



For Learning, For Leisure, For Life



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea thank you!

A very big thank you to the 90 people who came along to our Biggest Morning Tea and helped the Library raise \$1055 for the Australian Cancer Council!

It was a great chance for everyone to meet new people and catch up with old friends over a cuppa and cake, and all for a very worthy cause.

Thank you to the Knitter Knatter group for their fundraising stall during the month of May, with hand crafted toys, clothes, rugs and more on sale, and to those who brought a plate along to the morning tea.

Congratulations to each of the lucky door prize winners who took home books, jigsaw puzzles, mugs, magazines and chocolates, crafted goods from the Knitter Knatter stall, all donated by library staff, or one of two beautiful bunches of flowers donated by Lorraine Matthews.



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English Study & IELTS Support at Robinvale Library.

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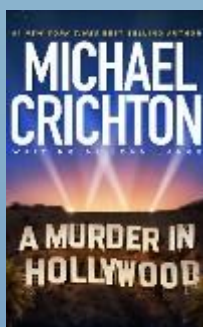
Warlord of Britannia
Simon Scarrow

Something About Tomorrow
Nora Roberts

Death Times Seven
Anne Perry

The Wild Rose
Dilly Court

Who Killed the Earl of Moran
Stephanie Laurens



Murder in Hollywood
Michael Crichton

Not What It Seems
Lisa Jackson

We Chase Shadows
Richard Osman

Land
Maggie O'Farrell

Sunrise at Sunny Cross Farm
Maya Linnell



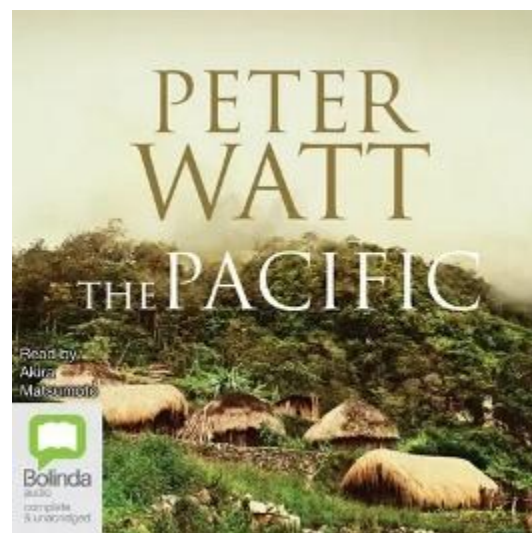
BorrowBox e-audiobook of the month

The Pacific
Peter Watt

A sweeping saga which continues the story of the Kellys and Manns, following Peter Watt's much-loved characters as they fight to survive the war.

When war correspondent Ilsa Stahl's plane goes down in a terrible storm over Papuan waters and she is taken prisoner by the Japanese, Ilsa prepares for the worst.

Her father, Jack Kelly, will stop at nothing to save her – even if it means risking the life of his only son Lukas. No one knows Papua the way they do, and they are Ilsa's only hope.



Meanwhile, Major Kahl Mann is sent on a secret mission to Indochina that will see him embroiled in Ilsa's rescue in a way he could never have imagined.

BorrowBox June Campaign Title: 'Mad Mabel'

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Available on Apple Books, Google Play, and Kindle Unlimited.

This June, BorrowBox proudly features the compelling e-audiobook *Mad Mabel* by bestselling author **Sally Hepworth**.

Sally Hepworth is the New York Times bestselling author of ten novels, most recently *Mad Mabel*. Sally's novels have been called "darkly charming" and praised by authors Emily Giffin and Liane Moriarty as "totally absorbing" and "fiction at its finest."

Sally lives in Melbourne with her family.

For the month of June, simultaneous borrowers can read this title at the same time - perfect for book clubs!

