

Get Online Week

20-26 October 2025



Get Online Week 2025

Through the Good Things Foundation Australia network and with the support of Government and corporate partners, hundreds of communities across Australia get involved every year to spread the Get Online Week message.

Everyone deserves the opportunity to safely participate in our digital world and no one should be left behind. Yet 1 in 4 Australians are still digitally excluded or need more help to keep up with technology. Participating in Get Online Week helps people to improve their digital skills through fun, local community events.

This **Get Online Week**, the Swan Hill Library will run a range of different learner events and competitions to practice key skills in the current digital age, such as an Online Walking Group and Tea with the Tech-sperts: learning all about how technology can help us keep on top of our health and improve our general well-being. See pages 4 to 5 for more information on the events and how to attend.

If you are after one-on-one help or would like to help others with technology speak with the library team. Our library website also has many online resources, free to library members. Check them out at library.swanhill.vic.gov.au

For Learning, For Leisure, For Life

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Upcoming author talks:

Laurelle Cousins, 8 Oct
Peter FitzSimons, 1 Nov
Rachael Treasure, 12 Nov

Coming soon

Gravity Let Me Go
Trent Dalton

Dead Man's Tale
Quintin Jardine

Mad Mabel
Sally Hepworth

Lucky Sisters
Rachael Johns

Mischance Creek
Garry Disher



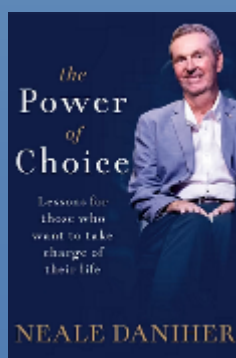
The Last One Out
Jane Harper

The Detective
Matthew Reilly

Evil Bones
Kathy Reichs

Nobody's Girl
Virginia Roberts Guiffre

The Power of Choice
Neale Daniher

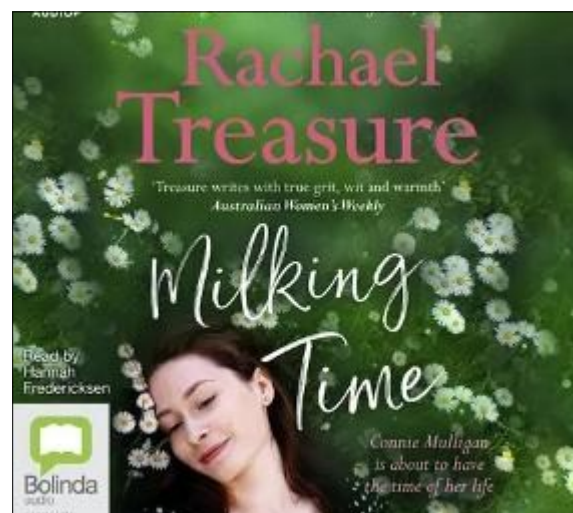


BorrowBox e-audiobook of the month

Milking Time
Rachael Treasure

The gorgeously funny, uplifting and entertaining new novel from the favourite Australian bestselling author of Jillaroo, White Horses and The Farmer's Wife.

Connie Mulligan, daughter of a fourth-generation Tasmanian dairy farmer, feels like she doesn't belong – anywhere. She's got big dreams and big ideas, but she made a mess of her university degree and has been sent home in disgrace. The man who was responsible for her failure won't get out of her nightmares, her father won't listen to any of her ideas on how to make environmentally positive changes to the way the dairy farm is being run, her mum thinks she should go on antidepressants, and she keeps having what her psychologist calls 'episodes'. Connie is stifled, frustrated, out of sorts and out of step – with her family, her



town, her community and her time.

It's not until an opportunity arises to travel to Ireland that a chance encounter with a wise old woman – and a knock on the head – sees Connie regain her confidence.

Featured BorrowBox e-audiobook for October



The [BorrowBox](#) campaign title for October is the e-audiobook 'We Solve Murders' by Richard Osman.

Fans of "The Thursday Murder Club" have nothing to fear from Richard Osman's new series – it's even better than his original hit.

'We Solve Murders' combines elements of a cosy mystery in a sleepy English village with a high-speed, action-packed chase around the world.

Richard Osman is an English author, television presenter, producer and comedian. 'We Solve Murders' is his fifth book and the first in his new series.

