



Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the Library in 2024! We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas and New Year break.



If you are looking for something for the kids to do during the school holidays, check out the wide range of library activities on the following pages. Highlights at the Swan Hill Library include Bricks4Kids, Super Sphero Fun, Minecraft Monday, Lego, Mosaic Tiles, DIY Worm Farm, Sand Art and more! Most activities are free, but places are limited, so make sure to book early.

Children's activities at the Robinvale Library include interactive Move & Groove Sessions, lots of craft, Lego, board games and the return of *CJ and his Amazing Puppet Show*.

Children's author Susea Spray will be visiting the Swan Hill, Robinvale, Barham and Mathoura libraries for a special storytime. Susea will share her picture book 'A Big Blue Boat', along with songs and a fun craft activity.

The Big Summer Read for school aged children aged 5-18 is running now. If your children enjoy reading through the holidays, or need that extra incentive to read, they can join up and be in the running for some fabulous prizes! The 1000 Books Before School program is also ongoing for children aged 0-5 years. Please ask staff for more information.

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Come into the Swan Hill Library during January's Big Book Sale and grab a bargain or two!

Coming soon

Red Side Story
Jasper Fforde

Sea Captain's Wife
Jackie French

Lone Wolf
Gregg Hurwitz

Sisterhood
Kathy Kelly

Wedding of the Year
Jill Mansell



Other Bridget
Rachael Johns

Crosshairs
James Patterson

Accident
Fiona Lowe

Murder Inn
Candice Fox / James
Patterson



*What happened to
Nina?*
Dervla McTiernan

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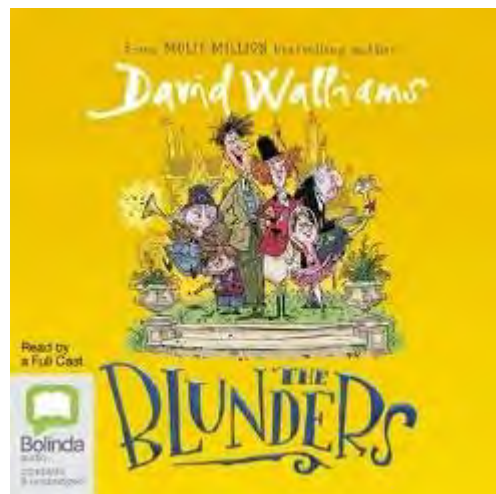
BorrowBox e-audiobook of the month

The Blunders David Walliams

Absurd and hilarious, the million-copy bestseller David Walliams's funniest audiobook yet – a laugh-out-loud tale of the most blundering and lovable family in history.

Meet the Blunders: Bertie, Betsy, their children, Brutus and Bunny, along with their beloved grandma Old Lady Blunder and their pet ostrich, Cedric. An ostrich is not a sensible pet, but then the Blunders are not sensible people.

This family of upper-class twits lives in a crumbling country house named Blunder Hall. When their home comes under threat, they must embark on a series of comic misadventures to save it.



Featured BorrowBox eBook for January

The [BorrowBox](#) campaign title for January is the e-book *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams.

This book has been much awarded and celebrated for its exploration of the power of words and its gripping central question: Have women's words been lost from the English language because the dictionary was written by men?

Pip William's second novel, *The Bookbinder of Jericho* is a companion to *The Dictionary of Lost Words*, and again combines her talent for historical research and beautiful storytelling.

For the month of January, 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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or like us on Facebook or Instagram!



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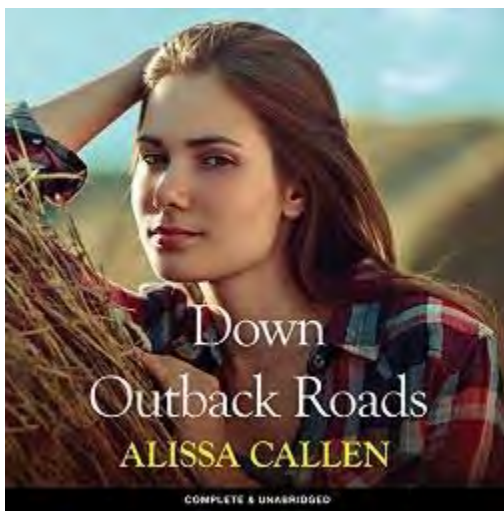
Down Outback Roads Alissa Callen

Down Outback Roads is an enthralling rural love story, about family, community and allowing yourself a second chance.

