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WHAT'S ON

KIDS
& YOUTH
SPECIAL
ISSUE

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



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ISSUE

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

8-25 January | Various locations

Join in the fun for children and youth of all ages at the library for 'Master Craft' themed summer school holiday programs this year.



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**MASTER
CRAFT**

STEM MAKER PROGRAM

with The Brainary

Geelong Library & Heritage
Centre and Ocean Grove Library
Various dates

Transform, innovate and create with the newest tech and endless possibilities! Over four different free sessions, engage with new technology and explore STEM career pathways! Places are limited, so book today.



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Brainary®**

STORY DOGS

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9 & 18 January | Belmont Library

11 & 16 January | Borongook Drysdale

Book a special one-on-one Story Dogs session with the child, the dog and their volunteer for up to 15 minutes. Story Dogs is a volunteer organisation aiming to make reading fun for children to become confident, lifelong readers. Ages 8+. Bookings essential.



MUSEUM ROADSHOW STORY TIME

with National Wool Museum

17 January | Ocean Grove Library

24 January | Corio Library

Visit the National Wool Museum's Pop-up Museum at the Library! Take part in interactive story time and Wildlife Photographer of the Year-inspired crafts, plus see historic toys, books, and costumes. And go into the draw to win family passes to the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition! Ages 3+.



national
wool
museum



CRAFT YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE

with Barwon Water

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22 January, 2:30pm-3:30pm

Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

Make a splash by creating your own reusable water bottle design. Reduce plastic waste and help the environment! Ages 12+.



KIDS ON TOUR

with National Gallery of Victoria

Corio, Colac, Bannockburn, Leopold & Lara libraries

Various dates

Come along for a free session of art-making activities developed by artists and the NGV, fostering social connection and sparking creative thinking and self-expression. Age: Various ages.



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READY, SET, PREP!

January | Various locations

We invite all 2024 prep students to join us at the library, dressed in their school uniform, for a fun practice run session about all the wonderful things to expect on their first day at school!



MAKE & CREATE

POP-UP STALL

20 January, 17 February, 10:00am-1:00pm

Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

Join us at this monthly stall where you can buy, swap, sell zines from Geelong and beyond. Anyone welcome.



CELEBRATE LIBRARY LOVERS' DAY

14 February

Various locations

Be inspired by Library Lovers' Day with a creative craft session or a themed book club!



HEALTH & WELLBEING

MEMORY LANE – ADULT STORYTIME

17 January, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

Join us for this unique session to stimulate memory and joy for those experiencing memory loss.

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GARDEN CHAT: HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

15 January & 12 February

10:30am-11:30am | Bannockburn Library

Come to a casual monthly chat and connect with others to talk about flowers, produce and your love of gardens. All welcome.



REGISTER FOR AN EVENT

Bookings for events are free unless otherwise indicated.

YOU CAN BOOK:

Online – find and register for an event on the library website:

www.grlc.vic.gov.au/whats-on

In person – staff at your local library can book on your behalf.

By phone – [03] 4201 0600

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Bookings are essential



Event is online



*Book sales & author book
signings at events*



*Paid tickets. Full details
on our website*



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JANUARY

WRITERS' WORKSHOP

Wednesday 10 January, 5:30pm-6:30pm
Wednesday 14 February 6:30pm-7:30pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

SPOKEN WORD POETRY WORKSHOP

Whether you're just starting, an experienced writer looking to escape writer's block, or exploring something new, join this monthly session with local writer Samantha Garner.

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17 Wednesday 17 January, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

TRACY WHITMORE – IT'S ABOUT YOU TOO: REDUCING THE OVERWHELM FOR PARENTS OF LGBTQ+ KIDS

This book goes beyond conventional advice, offering practical strategies and invaluable insights to help parents embrace their child's unique identity.

book now



20 Saturday 20 January, 10:30am-12:30pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

PIERRE-JACQUES AND JULES OBER – ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOP

Pierre and Jules have developed an original storytelling device and re-imagine history through toy figurines placed in miniature sets. Learn how! Tickets \$30 /\$20pp Library members/\$10 concession holders.

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FEBRUARY

WRITERS' WORKSHOP

03 Saturday 3 February, 10:30am-1:30pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

VIKKI PETRAITIS – WRITING CRIME WORKSHOP

Explore every aspect of crime writing in this workshop and learn Vicki's best tips and tricks from a lifetime of writing crime. Tickets \$30 /\$20pp Library members/\$10 concession holders.

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07 Wednesday 7 February, 7:00pm-9:00pm
Online

ALICE EAVES – ECO-POETRY WORKSHOP Writing the Landscape

Create eco-poetry inspired by your relationship with your surroundings. Led by poet Alice Eaves, our Virtual Writer in Residence based in Edinburgh. Tickets \$30 /\$20pp Library members/\$10 concession holders.

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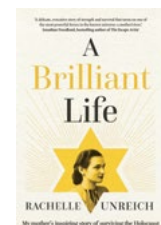
Melbourne City of Literature

13 Tuesday 13 February, 5:30pm-6:30pm
Belmont Library

RACHELLE UNREICH – A BRILLIANT LIFE

Hear from the daughter of a Holocaust survivor and the powerful true story of the resilience of the soul and the ability of the heart to heal.

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AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS

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17 Saturday 17 February, 11:00am-12:00noon
Leopold Library

JENNIFER KURTZ – WHERE LOVE IS

Join local resident and meditation teacher for the launch of her meditation book of poems for inspiration and healing.

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20 Tuesday 20 February, 5:30pm-6:30pm
Newcomb Library

RACHAEL JOHNS – THE OTHER BRIDGET

Hear from Australia's bestselling romance writer, as Rachael chats about her latest feel good romantic comedy.

book now



21 Wednesday 21 February, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

LUCY TRELOAR – DAYS OF INNOCENCE AND WONDER

A reckoning with fear and loss and a recognition of the power of belonging. Hear from Lucy, one of Australia's finest writers, discussing her new novel.

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28 Wednesday 28 February, 5:30pm-6:30pm
Torquay Library

KRISTINE PHILIPP – GIRL FRIDAY

Join us for an author talk about resilience and reinvention, and how we are not human resources, we are human beings.

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WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

22 Thursday 22 February, 6:30pm-7:30pm
Torquay Library

LOCAL BUSINESS PROFILE – COASTAL NECTAR

Local apiarist and surfer Tom wanted to raise awareness of bees and educate children on honey-making and pollination. Discover his inspiring business story.

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BIG SUMMER READ

1 December – 31 January
Join. Borrow. Read. Win.

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