



For Learning, For Leisure, For Life

Social activities for adults

The first two weeks of July will see our library branches and outreach services busy providing a variety of different school holiday activities. (see pages 5-13).

Our library branches also provide a selection of activities suitable for adults, including the new Jigsaw Club at the Swan Hill Library, held from 2pm to 4pm every Thursday. Come on your own or bring along a friend and enjoy the company whilst you puzzle away!

If Scrabble is more your thing, join in on Tuesday afternoons at the Swan Hill Library, from 2pm to 4pm and challenge others to a game or two.

The Knitter Knatters meet every Tuesday morning at the Swan Hill Library, from 10am to 12pm. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting and a chat as well, this is the perfect group for you!

The Swan Hill Library's social Book Chat group meet the second Wednesday evening of the month, from 7pm to 8.30pm. Come along and discuss what you've been reading lately.

The U3A (University of the Third Age) are a discussion and writing group who meet at the Swan Hill Library the first and third Thursdays of the month, from 11.30am.

Check out page 13 to read all about adult activities held at the Barham library.



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Warm Winter Reads competition. Snuggle up with a book over winter and you could win a prize! (p. 4)

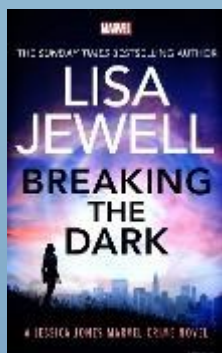
Coming soon

Love Shack
Lori Foster

Confessions of the Dead
James Patterson

All My Stars
Nora Roberts

First Strike
Stephen Leather



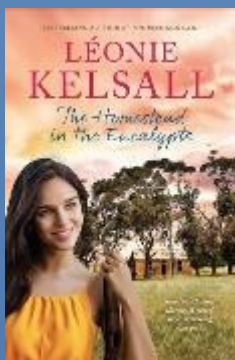
Breaking the Dark
Lisa Jewell

Resurrection
Danielle Steel

For the Love of Summer
Susan Mallery

Traitor
Chris Ryan

The Homestead in the Eucalypts
Leonie Kelsall



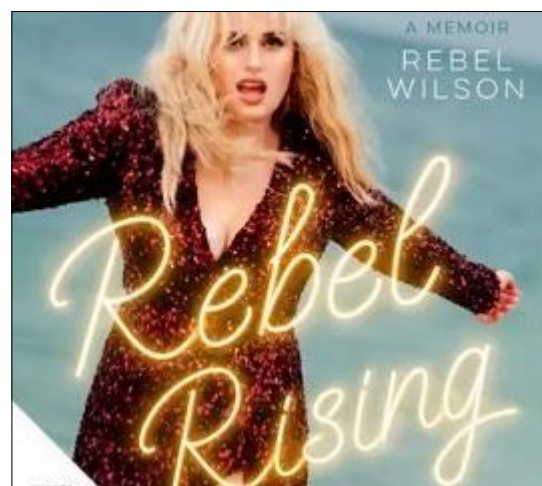
BorrowBox e-audiobook of the month

Rebel Rising : A Memoir
Rebel Wilson

For decades, Rebel Wilson had single-mindedly focused on her career, making a name for herself through her iconic roles in *Pitch Perfect*, *Bridesmaids*, and *Isn't It Romantic*.

Now she's ready to chronicle the emotional and physical lessons she learned, as well as her most embarrassing experiences. A malaria induced hallucination? An all-style-martial arts fighting tournament? And this was all BEFORE she moved to Hollywood!

Rebel Rising follows Rebel Wilson's incredible journey of "making it," constantly questioning "Am I good enough?", "Will I ever find love?"



and "Will I ever change and become healthy?" Rebel writes for the first time about her most personal and important moments in her life- from fertility issues, weight gain and loss, sexuality, overcoming shyness and rejections.

BorrowBox eBook for July

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Available on Amazon Appstore

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Our July campaign title is the rural romance eBook, *Kookaburra Cottage* by Maya Linnell.

Perfect for adding a bit of sparkle to grey winter days, *Kookaburra Cottage* will leave readers smiling.

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

BorrowBox.

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

Remember an early return increases your available loans immediately.

