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WHAT'S ON



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS





COMPUTERS & TECH HELP

AUDIO EDITING WITH AUDACITY

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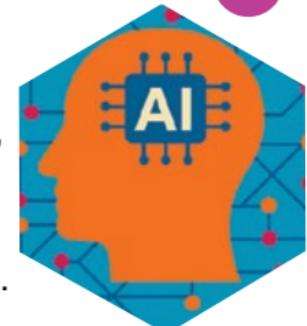
**Friday 23 January & Wednesday 18 February,
11:00am-12noon, Boronggook Drysdale Library**

Get started with audio editing in this beginner session using Audacity, a free tool widely used for podcasting and sound projects. Learn the fundamentals of recording, editing, and saving audio files, with plenty of practical guidance along the way.

INTRODUCTION TO AI

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**Tuesday 3 February, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Corio Library**



**Wednesday 28 January, 11:00am-12noon,
Geelong West Library**

Join us for an introductory session to learn the basics of Artificial Intelligence. We'll also explore important topics like ethics, copyright, and environmental impact – plus how you can use AI in everyday life. No prior knowledge needed.

FINDING FACTS ONLINE

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Various dates & locations

Build your confidence navigating online information in this series of interactive workshops. Learn practical fact-checking techniques, explore how AI and deepfakes can mislead, and develop skills for identifying reliable sources so you can better judge what you see online.



READING, BOOK CLUBS & WRITING GROUPS



RICHARD II: A CLOSER LOOK

Thursday 26 February, 2:00pm-3:15pm
Online



SHAKESPEARE DISCUSSION GROUP

Examine the world of Richard II in this online session, exploring its themes of power, identity, and loyalty. We'll look at the play's historical context, language, and dramatic shifts, offering fresh insights into Shakespeare's portrayal of kingship and downfall.

GET TO KNOW: EMILY DICKINSON

Thursday 29 January, 2:00pm-3:30pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



Explore the life and work of Emily Dickinson, one of the 19th century's most distinctive poets. We'll look at how her experiences and the world around her shaped her style, and consider the emotional depth and innovation in her writing.

GAMES & CHALLENGES

INTRODUCTION TO GAME MASTERING

Thursday 8 January, 4:00pm-5:00pm,
Newcomb Library



Are you interested in running your own roleplaying game? This beginner-friendly session covers the basics of preparing a session, building stories, and managing pacing so you can confidently guide players through their next adventure.



MAKE & CREATE

CREATIVE PAPER CUTTING

Wednesday 11 February, 2:00pm-3:30pm
Belmont Library

Celebrate Library Lovers' Day and create a Valentine's Day-themed craft with the DesignNCut paper cutting machine! All materials supplied.

BAD ART NIGHT

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Thursday 29 January & Thursday 19 February,
5:00pm-6:00pm, Corio Library



Spend an evening making the worst art you can imagine in a relaxed, no-pressure environment. No skill is needed, just bring your enthusiasm and enjoy a fun, creative session where everyone leaves with a truly unique piece.

JOB & LIFESKILLS

DISASTER PREPARATION AT HOME

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Wednesday 21 January, 1:30pm-2:30pm,
Geelong West Library & Tuesday 6
January, 12noon-1:00pm, Online



Learn practical ways to prepare your household for natural disasters, from building an emergency plan to understanding what to have ready before an event. This session supports families to feel more informed and prepared at home.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

NGV KIDS ON TOUR

Various dates & locations

Ignite your imagination and creativity! Enjoy a range of self-directed art activities developed by artists & the National Gallery of Victoria, fostering social connection, sparking innovative thinking and self-expression. Ages 3+.



READY, SET, PREP!

Various dates, 10:30am-11:30am

Various locations

Prep students can get a head start on their first day by joining a practice session at the library. Meet other children and families, learn what to expect, and get familiar with routines in a fun, supportive environment.



JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Various times & locations

Keep the kids entertained these school holidays with a range of library events and activities. From literacy and STEM to creative projects and social connections, there's something for every child. Check our website for full details and booking information.



REGISTER FOR AN EVENT

Bookings for events are free unless otherwise indicated. To attend most paid events and workshops, you must be a library member (free to join).

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

Cover: Hear Helen Garner at Geelong Library discussing How to End a Story: Collected Diaries 1978-'98 on 23 January.

WHERE YOU SEE THIS SYMBOL



Bookings are essential



Event is online



Book sales & author book signings at events



Paid tickets. Full details on our website



Refreshments provided

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JANUARY

WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

14 Wednesday 14 January, 1:00pm-3:00pm
Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Library

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WILDLIFE WALK WITH BELLARINE CATCHMENT NETWORK

Join a guided walk through nearby woodlands and wetlands to observe local plants and wildlife. Use binoculars and field guides to spot birds and learn how everyday actions can help care for the environment. Finish with a chance to learn about the Seed Library and take home a native seedling.