Kree Garrett's younger brother Seth is all the family she has left, so when he goes missing while working in the Australian outback, she races from America to join in the search.

To everyone's relief, Seth is rescued by local volunteers and Kree finds, in an abandoned historic Cobb & Co Coach House, the opportunity to thank the community she's fallen in love with. But it isn't only the town she's fallen for.

Can Kree and Ewan leave the tragedies of their pasts behind long enough to find a future together?



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.

New members are welcome!

Knitter Knatters

Every Tuesday morning from 10am-12pm.

Knit, crochet, sew & chat!

The Knitter Knatters will be resuming on 9 January 2024 after a break for Christmas.

Genies

Closing at 3pm on Wednesday, 13 December & re-opening at 10am on Tuesday, 30 January, 2024.

Toy Library

The Toy Library will re-open in early February, 2024.

For more information call Sharyn McCann on 0427 847486

Scrabble Club

Meeting every Tuesday afternoon, from 2pm.

Darry Fraser author talk

Author Darry Fraser recently returned to the Swan Hill Library for her fourth visit, coinciding with the release date of her new book 'The Milliner of Bendigo'.

Darry first visited the Swan Hill Library in 2017 to promote her first published novel, 'Daughter of the Murray'. In 2018 Darry returned to talk about 'Where the Murray River Runs' and in 2019 'The Good Woman of Renmark'. Darry spent part of her childhood in Swan Hill and was inspired by the Murray River to write historical novels.

We heard how the story for 'The Milliner of Bendigo' came about and Darry also gave lots of writing and publishing tips for the budding writers in the audience. We look forward to seeing her in 2024 when her next book is published!

Thank you to Eryne and Cassie from Collins Booksellers Swan Hill who brought along books for sale and for Darry to personally sign.

Darry's books are available to borrow from the library.



Jelena Dokic author talk

More than 100 people attended Jelena Dokic's author talk at the Swan Hill Library recently. Jelena Dokic is a former world number four professional tennis player, tennis commentator, bestselling author and motivational speaker.

Jelena told us how writing her first book was a major turning point in her life. Her first book, "Unbreakable", which has been read by many of our library members, revealed her incredible survival story. She overcame adversity, poverty, racism and family violence, to rise to the top of the tennis world. Her new book "Fearless" is about learning to reach out for help and building yourself back up.

Jelena is a truly inspirational person, with an incredible passion for increasing awareness and speaking up about family violence, online bullying and reaching out for help when in emotional pain.

Thank you to the team at Collins Booksellers Swan Hill for organising Jelena's visit and providing books for sale and signing by the author.

Both Jelena's books are available to borrow from the library.



Volunteers Morning Tea & Presentation

A big thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers for giving up your time to support the library service and programs.

Some of our volunteers are pictured below at a Christmas morning tea and presentation.



Tim Domaille, Marg Hodgson pictured with the Mayor, Cr Stuart King.



Alexa Neill, Alex Carroll, Rosa Orlando & Sascha Watt pictured with staff member Kellie Carlo.



Knitter Knatters Christmas morning tea



Large Print Calendars for Sale

Swan Hill Library still has a few Vision Australia Extra Large Print 2024 calendars for sale for \$24 each (cash only), while stocks last.

Please pick up from Swan Hill Library.

All proceeds go to Vision Australia.



1000 BOOKS BEFORE SCHOOL:

Ask Library staff about the '1000 books before school program'.

Children under five years can be registered. You will need to be a Swan Hill Regional Library member.

We will give you a journal for you to record each book you share with your child.

Each time you reach a milestone in the journal, bring it along to the library for a prize. You will receive an extra special prize when you reach the 1000 books milestone!

STORYTIMES JANUARY 2023

Swan Hill Library:

Move and Groove

10.30am on
Wednesday 3, 10, 17
and 24 January.

Baby Rhyme Time

10.30am on Friday 5,
12, 19 January.

Saturday Storytime

Will resume at 10.30
am on Saturday 10
February.

Twilight Storytime

Wednesday 17 January
at 7pm.

See p. 9 for more
details.