For the month of October, 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-audiobook for September

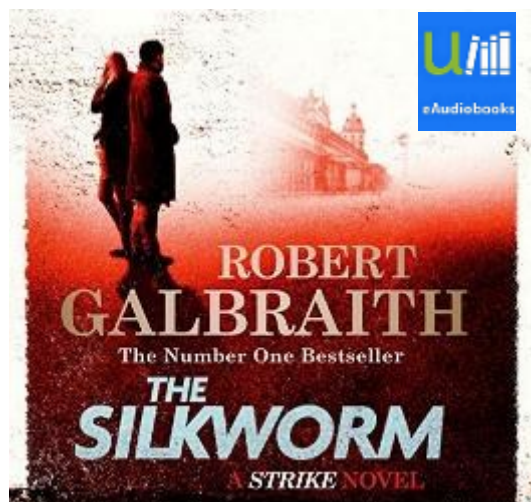
The Silkworm

Robert Galbraith

Now a major BBC drama: *The Strike* series.

When novelist Owen Quine goes missing, his wife calls in private detective Cormoran Strike. At first, she just thinks he has gone off by himself for a few days - as he has done before - and she wants Strike to find him and bring him home.

But as Strike investigates, it becomes clear that there is more to Quine's disappearance than his wife realises. The novelist has just completed a manuscript featuring poisonous pen-portraits of almost everyone he knows. If the novel



were published it would ruin lives - so there are a lot of people who might want to silence him.

Hoopla Digital Borrowing

Borrowers may notice some small changes when using hoopla. There is now a limit of 6 borrows per member each month plus bonus borrows during the last 7 days of each month.



[Hoopla](#) gives you instant access to audiobooks, eBooks, comics, movies, magazines, and music—anytime, anywhere! Stream or download content across your devices, from your phone to your TV, all for free with your library card.

Britannica Library Online Free Trial

Library members have access to a free trial of Britannica Library through the online resource section of library website from 6 October to 28 November. Britannica provides access to topics and information from around the world. There are children's, secondary school and adult levels. We would love to hear what you think about it. Click the link on the website and use your library card number to login. Search to your heart's content then let us know what you think of the resource and whether we should purchase it for library members to use.



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 from 2pm to 4pm.

Scrabble club

The Scrabble Club meets every Tuesday, from 2pm to 4pm.

U3A

Discussion and writing group.

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month from 11.30 am.

Toy Library

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

Fridays: 11am to 12pm

Saturday: 10am to 11.30 am

First Wednesday of the month, 11am to 12pm

Contact Sharyn on 0427 847486.

GET ONLINE WEEK

OCTOBER 20 - 26

Join us this Get Online Week
by participating in our free
events and competitions



Free Events

Tea with the Techs-pert: Technology and your health.

Technology can help you keep on top of your health, set health goals, and improve your general wellbeing.

Discover how you can monitor your health and get tips and advice from a range of apps, websites, podcasts, and wearable devices.

&

Tech set up - Help with joining and using our digital walking group

Sessions running from October 6 - 16.

October 6
2pm - 3pm

October 7
10am - 11am

October 9
2pm - 3pm

October 13
10am - 11pm

October 14
2pm - 3pm

October 16
10am - 11am

Competitions

Swan Hill Library Striders: Join our online walking group! You walk in real life, and add your steps to the digital group step count.

Add your steps between October 20 to October 27 and the person in each age group with the most steps will win a \$50 Swan Hill Inc. gift card.

SWAN HILL LIBRARY **striders**



Do you need some motivation
to get your daily steps up?
Want to try a 'virtual walk' but
not sure which app to choose?

Then join our online library
walking group!



Our group step count runs
through the website

<https://worldwalking.org/login>

You will need to register with the
website once you are sent the
group invitation from us.

Apple and Fitbit users can sync
their data directly with the
World Walking App or add your
steps manually through the
website.

Book in with Gaelle for 1-1 help.

All ages are welcome to join!

