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# WHAT'S ON



MAY/JUNE 2026  
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS





# ART, CRAFT & SEWING

## CRICUT BASICS

book now

Various dates & times, Lara, Geelong West, Bial-a Armstrong Creek libraries

A beginner-friendly session covering the essentials, from the machine to the design software. Create a personalised item to take home and leave inspired for your next project.

## MACRAME MEETUP

book now

Thursday 14 May & 11 June, 2:00pm-3:00pm, Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

Knot, loop and create in this relaxed macrame session for both beginners and hobbyists. Start a new project each time or bring along something you're already working on, and enjoy a friendly space to chat and learn new techniques together.



# LOCAL & FAMILY HISTORY

## BOOK A FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY LIBRARIAN

book now

Various dates & times, Colac & Geelong libraries

Get free one-on-one help and work directly with a librarian to explore resources, databases, and research strategies that move your family or local history project forward.



# HEALTH & WELLBEING



## HELD & HEARD: MOTHER'S DAY WELLBEING GATHERING

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**Saturday 9 May, 10:30am-12:45pm,  
Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Library**

Join us for a creative session that honours all experiences of motherhood, including loss. Through guided activities, reflection and shared conversation, you'll create a personal keepsake and connect with others.

*Presented by Creative Wellness Haven and Regional Runways.*

## GARDEN CHAT: HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW

**Various dates, 2:00pm-3:00pm,  
Colac & Bannockburn libraries**

Bring your gardening questions, tips or latest blooms to this casual monthly chat. Connect with fellow garden lovers, discover new ideas, and explore our seed library's latest additions. All levels of experience welcome.



# GAMES & CHALLENGES

## INTRODUCTION TO GAME MASTERING



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**Tuesday 16 June, 12noon-1:00pm, Online**

Curious about running your own tabletop role-playing games? This beginner-friendly online session covers planning your games, guiding players and building engaging stories.



# COMPUTERS & DIGITAL SKILLS



## PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY ONLINE

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**Tuesday 16 June, 10:30am-11:30am**  
**Geelong West Library**

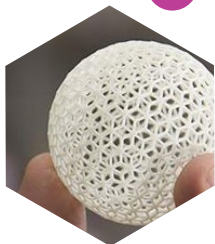
Learn practical ways to keep your personal information safe online. Covers passwords, secure searching, managing your data, and understanding how websites collect information. Bring your own smartphone.

## EXPLORING 3D PRINT DESIGN

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**Various dates, 11:00am-12noon,**  
**Boronggook Drysdale Library**

Take your 3D design skills further in this hands-on session focused on creativity and experimentation. Build on basic Tinkercad skills to create original designs and prepare files for 3D printing.



## DIGITAL STORYTELLING WITH CANVA

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**Tuesday 5 May, 11:00am-12noon,**  
**Boronggook Drysdale Library**

Learn to create collages, social posts, and mini-videos from your photos and videos using Canva templates in this hands-on session. Bring your own device or use one provided.



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

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Various times & dates

Various libraries

Mix up your afternoons this term with fun and creativity at your local library. Activities include art, craft, games, technology, STEM challenges and sewing. Bring some friends or make new ones!

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## LITTLE HANDS, BIG SKILLS

Thursday 7, 14 & 21 May, 10:30am-11:30am  
Lara Library

Help your child build the fine motor skills needed for drawing and writing in this playful session for ages 2-5. Through hands-on activities, they'll develop coordination, fine motor strength, confidence, and early writing skills.



## TOGETHER: A CREATIVE DANCE LAB FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Friday 22 May, 4:30pm-5:30pm  
Corio Library

Move, create and collaborate in this contemporary dance workshop designed for young people ages 12-18. Using the library as inspiration, participants will explore movement, improvisation and connection in an inclusive space where no dance experience is needed.

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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 Anita Heiss returns to Geelong to discuss her latest novel, *The Paradise Pact*.

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*

## NOT A LIBRARY MEMBER?

Scan the QR code below and join for free today!



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



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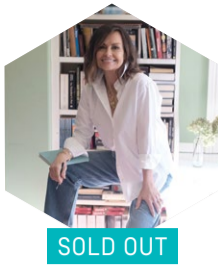
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# MAY

**06** Wednesday 6 May, 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



## LISA WILKINSON – THE TITANIC STORY OF EVELYN

Hear the remarkable true story of Evelyn Marsden, the only Australian-born survivor of the Titanic. In conversation with Catriona Rowntree, Lisa Wilkinson shares the research and human stories behind her latest book, exploring courage, love and survival during one of history's most infamous maritime disasters.

