



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 195 children from Swan Hill and Robinvale libraries read the equivalent of 4,230 books! A fantastic effort!

Prize drawer winners (Swan Hill Library):

- Amahlia Merritt** - 64GB Ipad Gen 10 (*pictured, right*)
- Christi Pretorius** - Apple AirPods & charging case
- Indi Merritt** - Family 3-in-1 pass Pioneer Settlement
- Levi Dodgshun** - Lego: Harry Potter Battle of Hogwarts
- Jenson Bell** - Lego: Holiday Ski Slope & Cafe
- Adele Dodgshun** - Gaming headphones & desktop
- Mabel Holt** - Lego: Star Wars the Child
- Emily** - Lego: City Train Station
- Macey Holyoak, Rachele McCann** - \$100 EB Games Gift Card
- Micah Dodgshun** - Lego: Friends Mobile Tiny House
- Zack Grierson** - Lego: Super Heroes I am Groot
- Sophia Larkin** - Lego: Avatar Mako Submarine
- Lachlan Giles** - Lego: Friends Igloo Holiday Adventure
- Billie Gleeson** - Lego: City Lunar Space Station
- Zander Gow** - Lego: Minecraft the Panda Haven

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Coming up:
Robinvale & Swan Hill Libraries will be closed on Monday 11 March, Labour Day Holiday.

Coming soon

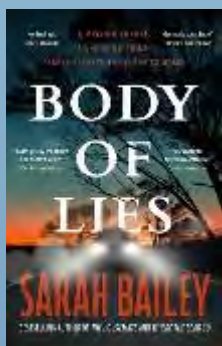
Hunter
Tana French

Death of a Spy
MC Beaton

*Still See You
Everywhere*
Lisa Gardner

Family Baggage
Isla Evans

Cheater
Karen Rose



Body of Lies
Sarah Bailey

Three-inch Teeth
CJ Box

*Perfect Passion
Company*
Alexander McCall Smith

Summer Book Club
Susan Mallery

Never Too Late
Danielle Steel



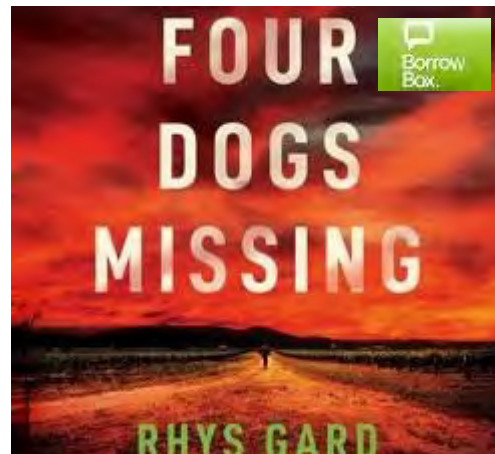
BorrowBox e-audiobook of the month

Four Dogs Missing Rhys Gard

'Rhys Gard's novel will appeal to Chris Hammer readers who like to mix fine wine with their crime.' - Candice Fox, author.

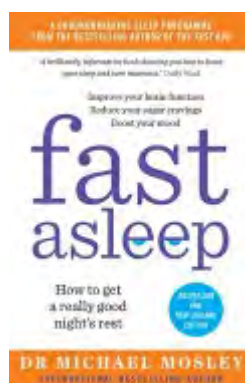
While estranged twins Oliver and Theo Wingfield are identical in appearance, they couldn't be more different. And now, after fifteen years without contact, Theo unexpectedly turns up at his brother's vineyard, bearing an invitation that his twin knows nothing about.

Theo's arrival is the catalyst for a series of murders involving those closest to Oliver. Finding himself the main suspect, Oliver soon discovers that not everyone in Mudgee supports a reclusive and unorthodox



vigneron who's shied away from the community that helped him succeed.

Featured BorrowBox e-books for March



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
or like us on Facebook or Instagram!



uLibrary e-audiobook of the month

A Farming Life
Liz Harfull

A Farming Life shares the uplifting stories of women from six rural families as their resilience is tested by personal loss, illness, fractured relationships, natural disasters and the challenges that come with working in a traditionally male-dominated world.

These women are all hands-on farmers - in fact, most are responsible for managing their own farms - and their defiance, tenacity and genuine humility shines through, as does their hope for the next generation of young women already lining up to follow in their footsteps.