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uLibrary e-audio book of the month

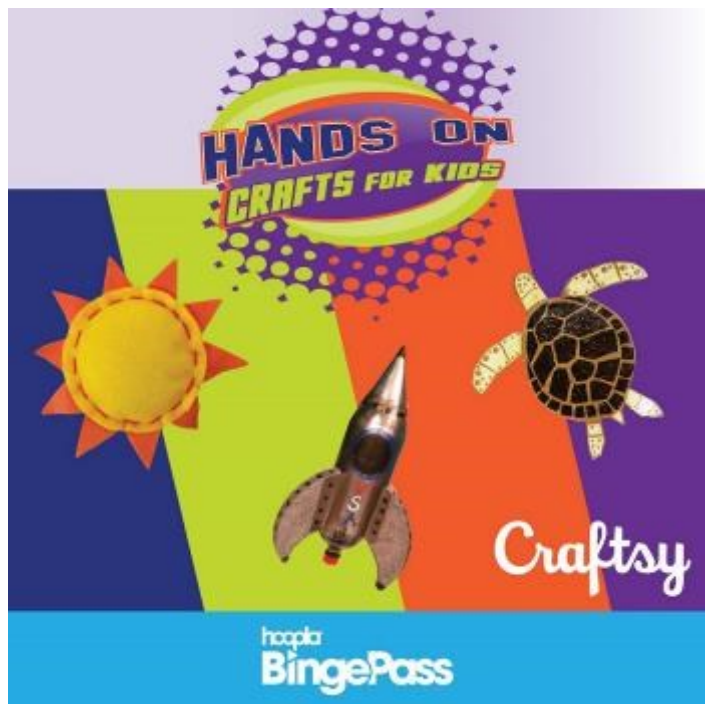
Outback Dust : The Drifter Annie Seaton

Bec Hunter, an Augathella local and nurse at the local hospital, is driven by a strong work ethic and commitment to her career. Working and studying for a Master's degree in dementia leaves her little time for socialising. She has a life plan that does not include a relationship. Travelling guitarist Matt Randall is new to town and doesn't intend to stay long, but his plans are thrown into turmoil when he is injured rescuing a young child, and is admitted to the hospital. Intense chemistry sparks between patient and nurse. Bec pretends



indifference to the newcomer, and Matt fights his attraction to her. Will they overcome their differences as fate throws them together at every turn?

Hoopla digital Binge Pass!



Spark imagination and creativity for kids aged 6-12. They'll embark on a journey of discovery, learning, and self-expression. From moulding clay to painting masterpieces and stitching fabrics into unique creations, there's something to captivate every young mind. This collection includes a diverse range of projects spanning curriculum-based themes, cultural exploration, and seasonal festivities. With 52 episodes packed with inspiration and step-by-step guidance, it's a surefire way to ignite their creativity and let their imaginations soar!

Dive into creativity with the Hands On Crafts for Kids BingePass on hoopla.

Explore diverse projects for all ages, from curriculum-based themes to seasonal festivities. Let imaginations soar together as a family!

<https://www.hoopladigital.com.au/title/16874422>

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.

Warm Winter Read June 1 - August 31



There's still time to join the Warm Winter Read!

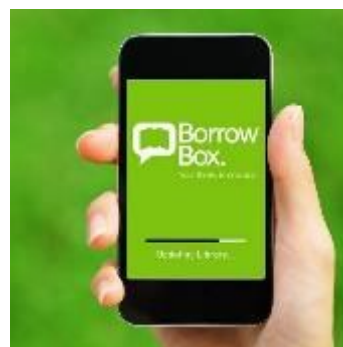
The Warm Winter Read is back for its third year! This campaign encourages adult readers aged 16 and above across Victoria to develop long-lasting reading habits by tracking the days they read during June, July, and August 2024. As the temperature drops, it's the perfect time to snuggle up with a book and make time for yourself.

Over the 3 months of winter, challenge yourself to read for 60 days. Log each day that you read by ticking off the reading badges, regardless of if you read for 5 minutes or 5 hours!

Drop into a branch to pick up your reading journal and selection of Warm Winter Read bookmarks. Alternatively, create your profile on vic.readbooks.com.au/wwr and start logging your reading days for a chance to win a \$50 Swan Hill Gift Card and other bookish prizes!



Ask library staff to recommend a great book to read. Download the BorrowBox app to read eBooks or listen to eAudio or the uLibrary app to listen to eAudio.



For more information on the Warm Winter Read program visit vic.readbooks.com.au or read more about our [author ambassadors and challenges](#).

NYAH WEST SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Wednesday 3 July 11am-1pm

SOUNDS LIKE A CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN

WE WILL HAVE

- NEON BOUNCY BALLS
- POM POMS TO MAKE
- POKEMON TO CATCH
- CANDLE HOLDER TO CRAFT

*To keep warm we will hold the activities in
the Senior Citizens Hall*



**Located at the Park
Nyah West**



Welcome to
our

STORYWALK[®]

Rug up in your winter woollies and
enjoy a walk with your children as
you read 'The River' by Sally Morgan
and Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr.