Robinvale Library:

Storytime:

Storytime will resume
at 10.30 am on
Thursday 4 January
2023.

Youngmentors

Intergenerational Digital Literacy Program



Are you over 50 and need help with digital technology?

Join the Be Connected Young Mentors program

Students from St Mary MacKillop College Swan Hill will help you get connected and you will help them develop valuable life skills.

Learn whatever you need to help you with everyday tasks and go at your own pace.



Learn to use a mobile phone, tablet, laptop, smartphone or computer more effectively.



Learn to send emails and video chat with family online.



Get directions on Google maps... and much more



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Call now to register your interest (03) 5036 2480



Join. Read. Win!

If you are aged 5 -18, simply follow the steps and read your way through the school holidays!

Step 1: Register at Swan Hill Library, on our outreach vehicle, 'Libby' or at the Robinvale Library. Collect a BIG Summer Read reading log or starter pack and start reading!

Step 2: Read 10 books or for 10 hours and return the completed reading log to receive a prize.

Step 3: To enter the Major Prize Draw, return a completed reading log to the Swan Hill Library, Libby, or the Robinvale Library by Wednesday, 31 January 2024.

Step 4: If you enter our competition at Swan Hill Library or on Libby, join us for a major prize draw on Friday, 9 February 2024 at 4pm.

If you enter at the Robinvale Library, join us for a major prize draw on Wednesday, 7 February 2024 at 4pm.

The more reading logs you return to the library, the more chances you have to win a fantastic prize!

And join online by downloading the Beanstack app from App Store or Google Play or by logging into the BIG Summer Read Beanstack website. Log the books you read and complete the challenges -

<https://plv.beanstack.org/reader365> for the chance to win a state-wide prize!

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- Rocky Lamattina & Sons
- RSL Swan Hill
- Subway Swan Hill
- Swan Hill Leisure Centre
- Swan Hill Windscreens Collision Repair Centre
- Three Arms Bistro
- Toyworld Swan Hill

January School holiday activities

Some of the activities happening at the Swan Hill Library in January are listed on the following pages. Check out the *What's On* page on the library's website to see the full program of activities:

<https://library.swanhill.vic.gov.au/whats-on/> You can also pick up a printed program from the Swan Hill or Robinvale Libraries and keep an eye on the library's Facebook page. Remember to book in early!

Children under 12 must be supervised by an adult.

Bricks 4 kidz

Spend 90 minutes building awesome motorised technic Lego Ferris Wheels and create amazing mosaic artworks on Lego baseplates using stud Lego bricks. There will be templates from Harry Potter, Minions and Amusement parks.

When: Thursday, 11 January

Time: 10.30 am

Where: Swan Hill Library

For: Children 5-11 years

Cost: \$21 per child. Payment on booking.

Bookings are essential. Contact 5036 2480 to reserve your place.

Special Storytime: A Big Blue Boat

Join children's author Susea Spray for a special storytime these school holidays. Susea will share her picture book 'A Big Blue Boat', along with songs and craft. Children will love joining in with the fun wording and rhymes in this award winning story about a boat, a girl and the sea.

When: Monday, 15 January

Time: 10.30 am

Where: Swan Hill Library

Bookings are preferred. Contact 5036 2480 to reserve your place.

Spheros

Join in this fun tech session with the Sphero SPRK+.

Children will navigate a maze using simple code to make the Sphero talk, move and change colours!

When: Tuesday, 16 January

Time: 10.30 am

Where: Swan Hill Library

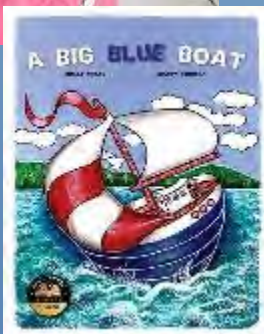
For: Children 10+

Cost: FREE

Bookings are essential. Contact 5036 2480 to reserve your place.



What's On
these school holidays!



January School holiday activities

Twilight Tales

Come along to our special evening Storytime! Pop on your pyjamas, grab a teddy and join us for some fun! We will enjoy stories and action rhymes followed by some delicious pizza!

When: Wednesday, 17 January

Time: 7pm

Where: Swan Hill Library

For: Children of all ages

Cost: Free

Bookings are essential. Contact 5036 2480 to reserve your place.