Skilfully woven together by veteran



storyteller Liz Harfull, these accounts are heartwarming and powerful examples of resilience in action, at a time when many of us are searching for inspiration.

More free digital resources 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.

BIG Summer Read - Swan Hill Library

Congratulations to the lucky door prize winners, drawn from tickets given to children who returned a completed reading log & were present at the Swan Hill Library draw:

Hollie Ford, Kaitlyn Steve, Joseph Kennedy & Evie Cutri - \$50 Toyworld Gift Card

Madaline Brawn, Heidi Stacey, Fariz Syed - \$50 Showbiz Cinema Gift card

We had 133 entries in the Swan Hill Library's Big Summer Read Search & Find competition. The winner of the competition is:

Lewis Kelly - \$50 Swan Hill Gift Card (pictured below, left)



BIG Summer Read sponsors (Swan Hill Library)

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

- B R & C Agents
- Crop Rite
- Elsteel & Roofing
- Harvey Norman Swan Hill
- McDonald's Swan Hill
- Murray Downs Golf & Country Club
- Murray Mallee Training Company
- One 28 Doors
- Pioneer Settlement
- Ray White & Associates Swan Hill
- Subway Swan Hill
- Swan Hill Betta Home Living
- Swan Hill Aquatic & Recreation Reserve
- Swan Hill Lions Club
- Swan Hill RSL & Three Arms Bistro
- Swan Hill Windscreens Collision Repair Centre
- Toyworld Swan Hill

BIG Summer Read - Robinvale Library

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

Jamie Costa - TV

Alexa McLachlan - Remote control car

Dylan Costa - Tobbie the robot

Montana Zappia - Headset

Fonongo - Bluetooth speaker

Xavier Carey - Lego 3 in 1 creator giraffe

Heston Poh - Lego Harry Potter

Keleni Vakauta - Leg 3 in 1 creator bird, boot

Maata Vakauta - Lego Sonic the hedgehog

Kaisa Zappia - Lego 3 in 1 creator dinosaur

Sze Lei Poh - Ford items in box and \$25 voucher from Robinvale Appliances & Furniture Zone

Mackenzie Hocking - Ford items in box and \$25 voucher from Robinvale Appliances & Furniture Zone

Matilda Hocking - Ford items in box and \$25 voucher from Robinvale Appliances & Furniture Zone

Sze Qing - Ford items in box and \$25 voucher from Robinvale Appliances & Furniture Zone

Hamish McIntosh - Pioneer Ford hat & REBA \$50 gift card

Isla McLachlan - Pioneer Ford hat & REBA \$50 gift card



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

- [Robinvale Appliances & Furniture Zone](#)
- Pioneer Ford
- [Cobram Estate](#)
- Dual Chelate Fertilizer
- [Rocky Lamattina & Sons](#)
- [Euston Club Resort](#)
- [Robinvale Corner Store](#)

Library lovers' day



Why is the Library important to you?

We received 20 written entries and 8 drawing entries in our Library Lover's competition in February. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Congratulations to our winners! Written entries: Caroline-Jane Corr, Carolyn Caldwell, Ryder and Kathleen Kennedy. Drawing entries: Flynn Blaby and Blair McLean.

Each of our winners received a box of chocolates.



"The library provides 'relaxed me time'... and reminds me there are some good inclusive places left in the world. The free Wi Fi helps with financial strain & provides connection to a bigger world. Atmosphere... Connection ... Information... Community" - Caroline-Jayne

"I love the library as it caters for all sorts of events and the staff are very helpful" - Vicki.

Above: Carolyn Caldwell, Caroline-Jayne Corr

"The library is important for many reasons. Opening my world to many new adventures and ideas" - Carolyn

"We love the library as it has great activities for the children and we love attending storytime and school holiday activities" - Erin & Nadaya

"The library is a good place to go to chill out and relax while doing some crafts" - Kerry



"It's important to me because there's a wide variety of books and I can borrow as many as I want" - Karra

"The library is a very relaxed environment to go to. I love doing craft with clients as well as using Borrowbox" - Kath

"The library is a cool, welcoming place on a hot day or rainy days. In a world that is constantly trying to get your attention or your money, it's nice to have a free, peaceful and quiet space to be yourself. The staff are lovely also" - Anonymous

"I love reading" - Carol

Above: Kathleen Kennedy

library lovers' day



Why is the Library important to you?