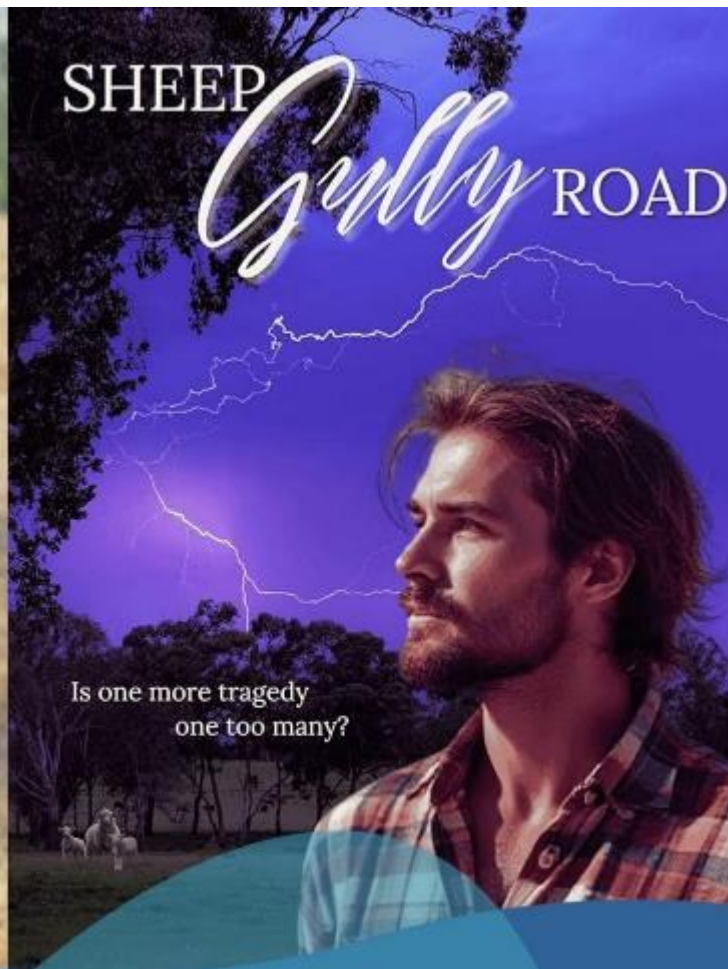
You will need:

- An email address
- A device that can count your
steps - this may be a
pedometer, smart phone or
smart watch or other device.



**Complete the registration form
above by scanning the QR code.**

If you want to meet in real life
(IRL), a group will start walking
from the Swan Hill Library at
9:00am each Wednesday,
starting September 10, 2025.



In Conversation with Author Laurelle Cousins

Join us for a heartwarming conversation with Laurelle Cousins, author of 'The Lonely Paddock' and her latest novel, 'Sheep Gully Road'. Set in the Western District of Victoria, and with themes of family, community, farming and romance, Laurelle's stories resonate with readers who cherish country life.

Laurelle is a country girl through and through. A lifelong animal lover, she has bred pedigree rabbits, working kelpies, and now raises superfine merino sheep. For three months of the year, she works as a wool classer — the rest of the time, you'll find her writing, enjoying coffee and cake with friends, battling weeds in the garden, or baking up a storm.

