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# WHAT'S ON



MARCH/APRIL 2026  
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



# HEALTH & WELLBEING



## A MOMENT OF MINDFULNESS

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**Various dates & times,  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre**

Are you curious about mindfulness but don't know where to start? Learn practical techniques like meditation, breathing, and visualisation during your lunch break to help you connect and reset.

## DIY TERRARIUM WORKSHOP

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**Wednesday 11 March, 10:30am-11:30am  
Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Library**

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT

Build your own mini garden while learning about ecosystems. Choose plants, layer materials, and take home a self-contained garden. All materials provided. No prior knowledge needed.

*In partnership with Bunnings Warehouse.*



## STORY TIME WITHOUT LIMITS

**Thursday 5 March & Thursday 2 April,  
11:30am-12noon, Geelong Library  
& Heritage Centre**

Enjoy stories and songs in a welcoming space for adults of all abilities. Connect, listen, and sing together for sharing and fun. All are welcome.





# ART, CRAFT & SEWING

## VISIBLE MENDING

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**Wednesday 1 April, Belmont Library**

**Thursday 23 April, Corio Library**

Give worn clothes new life using Japanese mending techniques. Learn how to patch and strengthen clothes by hand in a relaxed, hands-on session. BYO jeans or clothes needing care.

## CNC ROUTING BASICS

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**Thursday 12 March & Thursday 9 April, 1:00pm-**

**2:30pm, Bial-a Armstrong Creek Library**

Want to create your own wood projects? Learn to design and cut wood using a CNC machine. No experience needed. Covers CNC basics, design software, safety, and hands-on practice. Tools provided. Ideal for makers, creatives, and curious minds.



## SHOW MY PRIDE

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**Thursday 12 March, 5:00pm-6:30pm,**

**Torquay Library**

Contribute to a collective, intergenerational artwork celebrating LGBTQIA+ pride, guided by First Nations artists Idris McChesney and Peter Waples-Crowe. All ages welcome.



*In partnership with Switchboard Victoria.*

# READING, WRITING & BOOK CLUBS



## AUDIOBOOK & ART HOUR

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Wednesday 8 April, 6:00pm-7:30pm  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

Try something new—book club meets craft time! Listen to audiobooks while you knit, crochet, collage, or create, with no pre-reading needed. Discover new stories and explore our eAudiobook collection along the way. BYO craft project.

## GET TO KNOW: PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY

Thursday 16 April, 2:00pm-3:30pm,  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

Thursday 30 April, 4:00pm-5:30pm,  
Waurm Ponds Library

Learn about the life and work of writer Percy Bysshe Shelley, a leading radical and passionate voice of the Romantic era.

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# COMPUTERS & DIGITAL SKILLS

## COMPUTER BASICS

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Tuesday 21 April (Part 1)  
& Tuesday 28 April (Part 2),  
10:00am-11:00am, Newcomb Library

New to computers? Come along and learn the basics in two-part beginner sessions to give you the confidence to use computers in your everyday life.



Explore more events:  
[www.grlc.vic.gov.au/whats-on](http://www.grlc.vic.gov.au/whats-on)

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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## APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 7 – Friday 17 April  
Various locations

Our school holiday programs explore **Fact and Fiction** for children and youth. Learn about mythical creatures, sew zombie felties, and put knowledge to the test with fact-versus-fake trivia.

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## EXPLORING ELECTRONIC SOUND

Tuesday 7 April & Wednesday 8 April,  
2:30pm-3:30pm, Bial-a Armstrong  
Creek & Newcomb libraries

Step into the world of electronic sound! Learn how to program synthesisers and sound machines in this lively, hands-on workshop for youth.

*Presented by Big Racket Studio.*

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## SARAH KISS – LITTLE HARVEY'S BIG FEELINGS

Tuesday 14 April, 10:30am-11:30am  
Belmont Library

Join local author and Special Education teacher Sarah Kiss for a warm and engaging storytime. Ages 4-10.

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# 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](http://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: Bestselling author Natasha Lester returns to Geelong to discuss her latest novel.