"I love reading books. The books I read are amazing. The Library is the best library I have ever been to" - Tullie

"I like to do the Move and Groove sessions" - Tully

"The library is important because you can read and relax and its very peaceful and calming. It's the best library ." - Ryder.

" I love the library because it has lots of different varieties of books to read, activities to participate in and prizes to win!!" - Maddie



Above: Flynn Blaby

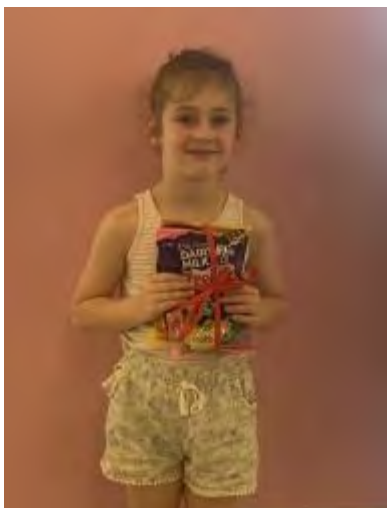


"The library is a place that's open to anyone where you can relax and let your imagination soar" - Kathleen

"So many people come to the library as an escape to be swept away by the lines in a book. The Library is not only an education centre, it's an escape from reality" - Pippa

"The library is the best book place. It's my favourite place. I have learnt so much from the books at the library." - Leni

"Love it. We have the best library. Great information and the staff are courteous and helpful" - Maggie



Above: Blair McLean



YOUNG WRITERS AWARD

SWAN HILL REGIONAL LIBRARY



The Young Writers Award Writing Competition is an exciting opportunity for Prep to Year 10 and multi-class school children across the Swan Hill district.

The competition is devised to inspire pupils to write a narrative piece of no more than 500 words for primary students and 800 words for secondary students. Typed entries are to be submitted on a single A4 piece of paper. Simple illustrations are allowed.

This year's theme is 'Flood'. A writing prompt is printed overleaf if needed.

Schools are invited to submit up to five entries for each category listed below, based on a set criteria. Multi-class entries are unlimited.

Categories include: **Grade Prep, Grade 1/2, Grade 3/4, Grade 5/6, Year 7/8, Year 9/10, Year 11/12 and Multi-class (those students who receive PSD funding).**

Prizes will be awarded to shortlisted entries and the winner in each of the seven categories.

Winners will be announced at a presentation to be held at the library during Children's Week (week three of term four), on Wednesday, 23 October 2024 at 7pm.

Shortlisted entries will be on display at Swan Hill library during November 2024.

Entries must include students name, grade and school and be delivered to Swan Hill Regional Library no later than Friday, 23 August 2024.

For more information, please contact Kellie at kcarlo@swanhill.vic.gov.au or phone the library on 5036 2480.



A missing girl.
A cold case.
A sister who won't give up.

GONE



Swan Hill Regional Library presents Glenna Thomson, author talk

"Gone" is a gripping crime novel set in the highlands of rural Victoria. When Rebecca fails to return home after the last day of school in 1984, her father reports her missing. "Gone" is the story of a grieving family and their forty-year journey to discover the truth.

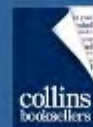
After working overseas, Glenna and her husband spent almost twenty years living and working on their cattle property in rural Victoria. Glenna's time in the country enables her to write authentically about life in the city as well as in remote locations. She now lives in inner Melbourne. Glenna is also the author of "Blueberry" and "Stella and Margie".

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

When: Tuesday 19 March, 7.00 pm

Bookings preferred. Contact the Swan Hill Library on 5036 2480.

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



Are you over 50 and need help with digital technology?

Join the Young Mentors program

Students from MacKillop College 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.



Mentoring sessions are 1 hour per week, for 4-6 weeks. The details of the first session are:

Date: Monday, 26 February

Time: 12.40pm - 1.30pm

Venue: Swan Hill Regional Library



Call now to book 5036 2480

The Young Mentors program has been developed by eSafety as part of Be Connected, an Australian Government initiative to increase the confidence, skills and online safety of older Australians.



