



National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday, 22 May at 10.30am, the Swan Hill Library will join other libraries around the country to read the picture book 'Bowerbird Blues' written and illustrated by Aura Parker.

Bowerbird Blues stars a beautiful bowerbird on the search for (you guessed it) BLUE! It's a moving story of longing and connection, that unfolds as the bowerbird's search sends him soaring across the sea, sky and city.

National Simultaneous Storytime, co-ordinated by the Australian Library and Information Association, aims to promote the value of reading and literacy and the important role of libraries.

Bring your children along to this special Move and Groove session and have some fun!



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Join us on 23 May for our **Biggest Morning Tea!** Raising money for the **Cancer Council of Australia.**

Coming soon

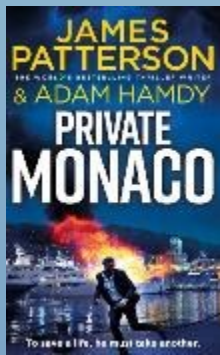
Museum of Lost Quilts
Jennifer Chiaverini

Think Twice
Harlan Coben

*Instruments of
Darkness*
John Connolly

Lucky Penny
Dilly Court

One That Got Away
Karly Lane



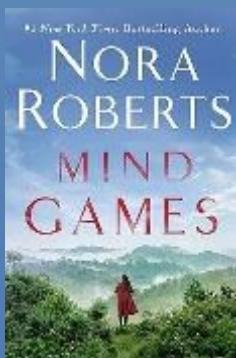
Private Monaco
James Patterson

Camino Ghosts
John Grisham

Warrior King
Wilbur Smith

Only the Brave
Danielle Steel

Mind Games
Nora Roberts



BorrowBox e-audiobook of the month

My Favourite Mistake

Marian Keyes

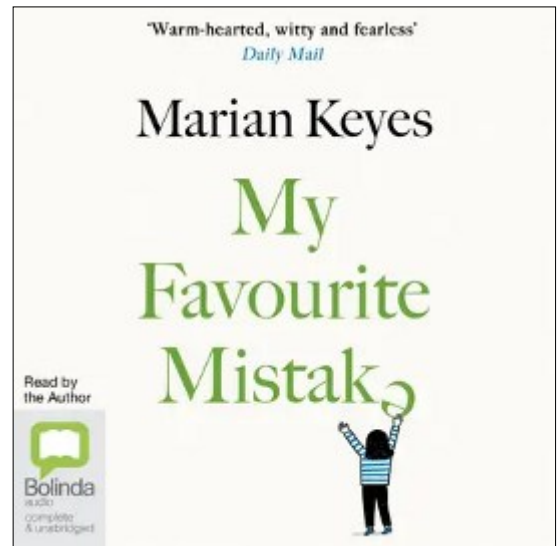
Anna has a life to envy. An apartment in New York. A well-meaning (too well-meaning?) partner. And a high-flying job in beauty PR. Who wouldn't want all that? Anna – it turns out.

Turning a minor mid-life crisis into a major life event she packs it in, heads back to Ireland, and gets a PR job for a super-high-end coastal retreat.

Tougher than it sounds. Newsflash – the locals hate it. So much so, there have been threats – and violence.

Anna, however, worked in the beauty industry. There's no ugliness she hasn't seen. No wrinkle she can't smooth over. Anna's got this. Until she discovers that leaving New York doesn't mean escaping her mistakes.

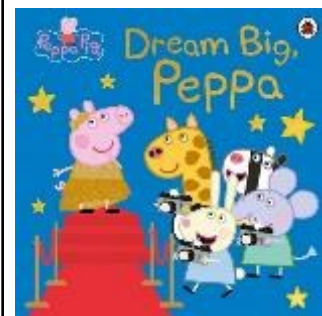
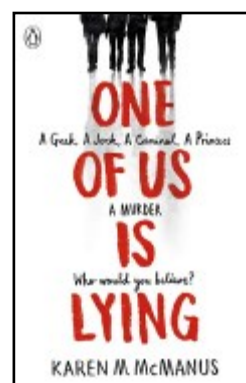
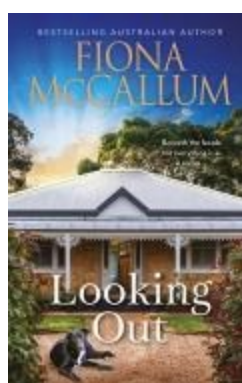
Once upon a time she'd had a best



friend. Once upon a time she'd loved a man. Now she has neither. And now she has to face them.

