



## Be Connected Young Mentors Program

Swan Hill Regional Library has partnered with St Mary MacKillop College, to run *The Be Connected Young Mentors* program.

*The Be Connected Young Mentors* program supports older Australians to improve their digital skills by bringing them together with young people in a mentoring capacity, to share digital skills and knowledge.

The initiative is aimed at enhancing digital skills through fostering connections between younger and older generations.

The *Young Mentors* program gives young people an opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of our older residents.

Participants have been learning useful tasks such as using mobile phones, tablets and computers, sending emails, video chat, getting directions on google maps and more. They are encouraged to use their own devices, allowing them to put their new skills straight to practice.

Older residents, aged 50 plus, wishing to get involved, can call the library to register their interest on 5036 2480.



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**Check out all the school holiday activities in our libraries branches. Pages 4-10**

## Coming soon

*Calamity of Souls*  
David Baldacci

*Sweet Blue Distance*  
Sara Donati

*Shockwaves*  
Fleur McDonald

*My Favourite Mistake*  
Marian Keyes

*Sanctuary*  
Garry Disher



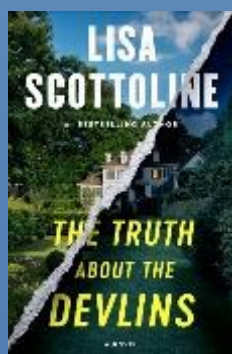
*Secrets of Riverside*  
Mandy Magro

*No. 1 Lawyer*  
James Patterson

*Radio Hour*  
Victoria Purman

*Milking time*  
Rachel Treasure

*Truth About the Devlins*  
Lisa Scottoline



## BorrowBox e-audiobook of the month

### *The Woman Who Ran Away From Everything* Fiona Gibson

Being married to a comedian is no joke.

Kate is sick of it. Sick of being a wife, cook, dog walker and flat-pack assembler, while still being treated like a doormat. Her husband all but ignores her – unless he needs a clean shirt – and she's constantly compelled to keep up with the (very smug) Joneses in their neighbourhood.

What happened to the fun-loving woman she used to be? At almost 50, Kate feels lost, overlooked and stuck. That is, until she comes home to one of her husband's impromptu parties – and is expected to feed their hungry guests. And that's it. Breaking point. The final



straw. Scrambling out of the bathroom window, Kate leaves. She has no money, no clean pants, and no plan – but a chance encounter sees her following her heart for once. And now there's no going back ...

## BorrowBox presents author Kate Morton

BORROWBOX PRESENTS...

### KATE MORTON

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm AEST  
Register via the link




An epic novel with a thrilling mystery at its heart, tracing a shocking crime whose effects are felt across continents and generations.

**BorrowBox**  
Your library in your app

Our April Borrowbox campaign title is the eAudiobook of *Homecoming* by Kate Morton.

*Homecoming* is narrated by Claire Foy (from the Netflix series *The Crown*). Multiple readers can borrow this title simultaneously, making it a perfect read for book clubs!

This title also ties in with the Borrowbox zoom event featuring Kate Morton on **Tuesday 9 April at 7pm.**



Download from the Library's website or the FREE BorrowBox app. Download or 'borrow' up to six e-audiobooks and six e-books at a time, for three weeks.

Remember an early return increases your available loans immediately and reserves count as loans.

Find out what's happening at the Library



Visit [library.swanhill.vic.gov.au](http://library.swanhill.vic.gov.au)  
or like us on Facebook or Instagram!



# uLibrary e-audiobook of the month

## Invitation to Italy Victoria Springfield

Abi is distraught when her ex-husband Alex takes their twelve-year-old daughter, Chloe to spend the summer with his glamorous fiancée Marisa and her parents at their home on the beautiful Italian island of Procida. Persuaded by her best friend to book a holiday at the island's Hotel Paradiso, Abi finally meets the woman she's been avoiding for so long. Will the two women's strained relationship survive the summer?