Find out what's happening at the Library

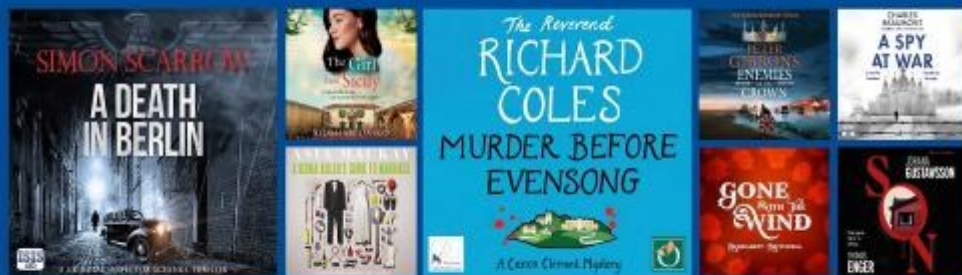


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LOTE4KIDS is a digital library offering thousands of audio-picture books in over 50 languages, with English translations available.

Children can explore new languages and cultures through the power of storytelling.

LOTE4KIDS makes language learning fun and accessible for young readers.

Book Chat

Open to people aged 16+, the Book Chat group meets at the Library every second Wednesday of the month, 7pm-8.30pm.

Knitter Knatters

For people aged 16+. Knit, crochet, sew & chat! Every Tuesday morning from 10am-12pm.

Jigsaw Club

Open to people aged 16+, the Jigsaw Club meets every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm.

Scrabble Club

For people aged 16+, the Scrabble Club meets every Tuesday, from 2pm to 4pm.

Beginners Mahjong

Open to people aged 16+ the Mahjong Club meets every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm.

Toy Library

Borrow toys and educational resources for babies, toddlers and children.

Fridays: 11am to 12pm

Saturdays: 10am to 11.30am

First Wednesday of the month, 11am to 12pm

Contact 0427 847486.

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National Simultaneous Storytime in May

On **Wednesday, 27 May at 10.30am**, the Swan Hill Library joined other libraries around the country to read the picture book *Luna Roo: the Kangaroo Baller* written by Adam Jackson and Adrian Lloyd and illustrated by Jake Minton.

Luna Roo: the Kangaroo Baller is a story about a rookie captain who leaves nothing on the pitch as she leads FC Outback in a thrilling face-off against Bush United. Faced with a spider goalkeeper, snakes in attack and bubbling nerves, Luna must trust her skills and her teammates to soar to victory.

National Simultaneous Storytime, co-ordinated by the Australian Library and Information Association, aims to promote the value of reading and literacy and the important role of libraries.



Victorian Law Week : Planning for the future



A big thank you to Allie and the team from *Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre* for visiting the Swan Hill Library today to deliver an informative community session on 'Planning for the Future;'.
Attendees learned about the importance of Enduring Powers of Attorney, Medical Treatment Decision Makers, and Advance Care Directives, and how these important tools can support your wishes if you are ever unable to make decisions for yourself.



IDAHOBIT celebration with Headspace

In celebration of IDAHOBIT Day, Swan Hill Library joined Headspace Swan Hill's hilariously entertaining Drag Queen Bingo event. Facilitated by the fabulous Electra Kute and Esther Rix from *Dragged To*, the event brought plenty of laughs, colour and community spirit.

It was wonderful to see so many community members come out in support of IDAHOBIT Day, which marks May 17, 1990 - the date homosexuality was removed from the World Health Organisation's classification of diseases. The day highlights the importance of acceptance, inclusion and safety for our rainbow community.

While the event was free to attend, funds raised through a raffle, generously supported by local businesses, will go towards the local Gender Diversity Social Support Group, helping create safe spaces and opportunities for education within our community.

The group (for adults) meets at the library on a monthly basis. For further information, please contact the library on 5036 2480 or Swan Hill District Health's Community Health on 5033 9337.