SOLD OUT

### WRITERS' WORKSHOP

**16** Saturday 16 May, 10:30am-1:30pm  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



## WORLD BUILDING WITH PAM SWANBOROUGH

Create richer, more believable fictional worlds in this hands-on workshop for writers. Learn how to shape settings, societies and systems that support your story, with guided prompts and practical exercises to help you develop and refine your ideas. Suitable for beginner and emerging writers.

**17** Sunday 17 May, 2:30pm-3:30pm  
Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Library



## JOHN BARTLETT – LOVE AND ITS PENALTIES: A MEMOIR

In this candid conversation, John Bartlett reflects on a life shaped by faith, love, travel and self-discovery. From seminary life and political upheaval overseas to coming out during the HIV/AIDS crisis, his memoir traces a deeply personal journey. In conversation with author Gregory Day.



**21** Thursday 21 May – Sunday 24 May, various times  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



## SYDNEY WRITERS' FESTIVAL LIVESTREAM

Watch this special livestream free and direct from the Sydney Writers' Festival as part of their *Live & Local* program, featuring authors Trent Dalton, Stephanie Alexander, and A.C. Grayling.

**28** Thursday 28 May, 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Library



## HOW TO BE A GOOD ALLY WITH FAY MUIR & SUE LAWSON

Gain a clearer understanding of what it means to be an ally to First Nations people in this thoughtful Q&A with Auntie Fay Muir and Sue Lawson. Together they discuss the role of allies, share lived experience, and invite respectful questions as part of National Reconciliation Week.

# JUNE

**03** Wednesday 3 June, 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



## EVELYN ARALUEN – THE ROT

Celebrate the work of acclaimed writer and poet Evelyn Araluen in conversation about her latest collection, *The Rot*, a powerful exploration of hope and rage. Learn about her journey, her writing, and the recognition this collection has received.

Presented by the Stella Prize.



**10** Wednesday 10 June, 6:00pm-8:00pm  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



## ASK US ANYTHING – GAS & ELECTRIFICATION

Have questions about gas, electrification and what they mean for the region's future? This open forum invites the community to submit questions for a panel of experts to answer live, creating a space for honest discussion and practical information.

Presented in partnership with Australian Conservation Foundation Geelong Branch.



### PANEL DISCUSSION

**13** Saturday 13 June, 3:00pm-4:30pm  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



## HERITAGE ON FILM: IT'S ABOUT US!

Local streets and historic buildings often play a quiet starring role on screen. This event showcases trailers featuring familiar landmarks and offers behind-the-scenes insights from film professionals.

Presented in partnership with National Trust Geelong & Region Branch.



# AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS



**18** Thursday 18 June, 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



## ANITA HEISS – THE PARADISE PACT

Bestselling author Anita Heiss discusses her latest novel, a warm and witty story of friendship, travel and unexpected romance. Hear about the inspiration behind the book, her writing process and the themes of love, culture and connection that shape her work.

### WRITERS' WORKSHOP

**20** Saturday 20 June, 10:30am-1:30pm  
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



## RESTORATIVE WRITING WITH LINNET HUNTER

Take time out to write, reflect and reset in this restorative journaling workshop. Guided exercises and prompts will help you develop a gentle writing practice that supports clarity and creative expression. No writing experience or sharing required.



**27** Saturday 27 June, 2:00pm-3:00pm  
Torquay Library



## SARAH CLUTTON – THE BOOKSHOP OF BURIED PASTS

Author Sarah Clutton discusses her latest novel, a mystery that unfolds across generations, villages and bookshops. Hear about the inspiration behind the story, the secrets at its heart, and the enduring pull of small communities and the people who shape them.

A Surf Coast Writers Festival event.



# ALL IN FOR RECONCILIATION

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2026  
27 MAY – 3 JUNE

## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

Various times, all libraries

Join us at the library for *All In*, this year's Reconciliation Week theme. Explore First Nations stories, voices, and culture through events that reflect on the past and call for commitment to reconciliation every day.



## SAFE CAT, SAFE WILDLIFE.

1 May – 22 May

Join us at the library this May as we support Safe Cat, Safe Wildlife. Discover practical tips for enriching your cat's life while helping protect local wildlife, with resources and information for responsible pet care at home.