One-time teenage swimming sensation, Loretta, has run the Hotel Paradiso since leaving Capri broken-hearted. When childhood friend Salvo comes to stay, Loretta is forced to confront her past and the fears that have kept her away from the water for forty years. But just as she finds the courage to open her heart, she discovers all is not as it



seems with Salvo...

It's a summer of new beginnings for Abi and Loretta - and one they will never forget.

## Free digital resources / apps for library members



## Book Chat

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

## Knitter Knatters

Every Tuesday morning from 10am-12pm.

Knit, crochet, sew & chat!

## Scrabble club

The Scrabble Club meets every Tuesday at 2pm.

New players welcome!

## U3A

Discussion and writing group.

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

New members welcome.

## Toy Library

The Toy Library provides toys and educational resources for babies, toddlers and children.

Fridays: 11am to 12pm

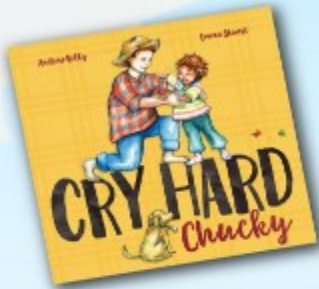
Saturday: 10am to 11.30 am

Contact Sharyn on 0427 847486.

# April School holiday activities!

Children's  
Book Launch

Join us at Swan Hill  
Library for a book  
launch with local author



## Andrew Kelly CRY HARD Chucky



Fun for the whole family!  
Book signing  
Story  
Craft  
FREE pizza!

Wednesday, 10 April 2024  
at 7pm



To book, call the library on 5036 2480

To purchase a copy of the book prior to the event, go to [www.andrewkellystories.com.au](http://www.andrewkellystories.com.au)  
Copies of Cry Hard Chucky will be available for purchase on the night.



# DINO DAY



## Dinosaurs in your Park.

When: Wednesday, 3 April.

Where: Nyah West Park Monash Ave.

Time: 1pm - 3pm

Stomp through our Story Walk with your dino buddies we will read "The Dinosaur".

Create all types of dinosaurs.

Hunt for fossils.

Imprint your own Footprint Tile





# FAMILY EDIBLE GARDEN DAY!



**Date: Tuesday April 9th**  
**Time: 10 am- 12 pm**  
**Where: George Lay Park,**  
**87 Murlong Street**

## FREE KID'S ACTIVITIES

Scavenger hunt, Swan Hill  
Regional Library Storytime,  
Bubble wands, Plant your own pot,  
craft activities & outdoor games



COME ALONG FOR  
A CHANCE TO WIN  
ONE OF 4 KID'S  
GARDEN PACKS



**For any questions contact Bronte at**  
**Community Health on 5033 9337**



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# What's happening at Swan Hill Library these School Holidays...

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## Creation Station - All holidays

**10am - 5.30pm FREE Suitable for all ages**

Set up in the children's area of the library for the duration of the school holidays. Children can draw, cut, paste, construct, colour in, complete activity booklets and make all sorts of creations using recycled items including wool, material, coloured paper and more!



## Search & Find - All holidays

**10am - 5.30pm FREE Suitable for children 5+**

Search for and find all the animal posters in the library these school holidays. Receive a reward and to go into the draw for a chance to win a \$50 Swan Hill Gift Card! The winner will be drawn on Monday, 15 April 2024.

*Proudly sponsored by Swan Hill Inc.*



## Lego - Wednesday, 3 & 10 April

**2pm - 4pm FREE Suitable for children 3+**

Come along and enjoy the fun with our free Lego @ the Library sessions these school holidays!

Complete one of the many challenges or enjoy free-play using your imagination to make a fantastic creation.



## Loom Bands - Wednesday, 3 & 10 April

**2pm - 4pm FREE Suitable for children 7+**

Have you just discovered loom bands? Or are you already an expert at making all sorts of creative things with them? The library will be holding two free loom band sessions throughout the school holidays. Loom bands, boards and hooks will be supplied to make a range of fantastic jewellery and craft!



## Mother's Day Craft - Thursday, 4 April

**2pm - 3pm FREE Suitable for children 6+**

Make a decorative wreath from your choice of two shapes - a circle or heart - using colourful scrap fabric and coat hangers.