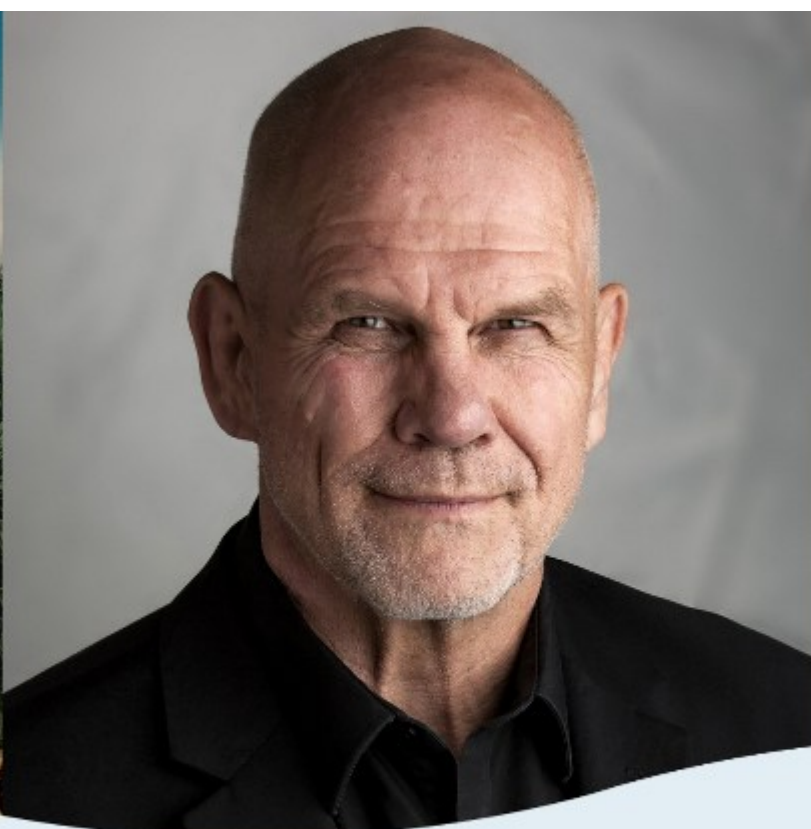
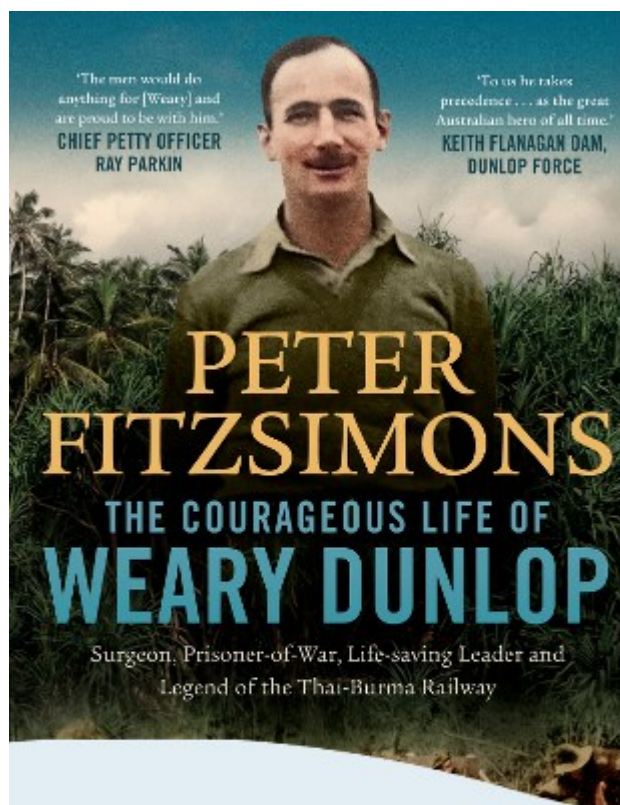
Where: Swan Hill Library - 53 Campbell Street, Swan Hill

When: Wednesday 8 October, 7 pm.

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

Book signing & sales available, cash or Eftpos.





Author talk with Peter FitzSimons

Join us for an unmissable afternoon at the Swan Hill Library as we celebrate the launch of Peter FitzSimons' latest book, 'The Courageous Life of Weary Dunlop'.

Peter FitzSimons is Australia's bestselling non-fiction writer, and for the past 39 years he has also been a journalist and columnist with the Sydney Morning Herald and the Sun-Herald. He is the author of a number of highly successful books, including 'Breaker Morant', 'Burke and Wills', 'Monash's Masterpiece', 'Kokoda', 'Ned Kelly' and 'Gallipoli', as well as biographies of such notable Australians as Sir Douglas Mawson, Nancy Wake and John Eales. His passion is to tell Australian stories, our own stories: of great men and women, of stirring events in our history.

Where: Swan Hill Library, 53 Campbell Street.

When: 1pm, Saturday 1 November. Please arrive 15 minutes early to allow the event to start on time.

Scan QR Code to book your place.



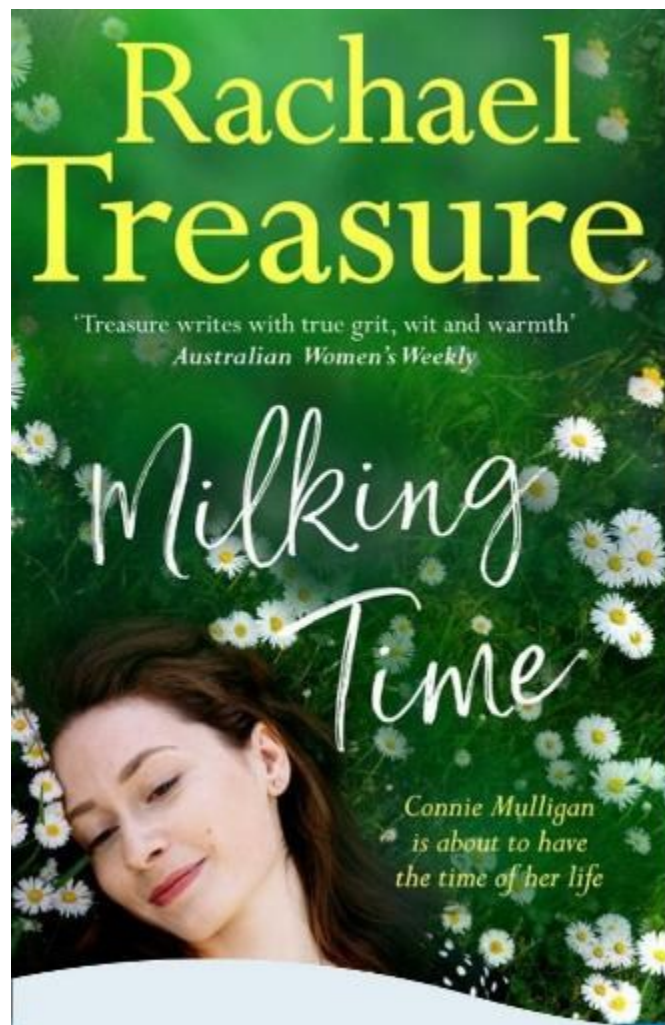
Bookings essential. \$5 ticket price redeemable off book purchases at the event. Book sales & signing courtesy of Collins Booksellers Swan Hill. Contact Collins Booksellers Swan Hill on 5032 5385 for more information or assistance with booking.

