



For Learning, For Leisure, For Life



BIG Summer Read prize winners!

Congratulations to all those who participated in the BIG Summer Read. This year saw 140 children from Swan Hill and Robinvale libraries read the equivalent of 4,040 books! A fantastic effort!

Prize drawer winners (Swan Hill Library):

- Jake Spicer** - 64GB iPad
- Emmy Grierson** - Nintendo Switch 2 bundle
- Georgie Garlick** - Apple AirPods & charging case
- Jasnoor Kaur** - Family 3-in-1 pass Pioneer Settlement
- Madison Giles** - Headphones, speaker, gaming keyboard
- Georgie Maher** - Lego: Medieval Knight
- Eloise Brawn** - Lego: Airport with plane
- Isla Harvey** - Lego: Haunted Mansion
- Christi Pretorius** - Lego: Train Station
- Nathan McCann** - Lego: Flying Ford
- Gus Ward** - Lego: Pickaxe Mine
- Maddie Brawn** - Lego: Woodland Mansion
- Ava Holyoak** - Lego: Beautiful Horse
- Emily Diederiks** - Lego: Buggy's Circus
- Archer Gow** - Action & Reaction Starter Set
- Eirene Kim** - 12-in-1 Solar Hydraulic Construction Kit
- Joseph Kennedy** - Mio the Robot



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Coming soon

Redbelly Crossing
Candice Fox

Rocket's Red Glare
James Patterson

The Witness
Fleur McDonald

The Grave Artist
Jeffery Deaver

Order of Royals
Jude Deveraux



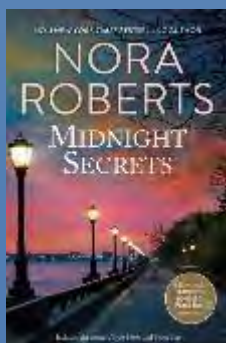
One Night at Silver Lake
Katherine Scholes

Served Him Right
Lisa Unger

The Friend of the Family
Dean Koontz

Trust No-one
James Rollins

Midnight Secrets
Nora Roberts



BorrowBox e-audiobook of the month

The Mother-Daughter Book Club
Susan & James Patterson

Four old friends, one life-changing trip and the chance to finally uncover the truth, in this unforgettable tale from bestselling authors James Patterson and Susan Patterson.

It's been three years since best friends Elin, Grace, Mariella and Jamie got together with their daughters for a book-club night that would change their lives forever.

Now they are travelling to Italy, to the breathtaking shores of Lake Como, to reunite for the first time since that fateful evening.

Amid the idyllic landscape, sumptuous food and dog-eared pages of their favourite books, it becomes clear that the women are all keeping secrets



from each other.

What really happened all those years ago? And will the power of love and literature finally help them to let go?

Featured BorrowBox Campaign title for March

The Inheritance has been pitched as perfect for fans of Laine Moriarty and Sally Hepworth.

A story about the corruption and entitlement of rich people behaving badly, this book is full of family secrets and small-town intrigue.

Isobel Ashworth is trying to prove her value to her family's business interests when the results of a DNA test reveal some shocking family secrets with dangerous consequences.

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

Find out what's happening at the Library



Visit library.swanhill.vic.gov.au

or like us on Facebook or Instagram!



uLibrary e-audio book of the month

Stolen in Death
JD Robb

A violent death and a vault of stolen treasures has Eve Dallas struggling to solve crimes old and new in the latest thriller in the Sunday Times bestselling series.

A blow to the head with a block of amethyst has left multimillionaire Nathan Barrister dead-while nearby, a vault, its door ajar, sits filled with priceless paintings, jewellery, and other treasures and yet only one item seems to be missing. Is this a simple case of a burglar caught in the act or does Eve have a much bigger, bloodier mystery to solve....?



Featured BorrowBox event for March

Join our library community for an exclusive online event with Trent Dalton on Tuesday the 21st of April! Don't miss the award-winning and bestselling Australian author of Boy Swallows Universe, discuss his most recent release, Gravity Let Me Go. Hosted by @BorrowBox – sign up to this FREE event here:

https://bolinda.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LWMQ8UKyRdm_Y6mM5vNalw#/registration

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

Knit, crochet, sew & chat! Every Tuesday morning from 10am-12pm.

Jigsaw Club

Open to people aged 16+, the Jigsaw Club meets every Thursday

Scrabble Club

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 .

