraries

# Summer x3 FUN!

## School Holiday Program

Mon 5-Fri 23 January, 2026



BIG  
SUMMER  
READ

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For children and young people  
up to 18 years.

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All libraries or online

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Ages 5+ years.

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Bendigo Library

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**Wed 7 Jan, 10am-12pm**

Heathcote Library



## Nature and Us inspired by Olaf Breuning

Let Olaf Breuning's book inspire you to explore what makes forests a good home for birds, insects, and other animals. Draw and learn about habitats and how plants and environments support wildlife.

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**Tue 20 Jan, 10am-12pm**

Bendigo Library



## STEM Club

Join us for an exciting series of STEM activities designed to spark curiosity and inspire young minds. Perfect for enthusiastic tinkerers.

Ages 7+ years.

**Thu 8, 15, 22 & 29 Jan, 10.30-11.30am**

Heathcote Library

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## Game On! at Kangaroo Flat Library

Join us for fun, games, and good times! Drop in for summer fun with giant games, board and card games, LEGO play, and paper planes.

### Challenge a librarian

Think you've got what it takes to outplay a librarian. Come test your skills in a friendly game showdown.

All ages.

**Wed 7 Jan, 2-4pm**

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### Nintendo Switch challenge

Join us for a Nintendo Switch face off in a fast paced, fun-filled challenge.

30-minute timeslots available.

**7-10 years: Wed 14 Jan, 10-11.30am**  
**10-18 years: Wed 14 Jan, 11.30am-1pm**

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### Lego challenge

Your mission is to complete a Lego activity in 30 minutes and move on to the next challenge. Can you do it?

All ages.

**Wed 21 Jan, 2-4pm**

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### Italian Card games

Discover the fun of a traditional Italian card game.

Ages 7-12 years.

**Fri 23 Jan, 10-11am**

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## Auslan Storytime

Celebrating the vibrant and expressive language of Auslan. Presented by a deaf storyteller and an Auslan interpreter.

For both deaf and hearing children, ages 2-6 years.

Funded by a Multicultural Storytime grant from the Department of Health to Expression Australia.

**Mon 12 Jan, 10.30-11.15am**  
Bendigo Library



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For families and children aged 4+ years.

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## Makar Sankranti at Bendigo Library

Join in with the joyful spirit of Makar Sankranti, a Hindu festival celebrating the end of Winter and the start of the sun's northward journey.

Ages 8-13 years.

### Make a Kite

Make a colourful kite to fly symbolising the joy of harvest and the welcoming of longer, sunnier days.

**Tue 20 Jan, 10-11am**

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### Rangoli Workshop for kids

Learn about the vibrant art form of rangoli, part of the Makar Sankranti celebration and believed to bring good luck. Watch a demo and have a go at creating your own design to take home.

**Tue 20 Jan, 11.30am-12.30pm**

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## Movies

Enjoy new release family feature films on our big screen. No bookings needed.

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**Mon 5 Jan, 10.30am-12.10pm (G)**

**Mon 12 Jan, 2.30-4.35pm (PG 10+)**

**Mon 19 Jan, 10.30am-12.15pm (PG 10+)**

Bendigo Library

## Activities for Tweens & Teens

Ages 10-16 years.

### Custom Tees and Totes

**Fri 9 & 16 Jan, 10-11am**  
Bendigo Library

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### Custom Vinyl Stickers

**Tue 20 Jan, 2-3pm**  
Eaglehawk Library

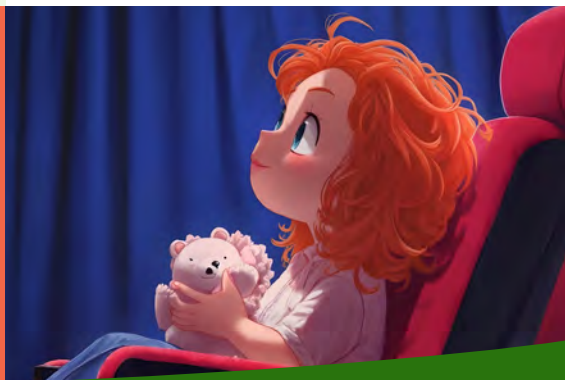
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## Water Cycle Wheel

Join Coliban Water to colour and create a water cycle wheel to explore how water moves through the environment. Take-home goodies included for extra fun!

For families and ages 5+ years.

**Thu 22 Jan, 10-11am**  
Bendigo Library



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5449 2700  
259 Hargreaves St

**Eaglehawk Library**  
5446 7577  
1 Sailors Gully Rd

**Heathcote Library**  
5433 3734  
121 High St

**Kangaroo Flat Library**  
5447 8344  
23 Lockwood Rd



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Ages 4+ years.

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## No Tech Games: Italian Card games

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**Castlemaine Library**

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212 Barker St

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**Fri 2 Jan, 10am-12pm**

Woodend Library

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Ages 5+ years.

**Mon 5-Fri 9 Jan**

Kyneton Library

## Make a Party Hat

Celebrate with us and create your own bright and colourful party hat, and play some funny games.

Ages 5+ years.

**Mon 12 Jan, 10.30-11.15am  
& 11.30am-12.15pm**

Kyneton Library

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## Creation Station

The Creation Station is open for creating. Drop in and have fun making something from our stash of craft goodies. Feeling inspired? Try our fun challenge: create a piece that reflects your favourite book or story character.

**Mon 5 Jan-Tue 27 Jan**

Gisborne Library



## Perfume in the 1700s

Come along to make some sweet smelling natural concoctions and design your own perfume bottle inspired by 18th-century elegance. Use imagery from nature, fantasy, street art, or pop culture to express your personal style.

Ages 5+ years.

**Mon 19 Jan, 10.30-11.15am  
& 11.30am-12.15pm**  
Kyneton Library

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## Watercolour pet portraits

Join our pet portrait painting workshop. Capture your furry friend's personality while learning fun painting techniques.

Ages 8-12 years.

Please email a photo of your pet to [programs@ncgrl.vic.gov.au](mailto:programs@ncgrl.vic.gov.au) at least one week prior to workshop.

**Fri 9 Jan, 10.30-11.30am**  
Romsey Library

**Fri 9 Jan, 1.30-2.30pm**  
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## Teddy Bear Sleepover

Hey kids – ever wondered what you might get up to at a sleepover? Bring your brave teddy or soft toy to the library for stories and fun. I wonder what they will get up to...

All participants will receive a certificate and photos of their toy's adventures.

**Drop off: Fri 16 Jan, 9.30am-5pm**  
**Pick up: Sat 17 Jan, 9.30am-12.30pm**  
Romsey Library



## Activities for Teens

### Junk-it!

Enjoy working on your own customised journal using recycled materials and quirky embellishments – a fun and creative way to preserve your story. Bring along your own personal mementos to include if you wish (items must be flat). Snack break included.

Ages 12-18 years.

**Mon 12 Jan, 1.30-4.30pm**  
Gisborne Library

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### Vision boards for teens

Mix it up with a bit of art, craft and handmade collage to set focus on goals and dreams for 2026. We'll have magazines to cut out pics and words to represent your goals, and bits and pieces to decorate.

Materials and snacks provided.

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