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## 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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[www.grlc.vic.gov.au](http://www.grlc.vic.gov.au)



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## MARCH

### WRITERS' WORKSHOP

**14** Saturday 14 March, 10:30am-1:00pm  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



#### OPINION PIECE WRITING WITH CHERIE GILMOUR

In this practical workshop, explore how to shape your lived experience into compelling opinion pieces. Learn about pitching, memoir techniques, blogging and how you to get your work to a publishable standard and build an audience. Led by experienced opinion writer Cherie Gilmour, this workshop is suitable for beginners and experienced writers.

### WRITERS' WORKSHOP

**18** Wednesday 18 March, 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Boronggook Drysdale Library



#### WRITING MUSIC WORKSHOP WITH JOE MATERA

Where does inspiration for writing come from? Join author and musician Joe Matera as he shares insights and stories from his music and writing career. Learn about creative process with helpful tips – perfect for aspiring writers and musicians or fans of books and music.

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



#### LOVE AT FIRST PAGE WITH OLIVIA TOLICH & BRIDIE BLAKE

Romance takes centre stage with two exciting Australian authors. Olivia Tolich (*The Boyfriend Clause*) and Bridie Blake (*Side Character Energy*) discuss their latest books, the publication journey and the cultural value of romance fiction. Olivia and Bridie will be in conversation with fellow romance writer, Holly Brunnbauer.

### WORKSHOPS

**21** Saturday 21 March, 2:00pm-4:00pm  
Sunday 22 March, 10:00am-12noon  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



#### CAMP (COME & MAKE PERFORMANCE)

This inclusive art-making weekend workshop invites community members with and without disability to explore performance-making together. Across playful, sensory and public-facing sessions, artists and participants collaborate in a supportive environment—no experience needed, curiosity encouraged. *In partnership with Back to Back Theatre.*

#### BUZZING WORLD OF BEES & HONEY

Friday 13 March, 4:00pm-5:00pm, Torquay Library  
Friday 27 March, 3:30pm-4:30pm, Bannockburn Library  
Tuesday 21 April, 11:00am-12noon, Waurin Ponds Library



Celebrate Earth Day with a hands-on workshop exploring bees, honey, and sustainability. Through tasting, discussion and candle-making, you can learn about native bees, beekeeping, and why pollinators matter. Led by local beekeeper and educator Thomas Earls from Coastal Nectar.

# AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS



## APRIL

**02** Thursday 2 April, 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



#### NATASHA LESTER – *THE CHATEAU ON SUNSET*

Join bestselling author Natasha Lester as she talks about her new historical novel, *The Chateau on Sunset* – the story of an orphan growing up amongst the beautiful and the broken in the world's most infamous hotel. Natasha will be in conversation with Charlotte Guest.

**14** Tuesday 14 April, 11:00am-12noon  
Leopold Library



#### FLEUR MCDONALD – *THE WITNESS*

Spend a morning with rural crime writer Fleur McDonald, to discuss her latest Kalgoorlie-set thriller, *The Witness*. Fleur is the author of bestselling books *The Prospect* and *The Missing*.

### WRITERS' WORKSHOP

**18** Saturday 18 April, 10:30am-1:30pm  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



#### WRITERS WORKSHOP WITH RACHEL MATTHEWS

Think you're not a writer? Think again. Join author and lecturer Dr Rachel Matthews for a relaxed, hands-on workshop that encourages everyone to explore storytelling in their own way. Expect playful writing prompts, creative insights and a welcoming space—no experience needed, just curiosity.

**22** Wednesday 22 April, 5:30pm-6:30pm  
Ocean Grove Library



#### ANNE VINES – *FLIGHT*

Explore wartime Melbourne with author Anne Vines as she discusses her novel *Flight* and the research behind it. Drawing on social history, Anne reflects on writing historical fiction, examining courage, identity, and community during a time of profound change.

**29** Wednesday 29 April, 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



#### A. C. GRAYLING – *FOR THE PEOPLE*

Renowned philosopher A. C. Grayling joins us to discuss the global erosion of democratic values and the ideas explored in *For the People: Fighting Authoritarianism, Saving Democracy*. In his book he examines contemporary threats to democracy and offers bold solutions for safeguarding ourselves against the rising tide of authoritarianism.

*In partnership with The Wheeler Centre.*



# Cultural Diversity Week

21 – 29 March 2026

Culture connects us all



## Cultural Diversity Week at The Library

Celebrate sharing stories and experiences that bring us together. Check out the range of special programs and events happening near you.

Visit our website for details.