A beautiful gift for your mum, nana, gran or special person on Mother's Day.

*Bookings essential.*



## Sand Art - Friday, 5 April

**2pm - 3pm FREE Suitable for children 5+**

Join Bella from Bunnings Swan Hill for a simple, fun and creative children's activity! Create a unique picture using coloured sand, sticky paper and your imagination!

*Bookings essential.*

Please note: Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



- Youth friendly activities and workshops.



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## Minecraft Monday - Monday, 8 April

1pm - 5pm **FREE** Suitable for children 5+

Join us for an afternoon of 3D blocking fun! Play in Survival or Creative mode, explore, experiment, create or break apart, it's all up to you! Suitable for children ages 5 and up.



## Woodworking Workshop - Tuesday, 9 April

10.30 - 11.30am **\$10 per child** Suitable for children ages 5 - 12

Join volunteers from the Swan Hill Woodworkers Club and the Nyah West Men's Shed for a fun woodworking session!

Welcome native birds into your backyard when you build this awesome birdfeeder to take home.

**Bookings essential.**



## STEM Robotics - Tuesday, 9 April & Friday, 12 April

2pm - 3pm **FREE** Suitable for children ages 8 - 13

Looking to discover the power of robots? Join us for a fun, hands-on, workshop where you can explore how simple programs can control complex machines. Discover how robots move, sense and respond to their environment using mBot robots and iPads. **Bookings essential.**



## Twilight Tales / Children's Book Launch - Wednesday, 10 April

7pm - 8.30pm **FREE** Suitable for the whole family

Join local teacher and author, Andrew Kelly, for the launch of his brand new children's picture book, Cry Hard Chucky. After a talk on how this book came about, Andrew will read the story after which, there will be a craft activity and pizza! **Booking preferred.**



## Kids Create: Rice Paper Rolls - Thursday, 11 April

10.30am - 11.30am **FREE** Suitable for children ages 3+

Join Swan Hill District Community Health for this yummy, hands-on activity. Children will enjoy listening to the beautiful children's story Bee-bim Bop! written by Linda Sue Park, before making their very own vegetable rice paper rolls. **Bookings essential.**



## Bug Pots - Thursday, 11 April

1.30pm - 2.30pm **FREE** Suitable for children ages 5+

Join Bella from Bunnings Swan Hill and volunteers from Swan Hill Christian School for a simple, fun and creative children's activity!

After listening to a story about bees, children will decorate their own bug pot and create a self-watering pot, then plant them with edible plants to take home!

**Bookings essential.**

# What's happening at your library these School Holidays...

Library activities are available for the entire Victorian and NSW school holidays. Activities listed below are repeated for the weeks of 15th to the 28th of April.

To book, contact the Robinvale library on 5036 2461 or check the Library's Facebook page or newsletter for more details.



## **Easter Closure - Monday 1st of April**

The Robinvale Library will be closed for the public holiday on Monday.  
Happy Easter!



## **Wednesday, 3 April**

**2pm to 6pm**

Enjoy the weather cooling down with our gorgeous Autumn leaf suncatchers



## **Thursday 4 April**

**9am to 1pm**

Move and Groove at the Library - 10am

Storytime at the Library - 11am

Join us as we celebrate World Health Day with a healthy food themed storytime, craft activity and fun riddles!



## **Saturday 6 April**

**10am to 12pm**

Storytime at the Library - 10.30am

The healthy food exploration continues with some 3D food crafts after our fruit and vegetable themed storytime

**Board Games and Lego available every day during the holidays**



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### **Monday, 8 April**

**2pm to 6pm**

Try your hand at making some adorable pom pom creatures - a turtle, a panda or an echidna!



### **Wednesday, 10 April**

**2pm to 6pm**

What can we make with cardboard tubes? A house? A bird? A fish? Why not all three!



### **Thursday 11 April**

**9am to 1pm**

Move and Groove at the Library - 10am

Storytime at the Library - 11am

Today we celebrate our furry and feathered friends with a National Pet Day storytime and craft activity!