Take a picture along the way and
tag us on social media
#SHRLSTORYWALK



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The StoryWalk[®] Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and
developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

STORYWALK®

START

1: NORTHERN SHOE STORE

2: MY 2 GIRLS

3: JILARTY

4: SWAN HILL BEAUTY SALON

5: ARC ESPRESSO

6: SWAN HILL BAKEHOUSE

7: BJ'S GIFTS & FLOWERS

8: HOMELIFE

9: H HOMEWARES

10: SWAN HILL OPTICAL

11: COLLINS BOOKSELLERS

12: PIZZA KITCHEN

13: MINT SODA

FINISH

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE
PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES.



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

Library activities are available 1 - 12 July 2024

To book, contact the library on 5036 2480. Check the Library's Facebook page or newsletter for more details.



Creation Station - All holidays

10am - 5.30pm **FREE** Suitable for children of 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 Pokémon posters in the library these school holidays. Receive a reward and go into the draw for a chance to win a \$50 Swan Hill Gift Card! The winner will be drawn on Tuesday, 16 July 2024.

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Minecraft Monday - Monday, 1 & 8 July

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! Minecraft is a child-friendly computer game that combines exploration and survival skills. It tests children's imagination and creativity. In simple terms, it's like digital LEGO – your child can create anything from a small hut to a huge, sprawling metropolis.



Lego - Wednesday, 3 & 10 July

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 July

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!



Winter Twilight Tales - Wednesday, 3 July

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

Come along to our special evening Storytime! Pop on your PJ's and join Leigh for this winter themed session. He will share some 'cool' stories and fun action rhymes the whole family will enjoy. Children will then make their own snow and enjoy a slice of pizza! [Bookings essential.](#)

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



- Youth friendly activities and workshops.

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Friends with Honey - Thursday, 4 July

3pm - 4pm FREE Suitable for children 3 - 7

Join Helen from Friends with Honey for a fun musical kids show! The show is an engaging, informative and entertaining session where children learn all about our friends the bees and the amazing role they play in our environment. Puppets, songs and dance are all part of this fantastic show!

Bookings essential.



Wind Chimes - Friday, 5 July

2pm - 3pm FREE Suitable for children 6+

Join Bella from Bunnings Swan Hill for a simple, fun and creative children's activity! Create a beautiful wind chime using the materials supplied, paint and your imagination!

Bookings essential.



Kids Create: Rainbow Burritos - Tuesday, 9 July

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

Join Swan Hill District Community Health for this healthy, hands-on activity. Children will enjoy listening to the beautiful children's story, *Alpacas with Maracas* by Matt Cosgrove before making some yummy vegetable burritos!

Bookings essential.



Pokémon Printing - Tuesday, 9 July

2pm - 3pm FREE Suitable for children 5+

Get creative designing a Pokémon scenery print using the gelli plate printing method as seen on Creativebug! You can check out Creativebug here :

<https://www.creativebug.com/lib/swanhill>

NB. Bring one or more of your spare Coles Pokémon Builders and your painting clothes for this school holiday activity.



Fun in the Jungle - Thursday, 11 July

10.30am - 11.30am FREE Suitable for children 3 - 5

Join us for some roooarsome fun based on the children's picture book, *Giraffes can't dance* by Giles Andreae.

Children will take part in a mini Move & Groove session before following a very special jungle path, created with toys and equipment from Swan Hill Toy Library. This session is sure to be a wild adventure!



Kano Club - Friday, 12 July

3pm - 4.30pm FREE Suitable for children ages 10 - 15

Join our Kano Coding Club! Children will build a Kano computer and learn how to create their own games using Scratch! Learning to code, helps children develop essential skills such as problem solving, logic, critical thinking, story-telling, social interaction and general creativity.

A fun social activity for children.

Bookings essential.





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Robinvale Library Week 1

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

Library activities are available for the entire Victorian and NSW school holidays.

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



Monday 1st of July

2pm to 6pm

Salt painted snowflakes! Create salt painted snow flakes or water coloured snowflakes. The choice is yours!



Wednesday, 3 July

2pm to 6pm

Water colour beanies and winter gloves

Join in as we get creative with water colour beanies and winter gloves. What patterns do you have in mind?

Thursday 4 July

9am to 1pm

Bees for Biodiversity - 10am

Join our special guest to delve into the captivating and biodiverse world of bees and explore ways to support these vital pollinators in a fun and engaging workshop. A honey tasting experience is also included!

Suitable ages 8 years and over

Saturday 6 July

10am to 12pm

Storytime at the Library - 10.30am

Following the bee workshop on Thursday, Saturday story time is all about bees! Join us as we read books, sing songs and create a bee craft.