We all make mistakes. But when do we stop making the same one over and over again?

Featured BorrowBox e-books for May



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 find us on Facebook and Instagram!



uLibrary e-audio book of the month

Every Step You Take M. A. Hunter

This morning I woke up to flowers - they should be well wishes for my big race but I know they're not.

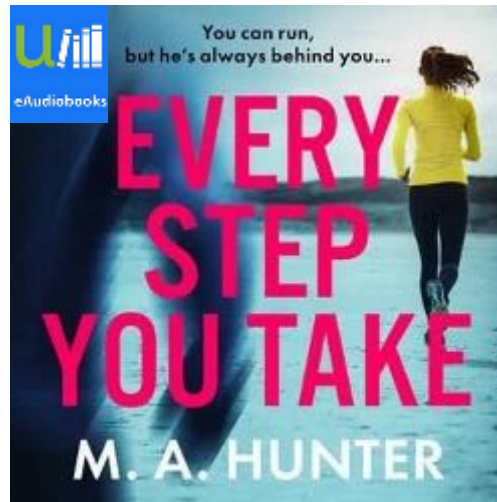
They're from *him*.

He shouldn't be here. He shouldn't even be in the country. Last I heard he was behind bars for all he did to me.

But he says he's going to be at the marathon today, watching me.

I have 26 miles to figure out what he wants. Or if it's even him. Or I could lose more than just the race.

A taut psychological thriller, perfect for fans of Teresa Driscoll, TM Logan and Daniel Hirst.



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.



Events in May...

Knitter Knatter craft stall



Our fabulous Knitter Knatter group is raising money for the Australian Cancer Council!

Items will be displayed for sale in the Swan Hill Library during May, with all proceeds going to the Australian Cancer Council to raise funds for people impacted by cancer.

Come in and check out the range of fantastic items for sale, including everything from booties to cup warmers, scarves and toys, and contribute to a worthy cause.

Or better yet, why not come along on Tuesday mornings (10 am to 12pm) and join the ladies in making items to sell!

You are invited to our Biggest Morning Tea!



We will host our 15th annual Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 23, May from 10am to 11am to raise money for the Cancer Council, in remembrance of friends and family who have been touched by cancer.

Our Biggest Morning Tea is also a great opportunity to bring along a friend and introduce them to the library.

Tea, coffee, homemade cakes and slices will be provided for a donation of \$7 per person. If you can't make it on the day, you are welcome to leave a donation towards this worthy cause. Please let us know if you will be attending.

Free English information session



**FREE English with
FREE Childcare**
INFORMATION SESSION

The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) is a free service to help eligible migrants and refugees with low English levels to improve their English language.

Wednesday, 8 May 2024
10:00 AM - 03:00 PM

Swan Hill Regional Library -
53/57 Campbell St, Swan Hill, VIC 3585

Please bring your visa, passport, medicare card and driver license to sign up.

☎ 03 8644 6153
✉ enquiries@ames.net.au

The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) is funded by the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs.

AMES Australia **AMEP**

Do you know someone who would like to learn or improve their English?

AMES Australia is running a FREE English with FREE Childcare information session at the Swan Hill Library on Wednesday, 8 May between 10 am - 3 pm.

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Please bring your visa, passport, Medicare card and driver license to sign up.

Enquires can be made directly to AMES on 03 8644 6153 or by email at enquires@ames.net.au

IDAHOBIT Day - Friday 17 May

Join us at Swan Hill Library for a delicious morning tea in celebration of International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT Day).