### **Saturday 13 April**

**10am to 12pm**

Storytime at the Library - 10.30am

Did you know that April 13 is Scrabble Day?

Come in and challenge your friends to a game!

*Board Games and Lego available every day during the holidays*

## Mathoura Library Book Club

Mathoura Library's *Book Club Coffee & Chat* commences on Thursday 4 April, 10.00am – 12.00pm.

Free coffee, tea and biscuits. You can come on your own or bring a friend. Not into reading? Come along and discuss a TV show you've been watching or a podcast you've been listening to.

Book Club sets are available upon request.

Contact the Mathoura Library on 1300 087 004 for more information.



## Barham Library School holiday activity

The poster features a light pink background with a decorative floral and leaf motif at the top left. The word 'Mother's' is written in a large, elegant, dark purple cursive font, with 'DAY' in a smaller, dark purple sans-serif font below it. The title 'School Holiday Activity' is in a bold, dark grey sans-serif font. The date and time are listed as 'Tuesday 23 April, 2024' and '10.30am - 11.30am at the Barham Library.' Below this, there are three paragraphs of text describing the activity, including a list of items to be made (card, bracelet, necklace, mug) and a note that bookings are essential. On the right side, there is a collection of pink line-art icons representing various craft supplies like scissors, thread, a needle, a pencil, and a paintbrush. At the bottom, a dark purple banner contains the contact information and the Murray River Council logo.

**Mother's**  
DAY  
**School Holiday Activity**

**Tuesday 23 April, 2024**  
**10.30am - 11.30am at the Barham Library.**

Join us for a morning of activities where we **make something special for mum!**

Have fun making something for mum, grandma, a carer or someone special.

Children can create a beautiful card, make a bead bracelet or necklace and decorate a coffee mug to give to their Mum for Mother's Day on Sunday 12 May.

This is a free event suitable for ages 5 and above. **Bookings are essential to secure your spot.**

**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 Storytime volunteer, followed by some fun craft activities.

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



## Saturday Story Time

Our next Saturday Storytime will be on 13 April and our feature story is "Being Friends with Dragons" by Katherine Locke. After listening to the story the children will create their own dragon from paper plates and enjoy some fun colouring activities.

## Book Sale!

Grab a bargain or two from the Barham Library! Discarded library stock for 20c each book or fill a box and make us an offer! Novels for children, teens & adults, large print books and non-fiction books. DVDs and audio books too. Book sale commences 9th April and continues throughout the month.

## Digital Mentoring Program

We continue to take bookings for Digital help for people with their devices etc. through our partnership with Be Connected and the Digital Mentoring program and we welcome all enquiries.

## 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 at this free workshop and iPads are available for use.

## Social Book Chat

The Social Book Chat group has been meeting every Tuesday morning at 11.00am and enjoy catching up on what everyone is reading with lots of discussion on current events. Everyone is welcome to join in.



## BARHAM LIBRARY

### Social Book Chat

Every Tuesday at 11am

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

Storytime and craft in a fun learning environment.

## MOULAMEIN LIBRARY

### Storytime

Friday at 3.30pm

Storytime and craft in a fun learning environment.

### Games Afternoon

Friday 3pm to 6.30pm

All ages welcome!

## Seed Library launch @ Robinvale Library



Member for Mildura, Jade Benham, recently officiated at the Seed Library launch at the Robinvale Library. We had a great morning of information sharing, arts and crafts and even potting up some seeds. .

The Seed Library is open every day the library is: Monday 2-6pm, Wednesday 2-6pm, Thursday 9am-12pm and Saturday 10am-12pm. And its FREE!

## Outreach Storytime at the Nyah West Park with 'Libby'



Children recently enjoyed a story walk and Easter Egg hunt at the Nyah West Park followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

It was also wonderful to have the Nyah District Primary School come across, visit 'Libby' the outreach vehicle and then burn off some energy. Even better hearing them read aloud to their peers. Great job to all the kids for their shared Storytime!

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