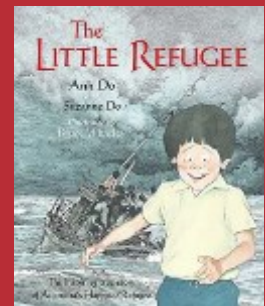
Refugee Week 14-20 June - A Million Stories

As Europe recovered from the devastation of World War II, Australia responded to an international call to offer a future to people with nowhere to call home. Since that initial agreement in 1947 to receive 4000 refugees from Central Europe, Australia has issued 1 million permanent humanitarian visas - welcoming people from all over the globe who have helped build modern Australia.

Public libraries in Australia play a vital role in supporting refugees by offering various services and resources, including ESL (English as a second language) books. Libraries also provide access to information, technology, and social support networks, which are essential for refugees as they settle into their new lives.

Refugee Week is a time to celebrate the positive contributions refugees have made to Australian society and culture. It's also a unique opportunity to learn more about refugees, and for us all to experience and celebrate the rich diversity of their communities.

In our collections, we have many refugee stories suitable for children and adult readers.





NOURISHING LITTLE MINDS

Is your child a fussy eater? Would you like tips on introducing new foods to your preschooler? Join Nourishing Little Minds, a free four-week program delivered by Swan Hill District Health Community Health and Swan Hill Library. Children explore healthy foods through stories and interactive songs, rhymes, and hands-on food tasting and preparation activities. Parents will also receive practical guidance and strategies from an accredited practising dietitian and library staff to make mealtimes more enjoyable and support healthy eating habits.

Places are limited and bookings are essential.

For ages 3-5

EVERY TUESDAY | 2 - 23 JUNE 2026 | 10:30 AM

Swan Hill Library - 53 Campbell Street

Nourishing Little Minds is a Registered Trademark of Nutrition Australia ACT Incorporated.

Contact Us!

 **5036 2480**

 **library.swanhill.vic.gov.au**





Meet the author: Rosemary Garreffa

Join Euston author Rosemary Garreffa at the Swan Hill Library to hear her talk about her compelling new historical novel, *Raising Sparrows*.

Inspired by the remarkable life of her great-great-grandmother Annie, *Raising Sparrows* brings the past vividly to life. Beginning on the goldfields, the story follows an extraordinary journey through Geelong, Horsham, St Arnaud, Wentworth, and beyond to Chowilla Station in South Australia.

Through resilience, hardship, and hope, Rosemary weaves a rich narrative grounded in real events and family history.

Come along to hear Rosemary speak about the inspiration behind her novel, her research process, and the stories that shaped this powerful work of historical fiction.

Where: Swan Hill Library

When: 2pm, Thursday 11 June

Bookings preferred. Contact the Swan Hill Library on 5036 2480 or email library@swanhill.vic.gov.au

Book signing & sales available (cash or Eftpos)





English Study Support

MONDAYS
4:30PM -
6:00PM



Do you want advanced English classes?
Are you preparing for the IELTS test?

What this is:

- Practice listening, reading, writing, and speaking
- Support from English speakers
- Opportunities to build confidence in advanced conversations

Robinvale Learning and Community Hub
(Library)

Mondays at 4:30pm to 6:00pm

These sessions are not formal IELTS classes and do not guarantee results or scores.



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— AUTHOR TALK —

BEYOND SURVIVAL

— AN IMMIGRANT'S JOURNEY —
AWAY FROM HOME

A special talk with
GRACE MBURU
as she shares her personal
migration story and the
journey behind her book
'Beyond Survival'.