Re-opening Friday 31 January

Fridays: 11am to 12pm

Saturdays: 10am to 11.30am

First Wednesday of the month, 11am to 12pm

swanhilltoylibrary@gmail.com

BIG Summer Read - Swan Hill Library

Prize drawer winners (Swan Hill Library):

Patrick Maher - Prismic Unicorn Lantern & Create Your Own Monster Pens

Adele Dodgshun - 3D Pen Kit & Create Your Own Monster Pens

Eight Lucky Door prizes were exclusively for children who were present at the draw. Four \$50 Swan Hill Gift Cards and Four \$50 Showbiz Cinema Gift Cards went to some very deserving winners. Congratulations to all!



BIG Summer Read sponsors (Swan Hill Library)

Special thanks to our wonderful sponsors for providing this year's wonderful incentives and prizes for our BIG Summer Read at the Swan Hill Library:

- B R & C Agents
- Crop Rite
- McDonald's Swan Hill
- Mallee Air & Electrical
- Murray Downs Golf & Country Club
- Murray Mallee Training Company
- Pioneer Settlement
- Ray White & Associates Swan Hill
- Subway Swan Hill
- Swan Hill Betta Home Living
- Swan Hill Aquatic & Recreation Centre
- Swan Hill Lions Club
- Swan Hill RSL & Three Arms Bistro
- Swan Hill Windscreens Collision Repair Centre
- Syd Wilson Auto Electrics
- Whitfield Excavations
- Zambrero Swan Hill

BIG Summer Read - Robinvale Library

Congratulations to the wonderfully dedicated readers from Robinvale, Euston and surrounds, who did such an amazing job with their entries for the Big Summer Read. Prize winners:

Isla - Intelligent Robot

Aston - Headphones

Alilia - Mega Slide, Zooper Doopers & Water soaker

Xavier - Bluetooth speaker

Jamie - Lego Creator 3 in 1 Spider & REBA gift card

Jordan - Lego Ninjago & Reba Gift Card

Dylan - Lego Turtle & Robinvale Golf Club vouchers

Lucia - Lego Harry Potter

Clara - Lego Minecraft

Charlie - Lego Tiger & Robinvale Golf Club Gift vouchers



Special thanks to the wonderful sponsors providing prizes for the BIG Summer Read at the Robinvale Library.

- [Cobram Estate](#)
- [Euston Club Resort](#)
- [Robinvale Corner Store](#)
- Robinvale Golf Club
- Robinvale Recreation Centre

Library Lover's Day competition winners



Why is the Library important to you?

We received 43 entries in our Library Lover's competition at the Swan Hill Library in February. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Congratulations to our winners! Winners: Amy Astall, Harnaaz Kaur, Eirene Kim Runners up: Isla Harvey, Nicholas Waldron, Kathleen Kennedy, Z. Ibrahim, Asenaca Samanunu, Jackie C., Ethan Jacob, Blair McLean, Pippa McLean.



Above: Amy



Above: Isla

[the library] "...provides a safe space for my children to develop their love of reading and learning and connect with others from the wider community" - Amy

"I love the library because it's peaceful, offering endless books, community connection & it's a magical space to learn, grow and imagine" - A. Ibrahim

"A place where everything is met, especially studies, visa application ... latest technology available....Everyone should have a library where they live" - Asenaca



"It's a space where I come & relax while enjoying a novel, researching or just enjoying a puzzle. The environment is friendly & I have encountered meeting kind hearted people. The staff are always helpful and welcoming" - Jackie



Above: Ethan



Above: Eirene

[the library has] "...wonderful staff members and they find books for us. They have funny books, picture books and more.. Sometimes they have fun activities and crafts. I like when they have people reading books then crafts. It is an entertaining place where this is always something fun happening" - Eirene

"The library is important to me as it provides me with a range of fascinating literature that brings me into a magical world" - Kathleen

Library Lover's Day competition winners



Why is the Library important to you?

"I love the library because you have lots of adventures in books and they help kids learn. I love the Big Summer Read competition" - Isla

"The library is important to me because I love borrowing books I haven't read before. I also love scavenger hunts, they are so fun" - Nicholas

"The library helps me see and find out stuff I didn't know. It inspires me. I love the library!" - Joel

"I get to read books that I [would otherwise] not be able to. It's a calm area. Plenty of books to choose from.." - Emma



Above: Camille with Asenaca



"I love the library because it makes me feel welcome and the people are so, so kind and the books are just absolutely amazing!" - Ruby

"Because they are very friendly staff members" - Oscar



Above: Nicholas



Cultural Diversity Week 21-29 March

Cultural Diversity Week (CDW) is Victoria's leading multicultural celebration, held annually in March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and Harmony Day on 21 March. This week-long initiative from 21 to 29 March showcases the colourful sounds, flavours, sights and traditions of Victoria's rich and ever-diversifying communities.