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Author talk with Rachael Treasure

Join us for an unforgettable evening with beloved Australian author Rachael Treasure and her kelpie Dolly Pupton, as she discusses her newest novel, 'Milking Time' — a heartwarming, humorous, and uplifting story from the bestselling writer of 'Jillaroo' and 'The Farmer's Wife'.

Rachael Treasure has captivated readers with her iconic stories of rural Australian life. A trailblazer for women in rural fiction, she lives in southern Tasmania with her family and has worked as a journalist for Rural Press and ABC Rural Radio. 'Milking Time' is her eighth novel.

Where: Swan Hill Library

When: 7pm, Wednesday 12 November

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.



Interested in a Mahjong for Beginners Group?

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play Mahjong? We're considering starting a **Mahjong for Beginners** group at the Swan Hill Library and would love to gauge interest from our community.

Whether you're completely new to the game or just a bit rusty, this would be a fun, social way to learn and play together in a relaxed setting.

If this sounds like something you'd enjoy, please let us know! We're also looking to find the best day and time for meetings, so feel free to suggest what would work best for you — mornings, afternoons, or evenings.

You can register your interest at the front desk, give us a call on 5036 2480 or send us a quick email. We look forward to hearing from you! Open to anyone 16+ interested in playing Mahjong.



Fresh Food Swap : calling all home gardeners!

Calling all home gardeners! Do you grow your own fruit, veggies, or herbs? Do you have leftover seeds, seedlings, or even homemade preserves you'd love to swap or share?

Together with [Food for All - Swan Hill Region](#), we're launching a monthly Fresh Food Swap. A great way to share your homegrown goodness and connect with fellow gardeners. Our first monthly swap will be

Saturday 18 October

10am to 12pm

Let's build a strong, fresh, and local food community together!



FRESH FOOD SWAP

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Opportunity to swap your produce, seeds, seedlings, herbs and preserves

Herbs	Seedlings	Preserves
Fruit	Seeds	Vegetables
Coffee grounds	Flower bulbs	

All produce brought must be good quality. All preserves must be labelled with ingredients. Seeds, seedlings and bulbs must be labelled.

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Roving Storytime : Children's Week event



Join us in a celebration of Children's Week (19-27 October), involving the whole community! This Children's Week event is presented in partnership with Communities for Children / Mallee Family Care.

Children, parents, community members and businesses will join together to share the enjoyment of reading and story telling.

Children will be guided on a walk along Campbell Street, during which we will find out about the people in our neighbourhood.

Our walk will finish in the park behind the Clock tower where we will meet the emergency services.

We will then enjoy delicious fruit cups and some fun activities. There will be an assortment of fun outdoor toys to play with, courtesy of the Swan Hill Community Toy Library.

Children will need a hat, comfortable shoes, a water bottle and sunscreen.

When: Wednesday, 22 October

Time: 10am - 12pm

Where: Starts at the Swan Hill Library

Call the Swan Hill Library on 5036 2480 for more information.

Aussie Bird Count : 20-26 October

This month's Citizen Science Corner Project

Join people young and old from right across Australia for the Aussie Bird Count, 20 – 26 October.

Why counting matters

Birds are everywhere. In our backyards, balconies, local parks and schoolyards, and they have amazing stories to tell about the health of our environment. Right now, one in six Australian birds faces the threat of extinction, making it more important than ever to pay attention.