Board Games and Lego available every day during the holidays

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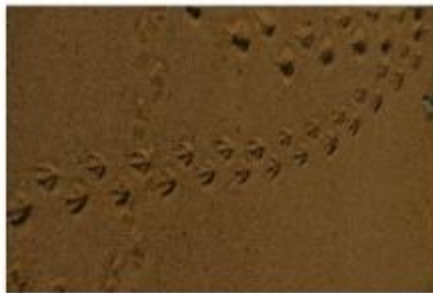
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Monday, 8 July

2pm to 6pm

Join us as we celebrate NAIDOC week in the library! Today we are making a snake - he could even be the rainbow serpent!



Wednesday, 10 July

2pm to 6pm

Walk with us as we explore different native animal tracks. Can you work out which tracks belong to who?



Thursday 11 July

9am to 1pm

Move and Groove at the Library - 10am

Be ready to shake and dance your sillies out with a session of action songs and story time

Storytime at the Library - 11am

Let's learn about our beautiful river and make a river scene!



Saturday 13 July

10am to 12pm

Storytime at the Library - 10.30am

Come in and enjoy a story by our indigenous authors in their engaging tales of country. Followed by craft onsite, Happy NAIDOC week!

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ROBINVALE LIBRARY BOARD GAMES SESSIONS

Fortnightly board game sessions are held at the Robinvale Library. Aimed at Young Adults, but all ages are welcome.

Bring some friends with you or make some new ones!

4pm to 6pm

Dates:

Wednesday 10 July

Wednesday 24 July



Robinvale Learning & Community Hub

Early Years Online Hub second year celebrations at Robinvale Library

The Early Years Online Hub recently celebrated their second year. The Robinvale District Health Service playgroup and Robinvale College prep class joined in the celebrations at the Robinvale Library, with lots of activities, including playdoh and the very popular bear hunt!



Robinvale Library July School Holiday program

Check out pages 10-11 to see all the school holiday activities.

Branch operating hours:

Barham Library: Tuesday and Friday 12pm-5pm, Thursday 10am-3pm, Saturday 10am-12pm. Phone (03) 5480 1587.

Mathoura Library: Located in the Mathoura Visitor & Business Centre. Open Monday to Friday, 9am - 4pm. Phone: 1300 087 004.

Moulamein Library: Tuesday and Friday 2pm-6.30pm, Saturday 10am-12pm. Phone (03) 5480 1702.

Robinvale Learning & Community Hub: Monday and Wednesday 2pm-6pm. Thursday 9am-1pm, Saturday 10am-12pm. Phone (03) 5036 2461.

Barham Library News

Cryptic Crosswords

The Cryptic Crossword workshops runs 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, and this is a free workshop, iPads are available for use .

Social Book Chat

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

Barham Library News

Olympic themed School Holiday Activity

Our school holiday activity will be on Tuesday 16 July and will be an Olympics themed special event, with some sporty craft and activities for school aged children to enjoy. Starts at 10.00 am and concludes at 11.30am. Bookings are required.

Saturday Storytime

Our next Saturday Storytime will be on Saturday 13 July and our feature story is "Little Bont and the Big Secret" by Marcu Bontempelli. Children will then create their own footy player from their favourite team and enjoy other AFL inspired activities.

Move & Groove

Move & Groove has once again seen the children enjoy some lovely stories read by Joy, our wonderful volunteer. Move & Groove is on every Thursday morning at 10.30am until 11.30am.

Can you spot a scam?

There will be a live stream presentation on "Can you spot a Scam" hosted by the eSafety Commissioner which will be held at the Barham library on 23 July 2024 at 3.00pm. The hour-long presentation will teach participants about the most common scams, tips on how to spot scams, what to do and what not to do and where to go for help. This is a free event, all welcome.

Digital Mentoring

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. The Barham High School will be collaborating with our library to undertake the Young Mentors program during term three. Dates to be confirmed.

Tech Savvy Seniors

Tech Savvy Seniors has just been completed with four very well attended sessions covering everything from Online Safety to Online Shopping. There will be further session available in August with confirmation of times and dates to follow. Anyone interested can drop into the Barham library to register and expression of interest.



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!


Well done to the Knitter Knatters!

Well done to the Swan Hill Library's Knitter Knatter group, who made a whopping \$2516.40 from their annual sale of handmade goods during May. What a wonderful effort! The proceeds, along with the money raised from the library's Biggest Morning Tea, all go to the Australian Cancer Council. The Knitter Knatters have already begun making items for their sale in 2025.





Nyah West Park Storytime

**Nyah West
Park Storytime**
Monday, 15 July
9:30am - 10:30am



Join the Storytime this week
For all things blue
Lots of different activities
We will share a story
Hunt for blue treasure
Craft beautiful blue nests
like a Bowerbird
Come along and enjoy the fun



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Join Ash and 'Libby', the Library's Outreach vehicle at the next storytime in the Nyah West Park.

Rug up to keep warm and join in the fun!



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