Cultural Diversity Week coincides with several important cultural and religious observances, enriching our collective celebration of diversity, including:

- Ramadan (begins evening of 18 February – ends evening of 19 March 2025) – A sacred month of fasting, prayer, and reflection observed by Muslims worldwide
- Holi (Wednesday, 4 March 2025): A vibrant festival celebrated by the Hindu faith, marking the arrival of spring with colours, music, and joy, bringing communities together worldwide.
- Harmony Day (Saturday, 21 March 2025): An Australian celebration promoting inclusiveness, respect, and belonging.

This year's theme, "Culture Connects Us All," highlights how sharing intercultural stories and experiences fosters understanding, belonging and connection.

**Love your library
in your language.**

1-31 March 2026

Tell us why you love the library.

Write your message on a postcard in the language you speak at home.

Add it to our display and celebrate our community.

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Love your Library in your language! 1 - 31 March

Join us in celebrating cultural diversity and harmony within our communities during 'Cultural Diversity Week' and 'Harmony Week' this March.

Visit your local library branch, pick up a postcard and write a short message to show the love to your library in your language!



EXHIBITION

PORTRAITS OF MANY PATHS

2-31
MARCH
2026

Meet the people who help shape our community.

Portraits of Many Paths shares local stories and portraits celebrating cultural diversity, connection and belonging.

INVITATION TO OPENING NIGHT

We would be delighted if you could join us for both or one of our opening nights -

Swan Hill Library - Wednesday, 4 March at 7pm

Robinvale Library - Wednesday, 11 March at 6pm



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ROBINVALE
LIBRARIES
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ALL WELCOME**





Riverside Park
Saturday 21 March 2026
4pm-8pm

**Wear your Traditional attire and join us
 for the Traditional Dress Parade**



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**Multicultural Performances
 &
 International Cuisine
 from the Harmony Kitchen**

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we gather and pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging

SWAN HILL LIBRARY PRESENTS

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@ THE
LIBRARY**

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FRIDAY, 27 MARCH 2026

PERFORMERS AGED 12-25

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER, OR CONTACT: 5036 2480

AUDIENCE ALL AGES . NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED





Sensitive Storytime

A calm, welcoming Storytime session designed especially for children who experience the world a little differently.

Sensitive Storytime is for children with a developmental delay, intellectual disability, autism, are withdrawn or sensitive to their surroundings. This inclusive library session allows neurodivergent children and their families to enjoy Storytime in a relaxed, supportive and sensory-considerate environment.

There are no expectations at Sensitive Storytime. Children are welcome to move around, make noise, take breaks, or participate in whatever way feels comfortable for them. Library staff understand that every child is different, and this session is designed to be flexible, patient, and judgment-free.

If you're unsure whether Sensitive Storytime is suitable for your child or would like to discuss this program further, please contact the library.

Where: Swan Hill library
When: Every Thursday 12 February - 26 March inclusive
Time: 9:30 - 10:15 am
Age: Children aged 2 - 5 and their parent/career

Bookings are essential, please call the library on 03 5036 2480.

Fresh Food Swap @ Robinvale Library



A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful community for showing up with your homegrown produce and sharing so generously. From fresh fruit and veggies to homemade goodies, the tables were filled with goodness and community spirit.

A huge shoutout to our amazing volunteer, Elaine, for keeping track of all the produce coming in and going out, as well as handling the swap on her own - your organisation and dedication help make these swaps run so smoothly! We are on the lookout for more volunteers to help keep this program running smoothly. **Please contact the Robinvale library on 5036 2461 or email lib-rob@swanhill.vic.gov.au**

Paint and Sip @ Robinvale Library



Paint n Sip at the Robinvale Library has been a colourful success! Thank you to everyone who joined us and got creative in our very first session.

Special thanks to our artist, Simone, for creating such a relaxed and wonderful evening that was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended

Missed out? There are still spots available in our upcoming sessions on 5 March and 19 March.

Book your place by emailing lib-rob@swanhill.vic.gov.au or call 5036 2461

Search & Find winner



Congratulations to Cooper, the winner of the Search and find for Robinvale's Summer holiday scavenger hunt !

'Complex and compelling in all the right ways'
JANE HARPER

THREE BOYS GONE

Would you try to save them?

MARK SMITH



Author Talk with Mark Smith

Join us for a compelling evening with acclaimed Australian author Mark Smith, as he discusses his gripping new adult psychological thriller, *Three Boys Gone*.

The novel follows Grace Disher, a high school teacher faced with an impossible choice. When three of her students are caught in perilous surf, Grace knows that diving in to save them would almost certainly cost her own life. She chooses not to act. But can she live with that decision? And should she have given her life?