This event is presented by BCN (Bellarine Catchment Network) and proudly supported by City of Greater Geelong and Geelong Regional Libraries.

23 Friday 23 January, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

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HELEN GARNER – *HOW TO END A STORY: COLLECTED DIARIES 1978-'98*

Helen Garner's acclaimed three volumes of diaries are collected here in one sumptuous book. Spanning two decades—from the publication of her lightning-rod debut novel in the late 70s, to the throes of a consuming affair in the late 80s, and the messiness and pain of a disintegrating marriage in the late 90s—the diaries reveal the life of one of the world's greatest writers.

FEBRUARY

WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

14 Saturday 14 February, 10:30am-1:30pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

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ALLI SINCLAIR – *WRITERS WORKSHOP*

Learn practical techniques to create fully realised characters and craft story structures that reveal their motivations, conflicts, and growth. This hands-on workshop will guide writers in developing rich, authentic characters and shaping narratives that keep readers engaged.

AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS

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18 Wednesday 18 February, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

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KATHY LETTE – *THE SISTERHOOD RULES*

Join Kathy Lette for a conversation about her latest novel, exploring the twists, secrets, and challenges of sisterhood. Hear about the story, the laughs and drama within, and gain insight into her career as a writer and humourist.

LAST TICKETS

19 Thursday 19 February, 5:30pm-6:30pm
Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Library

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KATE MILDENHALL – *THE HIDING PLACE*

A sharp literary thriller is the starting point for this conversation on secrecy, ambition, and moral compromise. The discussion will explore this new novel's bush setting, the dynamics of shared dreams unravelling, and how hidden truths emerge under pressure.

26 Thursday 26 February, 11:00am-12:00pm
Colac Library

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FIONA LOWE – *THE DROWNING*

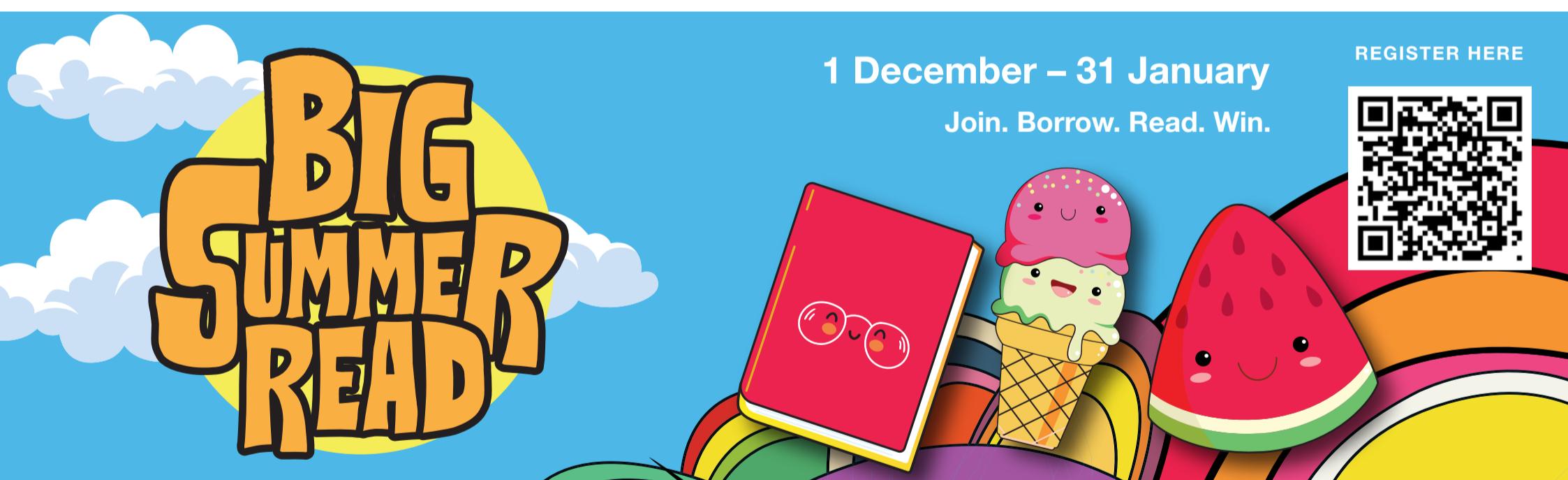
Lowe's new novel is a gripping mystery centred on family bonds, shared history, and the fragile line between loyalty and self-interest. The talk explores the coastal setting, themes of inheritance and power, and how long-held secrets can surface with devastating consequences.

REGISTER HERE



1 December – 31 January

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All new Geelong Regional Libraries members who sign up in January 2026 will automatically go into the running to win **one of four \$100 vouchers**.

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T&Cs found at grlc.vic.gov.au