WEDNESDAY
17TH JUNE 2026



5:30PM – 7PM



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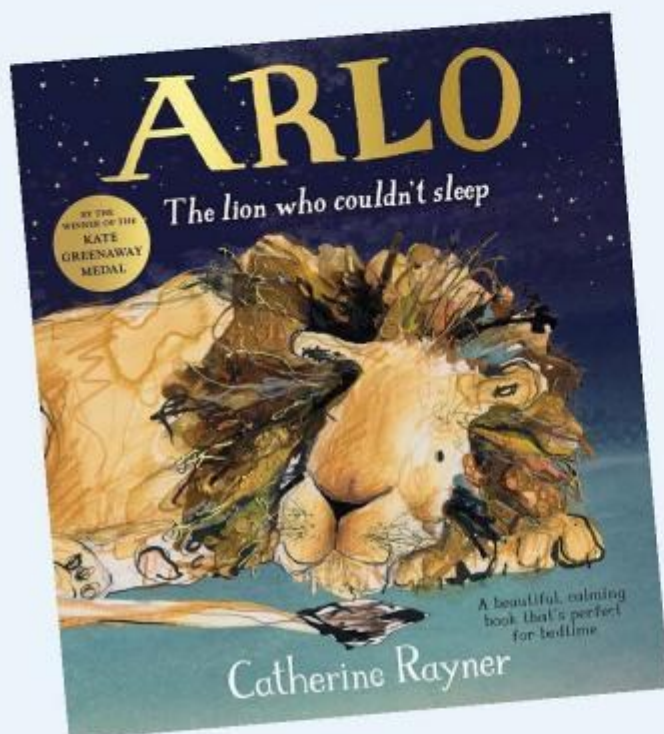


This talk is during Refugee Week in Australia.
All are welcome.

BOOK CHAT • Q&A • RAFFLE • BOOK SIGNING

STORY TIME

at the Barham Library



Join us for story time in the Barham Library as we read **Arlo - The Lion who couldn't sleep.**

**Saturday 13 June
10.30am - 11.30am.**

After listening to the story, children are invited to create a peaceful 'sleepy moon' to help Arlo feel calm at bedtime!

FREE for all ages.
Bookings preferred.
Call us on 03 5480 1587.
Or visit the Library: 15 Murray St.

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Barham Library News

Move & Groove

Move & Groove on Thursdays is enjoyed by children joining in the songs and dancing, some lovely stories read by Joy our wonderful volunteer and creating some beautiful craft.

Move & Groove is on every Thursday morning at 10.30am until 11.30am.

Youth Week 2026 - Barham Library Photography Challenge

Young, local creatives stepped into the frame to tell their story, their way. Thank you to the participants who entered their captures for the Youth Photography Challenge! Your photos were amazing! Congratulations to our finalists. The winner was Madeline with "Connection 1 & 2" - 2nd place was Ella with "Nature's Mirror" and 3rd place was Olivia with "Just Another Rainy Day". You will be receiving some wonderful prizes... A very big shout out and thank you to our sponsor @Trend Skate n Surf - Barham.



Meet the Author : Gavan Thomson

Our Meet the Author Event with Gavan Thomson was held on 29 May, with a wonderful response from our local readers who came ready to hear what inspired his story and Gavan's writing journey, with over 40 participants in the audience.

Tech Savvy Seniors

We have commenced the next five sessions of Tech Savvy Seniors which will run through from May till 10 June. These sessions will be from 10.00am until 12.00pm and will cover Smartphones, Tablets & iPads, Online shopping, Cyber Security, Email, Online Banking and much more. Call 0354 801 587 or call into the library to register your interest.

Cryptic Crossword Fun @ Barham Library

The Cryptic Crossword workshops run every Friday afternoon at 1.30pm. Participants are enjoying learning the tricks to easily solve these elusive puzzles whilst enjoying each other's company. iPads are available for use. Afternoon tea is provided.

Saturday Storytime fun!

Saturday Storytime was on 9 May – we had a special Mother's Day session with the book "My Amazing Mum" by Alison Brown, followed up with some lovely craft activities to make mum a portrait, a message heart and a hug token.



BARHAM LIBRARY

Social Book Chat

Every Tuesday at 10am

Bring along a coffee and the book you're currently reading (instant coffee is also available).

Chat about what's a good read or just listen in.

Move and Groove

Thursday at 10.30am

Songs, dance, storytime and craft for toddlers and pre-schoolers!

Saturday Storytime

Second Saturday of the month at 10.30 am (Not held during January)

Storytime and craft in a fun learning environment.

Cryptic Crosswords

Friday at 1.30pm. iPads are available for use. Afternoon tea supplied.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea @ the Swan Hill Library!



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