Mark is the author of four celebrated young adult novels. *The Road to Winter* was shortlisted for multiple awards and is studied in schools across Australia, while its sequel, *Wilder Country*, won the 2018 Australian Indie Book Award for Young Adult Fiction. Also an award-winning writer of short fiction, Mark's work has appeared in leading publications in Australia and internationally.

Where: Swan Hill Library

When: 7pm, Wednesday 25 March

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

Book signing & sales available courtesy of Collins Booksellers Swan Hill.



Geoff Parkes 'In Conversation' @ Swan Hill Library



We were delighted to welcome Melbourne author Geoff Parkes to Swan Hill Library on 25 February for an in-depth and engaging conversation about his latest crime novel, *The First Law of the Bush*.

Geoff shared insights into his writing journey, speaking candidly about how he became an author and offering practical advice for aspiring writers in the audience. His thoughtful reflections and behind-the-scenes stories gave attendees a fascinating glimpse into the craft of crime writing.

Set in the rugged landscape of New Zealand's North Island, *The First Law of the Bush* is a gripping thriller that will appeal to fans of Chris Hammer and Jane Harper. While the novel stands alone, it features Ryan Bradley, a key character from Geoff's debut novel, *When the Deep Dark Bush Swallows You Whole* — making it a rewarding read for both new readers and existing fans.

If this sounds like your kind of read, be sure to place a hold on these titles at your local branch library!



Barham Library News

Our lucky winners in the Big Summer Read Competition at the Barham Library were Kaley Watts and Hunter Watts (pictured below).

Thank you to everyone who participated and read over the summer school holidays. Also a very big thank to our sponsors *Trend Skate & Surf Barham*.



Barham Library News

Move & Groove

Children enjoyed fun stories read by Joy, our wonderful volunteer and created some interesting craft. Move & Groove is on every Thursday morning at 10.30am.



Saturday Storytime

Saturday Storytime was held on the 14 February. We heard *Alcheringa Rain* by Toni Cary. After listening to the story, children were invited to create their own artwork showing how our country transforms when rain arrives. Some beautiful artwork was created by all those participating.

The Saturday Storytime session for March has been cancelled. Our next Storytime session will be on Saturday 11 April, with details to follow.

Library Lovers competition

Our Library Lovers competition was supported with some lovely entries describing what people loved about their library.

The winners in the adult section were – Tricia Wheaton (pictured), Sue Radywonik and Ken Shiell.

The winners in the children's section were Selina Shevels, Jack McConnell (both pictured) and Willow.



Barham Library News

Geoff Parkes 'The First Law of the Bush' author talk

Geoff Parkes, author of *When the Deep, Dark Bush Swallows You Whole* and *The First Law of the Bush*, visited the Barham Library on 25 February.

Everyone enjoyed listening to Geoff talk about his new novel *The First Law of the Bush* and sharing some inspiring insights into the world of writing.

This event was well attended, with over 30 people coming along to meet Geoff. Stay tuned for upcoming author events throughout the year.



Tech Savvy Seniors

There will be three sessions of Tech Savvy Seniors in March. The sessions will be held on Wednesday 11, 18 and 25 March from 10.00am to 12.00pm, at the Barham Library.

We will be covering Introduction to Computers, Microsoft Word, PC keyboard shortcuts, Streaming Services and much more.

Bookings can be made on 0354 801587 or call into the library to register your interest.

Social Book Chat

The Social Book Chat group meets every Tuesday morning at 10.00am and we enjoy catching up on what everyone is reading, with lots of discussion on current events in our lovely cool library. Everyone is welcome to join in and morning tea is provided.

Cryptic Crosswords

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



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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. I pads are available for use. Afternoon tea supplied.

Unsubscribe Day @ Swan Hill Library

To celebrate *Safer Internet Day*, our Technology Support Officer ran two unsubscribe sessions at the Swan Hill Library, focusing on the general steps for unsubscribing from promotional and unwanted subscription emails, and then clearing out those emails in bulk from your inbox.

Dedicating supported time to reducing email clutter is great for both environmental and mental health!

Keep an eye out for future tech sessions by following the library's Facebook page or checking the library's [What's on Page on the library website](#).



Fresh Food Swap @ Swan Hill Library



Our *February Fresh Food Swap* at the Swan Hill Library was bursting with homegrown goodies and it was wonderful to see so many people taking fresh fruit and veg home.

If you would like to help us out with this program once a month on a Saturday morning, by becoming a volunteer, like Dallas and Rita (pictured) please contact the library on 5036 2480 to find out more information.

Note: All library volunteers require a Working With Children Check.

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