Mosaic Tiles

Join Bella from Bunnings for a fun and creative school holiday activity at the Swan Hill Library.

Using a rainbow of glass tiles, we will make a colourful mosaic tile. These fun tiles make a great coaster or art piece!

All materials required will be supplied to help you create your unique design.

When: Friday, 19 January

Time: 1.30pm

For: 4+

Cost: FREE

Bookings are essential. Contact 5036 2480 to reserve your place.

DIY Worm Farm

Join Natalie from Good Grove Garden's at the Swan Hill Library for this fun hands-on activity! Worm farms can be great for children to learn about natural processes and protecting the environment. Children will make their own worm farm and learn about how small creatures can have a big impact!

When: Tuesday, 23 January

Time: 2pm

For: 6+

Cost: FREE

Bookings are essential. Contact 5036 2480 to reserve your place.

Creation Station

Set up in the children's area of the Swan Hill 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! For all ages.

When: All of January





Join Our Outreach Super Hero Team

Where: Manangatang Swimming Pool

When: Thursday, 11 January

Time: 11am - 1pm

Come dressed as your favorite Superhero!

All children to be actively supervised by an adult.

Pool rules and fees apply.

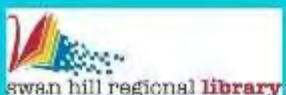
Plenty of Super fun to be had.

Make sure to bring your super friends and families.

Get involved in all the activities from Libby the library outreach vehicle. Including our Story Walk. Join Steph from Youth Inc. for our cool pool competitions.

Team up with your pals & have a crack at the super games brought to you by Mikayla from Reclink.

Enter our SUPER BIG SLASH competition.





Join Our Outreach Super Hero Team

**Come dressed as your favorite
Superhero!**

Where: Nyah Two-Bays, Pool

When: Wednesday, 24 January

Time: 1pm - 3pm



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Robinvale Library School Holiday Activities

Craft afternoons

All children are welcome to join these fun colourful craft activities.

When: Wednesday, 3 January - **Rainbow Collage**

Monday 15 & Wednesday 17 January: **Celebrating Robinvale Library's 3rd birthday with a birthday themed arts & crafts and a special take home gift!**

Monday 22, January - **Australian animal craft**

Time: 2pm - 6pm



Games afternoons

All children are welcome to come in for snacks, board games and onsite craft activities.

When: Wednesday, 10 & 24 January

Time: 2pm - 6pm



Move and Groove

Children are encouraged to move as they sing, dance and shake their way through action rhymes and songs!

When: Thursday, 4, 11, 18, 25 January

Time: 11am



Storytime & craft

All children are welcome to come along to our summer themed story time. Listen to fun stories and join in a craft activity.

When: Thursday, 4, 18, 25 January

Saturday, 27 January

Time: 11am

CJ & his puppets!

Join CJ and his hilarious puppet friends for a musical adventure!

Featuring music from different countries, catchy lyrics, audience interaction, and quick to learn dance moves that are all combined to make this exploration of world music a very entertaining experience.

When: Monday 8 January, 3pm

Bookings are preferred. Contact the Robinvale Library on 5036 2461 to reserve your place.

For more information about the Robinvale Library School Holiday Program, contact the library on 5036 2461 or check out the library's website: <https://library.swanhill.vic.gov.au/whats-on/>

Children under 12 must be supervised by an adult.



Barham Library School Holiday activities

School Holiday Fun at the Library!

Tuesday 9 January, 2024
10.30am - 11.30am at the Barham Library.

Join us for a morning of
SUMMERTIME FUN & FLAVOURS!

Come along and create some beautiful summer craft and then enjoy making and eating some summer fruit kebabs!

Free event for all ages.

Bookings preferred.

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


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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!



Special Storytime: A big Blue Boat

Coming to Barham and Mathoura Libraries in January!

Join author Susea Spray for Storytime these school holidays.

Thursday 18 January, 2024
Barham Library, 10am
Mathoura Library, 1.30pm

Susea will share her picture book, A Big Blue Boat, along with songs and craft. Children will love joining in with the fun wording and rhymes in this award-winning story about a boat, a girl and the sea.

www.suseaspray.com



Enquiries:
Barham Library: 03 5480 1587
Mathoura Library: 1300 087 004


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Christmas Storytime at the Swan Hill Library!



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