

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: CHILDREN'S & YOUTH EVENTS AT GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARIES

Would you like to present an event or workshop for children or youth at a library in the Geelong Regional Libraries network?

We regularly engage with external providers to bring special events that meet our aims and provide new, unique or exciting opportunities to children and youth in our community. We run an expression of interest process twice a year to seek applications to run events.

If you wish to hold a private event (not open to the public), please contact [Venue Hire](#).

OUR AIMS

What is our vision for GRLC Events?

GRLC will be known for providing outstanding local and regional events that are thought-provoking, engaging, welcoming and entertaining, as well as accessible to all and bringing local people into our libraries.

Our [Library Plan 2025-2029](#) outlines four priorities and 14 aspirations. Our **events for children and youth** will align to the following aspirations:

Aspiration 1. Facilitating life-long learning – literacy, creativity, heritage

Aspiration 7. Fostering connection & belonging

Aspiration 8. Celebrating difference & diversity

Aspiration 10. Supporting adoption of healthy & sustainable practices

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PROCESS

We run an expression of interest process twice a year for our children's and youth events. Applications will be sought over a four-week period. You will be asked for information about your event offering and will need to respond to the selection criteria listed below. The shortlisting and event confirmation period takes up to six weeks. Please note, there is often a large response to our expressions of interest, and we are unable to accommodate every request.

The next Expression of Interest round will be open from Friday 6 March to Sunday 29 March 2026, for events delivered from July to December 2026. **APPLY HERE:** [Children's and Youth Events - Expression of Interest \(EOI\) - March 2026 – Fill in form](#)

SELECTION CRITERIA

We will consider events and workshops for children (5-11 years) and youth (12-18 years) that:

1. Provide a new, unique or special experience for children and/or youth that Geelong Regional Libraries does not already provide through regular programming.
2. Attract people to the library, in particular new audiences who do not regularly engage with the library.
3. Align to one or more of our [Library Plan](#) aspirations.
4. Provide inclusive experiences, considering the needs of people from diverse backgrounds including First Nations communities, people with disability and people from culturally diverse backgrounds.

ELIGIBILITY

GRLC accepts applications from creatives at all stages of their career, as well as community groups and not for profit organisations. We encourage local residents to apply; however, this is not necessary for your

application to be successful. All successful applicants will be required to hold a Working With Children Check and abide by our Child Safe Code of Conduct.

Please note, GRLC will not administer sales or facilitate payment for books or any other goods on behalf of an author or presenter.

AVAILABLE SPACES FOR IN-PERSON EVENTS

Branch	Max No. of Guests
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre	230 pax
Newcomb Library	100
Corio Library	80
Leopold Library	70
Borongook Drysdale Library	60
Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Library	60
Waurm Ponds Library	50
Colac Library	50
Queenscliff	50
Torquay Library	50
Bannockburn Library	50
Geelong West Library	30
Belmont Library	30
Lara Library	30
Ocean Grove Library	30
Chilwell Library	20
Apollo Bay Library (whole space)	30