The Aussie Bird Count is a fun, easy way for all of us to take a national snapshot of the birds we see and start noticing the nature around us. With just 20 minutes, you can help build a picture of how our feathered friends are faring and contribute to something that really counts.

Register now to be part of this vital project!

<https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>



Robinvale Library News

Farewell to Toneea Watson

Robinvale Library team member Toneea Watson is leaving the Library. Toneea started work at the Swan Hill Regional Library Service in 2020, helping to set up the new Robinvale Library for its opening in January 2021.

Toneea's contributions include recommending books to readers, creating displays, hosting playgroup visits, planning and running school holiday activities, and encouraging local sponsor's support of the Big Summer Read program.

We wish Toneea all the best in her future endeavours.

Saturday 11 October will be Toneea's last day. However, we will be celebrating Toneea's contribution to the Robinvale Library with morning tea at 10.30am on Thursday 9 October. Everyone is welcome to join us to farewell Toneea.



Holly Brunnbauer author talk

We had a wonderful time hosting author [Holly Brunnbauer - Writer](#) at Robinvale Library in September. Holly shared insights into her debut novel 'What Did I Miss?', a fresh and feisty romantic comedy about what happens when you meet someone special before truly knowing yourself.

In conversation with our own Heiata, Holly spoke about the inspiration behind her book and her creative writing process. Audience members also asked some thoughtful and insightful questions that sparked engaging discussion.

You can borrow 'What Did I Miss?' from your local library branch – don't miss out!



Mathoura Library news

Mathoura History Group

Come along and join the conversation.
Share stories, photographs and information about Mathoura's history.

Free tea & coffee provided.

Visit the Mathoura Library for more details or 1300 087 004.



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Calling all history buffs!

Interested in local history? Join the new Mathoura History Group!

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at Mathoura Visitor and Business Centre.

Upcoming dates, meet at 1.30pm:

- 13 October
- 10 November
- 8 December



When history is gone... it's gone.

School holiday fun @ NSW branch libraries



School Holiday LEGO and games at the Mathoura Library!

Visit the LEGO and games stations during these school holidays!

Create your own masterpiece using Lego. Use your own imagination, or complete some of the building challenges provided.

Or why not play a game with some friends? We've got a great variety on offer!

Suitable for ages 4 and above, with adult supervision.



For more information:
Call the Mathoura Library, 1300 087 004.



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School Holiday Fun at the Library!

Tuesday 7 October, 2025
1.30pm-3pm at the Barham Library.

MASTERPIECES IN THE MAKING!

Children can create their own art masterpiece with individual easels, paints and canvas and then explore your creativity with a clay sculpture activity.

Ages: 5 - 12. FREE to attend.
Bookings essential as limited spaces available.

To book your spot:
Call the Barham Library on 03 5480 1587



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Barham Library News

Move & Groove

Move & Groove has once again seen the children enjoy some lovely stories read by Joy our wonderful volunteer along with creating some beautiful craft.

Saturday Storytime

For our Saturday Storytime in September, we welcomed Spring in with a special story "Seed to Sky – Life in the Daintree" by Pamela Freeman & Liz Anelli, beautifully read by our volunteer Elizabeth. This was followed by a craft activity to create a 3D wooden flowerbed.

Our next Saturday Storytime will be on 11 October with "Caterpillar Creations" – A Colourful Craft Adventure! Our feature story will be "Caterpillar Dreams" by Clive McFarland.

Cryptic Crossword Fun @ Barham Library

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.



Tech Savvy Seniors

A NSW Government initiative
in partnership with Telstra



Tech Savvy Seniors Returns

Tech Savvy sessions will return on 8 October – these will run over five weeks from 10.00am till 12.00pm each Wednesday. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills to help you navigate the challenges of the online world.

Bookings are now open so call in to the library or call 0354801 587 to register your interest.

Social Book Chat @ Barham Library

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



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BARHAM LIBRARY

Social Book Chat

Every Tuesday at 10am

Bring along the book you're currently reading.

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

Morning Tea provided.

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

Storytime and craft in a fun learning environment.

Cryptic Crosswords

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

School holiday activities@ Swan Hill Library & Outreach

Children had lots of fun attending school holiday activities in the Swan Hill Library and out in the community to Lake Boga, Nyah West and Manangatang with Ash and 'Libby', the library's outreach truck.



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