Submit up to 3 photos that best fit
the theme: **CONTRAST**

Youthspective

Photography Competition

- 15-18 years Judges Choice Award - \$200 Swan Hill Gift Card
- 15-18 years People's Choice Award - \$50 Swan Hill Gift Card
- 12-14 years Judges Choice Award - \$100 Swan Hill Gift Card
- 12-14 years People's Choice Award - \$50 Swan Hill Gift Card

Entries to library@swanhill.vic.gov.au
by 5pm Friday, 6 September 2024

**U3A Swan Hill : University of the Third Age
Discussion and writing group. New members welcome.**

Come and try day! Thursday 7 March from 11.30am.

**Do you like to write or read stories? Just want to listen? That's okay.
There are no rules or regulations. Come along and enjoy the company
of others for a couple of hours.**

**Regular meetings held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 11.30am.
Held in the meeting room at the Swan Hill Library. \$2 for tea / coffee.**

Would you like to know more? Contact 5032 3686 AH.

Robinvale Library news

Robinvale Library programs:

Saturday Storytime:

Join us for Storytimes at the Robinvale library at 10.30 am every Saturday morning (excluding public holidays).

Listen to fun stories followed by craft.



Seed Library launch & Special Storytime

ROBINVALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Seed Library Launch



Join us for the opening of our brand new Seed Library, proudly launched by Jade Benham MP State Member for Mildura

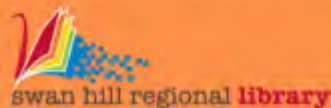
When: Saturday, 16 March at 10.30am

Where: Robinvale Community Library

Cost: FREE

Themed story time and craft activity for the children
Tour of the Robinvale Community Garden
Morning Tea provided

For more information please call 5036 2461



Games afternoon:

Fortnightly board game sessions are held on Wednesday afternoons.

Aimed at young adults but all ages are welcome.

Bring some friends and have some fun!

Snacks provided.



Library Lover's Day at Robinvale Library

CONGRATULATIONS

MATILDA HOCKING



XAVIER CAREY



"LIBRARIES ARE SO IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE MY BRAIN RELAXES WHEN I READ A BOOK. MY EMOTIONS COUNT ON WHICH TYPE OF BOOK (EG. PRINCESSES, WARS). A LIBRARY HELPS ME FOCUS WHEN I SEE BOOKS ALL AROUND ME THEN I KNOW WHAT I LOVE IS RIGHT THERE."

ROBINVALE LIBRARY
LOVER'S DAY WINNERS

Branch Library news

Barham Library

Library Lovers Day competition winners:

Congratulations to our winners of the Library Lover's Day competition! Ivy Hallal and Goldie Hallal in the children's section and Judy Lake in the adult section.



Cryptic Crossword workshops:

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, and this is a free workshop, iPads are available for use.

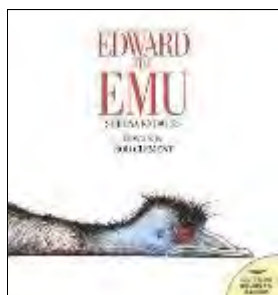
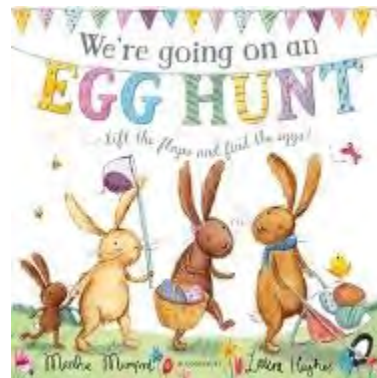
Social Book chat:

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

Move & Groove:

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

There will be a special Easter themed Move and Groove on Thursday 28 March with some beautiful Easter stories, craft and an Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday Storytime:

Saturday Storytime will recommence on the 9 March with the story "Edward the Emu" by Sheena Knowles, followed by a craft activity where children can create their own emu and enjoy some fun colouring activities.



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

At the time of printing, the Moulamein is closed whilst repairs are undertaken at the site.

The Mobile Library will be at the Triangle each Friday between 2pm-6pm.

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!

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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

Library Outreach Super Heroes fun at the Nyah Two-Bays Swimming Pool during the January school holidays



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