



Goldfields
Libraries

Bendigo
Eaglehawk
Heathcote &
Kangaroo Flat
Libraries

summertime FUN!

School Holiday Program

Mon 5-Fri 23 January, 2026



Read five books, or record 5 days of reading over summer for your chance to win great prizes.

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

For children and young people
up to 18 years.

Dec-Jan

All libraries or online

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NGV Kids on Tour

Drop-In Activities

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Make a Party Hat

Create a bright and colourful party hat.

Ages 5+ years.

Tue 6 Jan, 10am-12pm

Bendigo Library



Take the Cake

Join us for a cake-themed art session. Be inspired and design an imaginative celebration cake.

Ages 5+ years.

Tue 13 Jan, 10am-12pm

Bendigo Library



DIY Paper Popsicles

Drop in to create your own colourful paper popsicle. Use cut-out paper shapes, a popsicle stick and tissue paper sprinkles to design a fun, summery treat.

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Tue 6 Jan, 10.30am-12.30pm

Eaglehawk Library

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.

Ages 5+ years.

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.

BOOK
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Wed 7 Jan, 2-4pm

Nintendo Switch challenge

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

30-minute timeslots available.

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7-10 years: Wed 14 Jan, 10-11.30am

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



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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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.

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Wed 21 Jan, 2-4pm

Italian Card games

Discover the fun of a traditional Italian card game.

Ages 7-12 years.

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Fri 23 Jan, 10-11am



Mark Penzak: Labyrinth in the Library

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For families and children aged 4+ years.

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Wed 14 Jan, 10.30-11.20am

Bendigo Library



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

BOOK
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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.

To find out film titles, ask one of the library staff.

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



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Activities for Tweens & Teens

Ages 10-16 years.

Custom Tees and Totes

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



Custom Vinyl Stickers

Tue 20 Jan, 2-3pm
Eaglehawk Library



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



Bendigo Library

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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Castlemaine
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Ages 4+ years.

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No Tech Games: Italian Card games

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Gabby's Dollhouse (G)

Wed 7 Jan, 10.30am-12.10pm

How to Train Your Dragon (PG 10+)

Wed 14 Jan, 10.30am-12.35pm

Bad Guys 2 (PG 10+)

Wed 21 Jan, 10.30am-12.15pm

Castlemaine Library
5472 1458
212 Barker St



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Fri 2 Jan, 10am-12pm

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Join us for a cake-themed drop-in art session. Be inspired and design an imaginative celebration cake and add to our giant cardboard cake!

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

BOOK
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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 at least one week prior to workshop.

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Fri 9 Jan, 10.30-11.30am
Romsey Library

Fri 9 Jan, 1.30-2.30pm
Kyneton Library



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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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5428 3962
8 Hamilton St

KYNETON LIBRARY

5422 1365
3 Baynton St

ROMSEY LIBRARY

5429 3086
98 Main St

WOODEND LIBRARY

5427 2074
Cnr High & Forest Sts