Hear how you can help support friends and colleagues and raise awareness of gender inclusiveness in the community.

Morning tea is proudly provided by Swan Hill Rural City Council's Youth Inc. and Swan Hill Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA)

When: Friday, 17 May at 11.00 am.

Bookings preferred for catering purposes. Call the library on 5036 2480.



Swan Hill Pregnancy and Early Childhood Expo



Library staff will be attending this year's Pregnancy and Early Years Expo at the Town Hall on Wednesday, 8th May from 10.00am.

Featuring information, services and activities from pregnancy planning to early childhood, the expo is a must for anyone who may be thinking of starting a family, is pregnant or has a young family already.

The expo is brought to our community by the Swan Hill Pregnancy and Early Years Collaborative, in which the library proudly participates.

IDAHOBIT
MAY 17

Did you know? Gilbert Baker designed the rainbow flag for the 1978 San Francisco's Gay Freedom Celebration. In the original eight-colour version, pink stood for sexuality, red for life, orange for healing, yellow for the sun, green for nature, turquoise for art, indigo for harmony and violet for the soul.

The Victorian Pride Centre in Melbourne later added black and brown stripes to its rainbow logo in support of indigenous Australians and Australians of colour.

**Swan Hill Genealogical & Historical Society
and
Swan Hill Regional Library**

Historical Street Walk

A 'Walk and Talk' tour of the businesses and business people of Swan Hill over the years. The stories lie behind the walls and in the archives of Swan Hill's history.

Wednesday 1st May 7:00pm -8:30pm

Leaving from Swan Hill Regional Library.

Light supper to follow.

Entry by donation.



SWAN HILL HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2024

28th April to 10th May

- Sun 28 April 2:00pm Lake Boga Cemetery Tour,
Cemetery Rd, Lake Boga
*An easy walk around the cemetery with stories of the past.
Includes the Commonwealth War Graves. \$5 entry*
- Wed 1 May 7-8:30pm Swan Hill Historical Street Walk. |
Departs Swan Hill Regional Library
*'Walk and Talk' the history of the business district of Swan Hill.
Entry by Donation.*
- Sat 4-14 May 1:00pm The Black Armada Exhibition: "When
Merdeka Came to Australia: the History of Us (1942-49)"
*Learn of Australia's connection to the Indonesian Independence
movement.
Opening Sat 4th May, 1pm at the Swan Hill Regional Library*
- Sun 5 May 10-2pm Tyntyndyer Homestead Open Garden,
Tyntynder Homestead Rd, Beverford
*Enjoy an afternoon of music, food and arts in the setting of these
heritage listed gardens. \$5 entry.
Painting workshop with The Dandy Lion Studios (by booking) and
Come and Try with Mallee Artists Swan Hill.*
- Fri 10 May 7:30pm Swan Hill Genealogical & Historical Meeting
The 'SS Vyner Brooke' - Guest Speaker Rodney Pierce



Be Connected

Every Australian online.



Join us at the Swan Hill Library for the May Be Connected webinars

Tuesday, May 2-

Staying safe on Facebook - 10am to 11am

Thursday, May 9 -

Helpful Apps - 3pm to 4pm

Tuesday, May 21 -

Protect yourself against scams - 10am to 11am

Thursday, May 23 -

Smart Home technology - 3pm to 4pm

Can't make it to the Library but want to join in from home?
Register for the online safety presentation by scanning the
QR code and chose the available topic; or going to

<https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/online-safety-presentations>

Early Years Survey...finishes on 9 May

Are you the parent or carer of a child aged between 0-6 years?

We would love to hear from You!



In 2019 Swan Hill Rural City Council (Council) developed its Municipal Early-Middle Years Plan (MEMYP). Since then, the Plan has worked to improve the wellbeing, health, educational and developmental outcomes of all children aged 0-12 years in the Swan Hill municipality. In fact, 1,200 people fed their ideas into the Plan – you may have been one of them!

In the years since the Municipal Early-Middle Years Plan Council has worked to understand the needs of individual communities and areas across the municipality including the Woorinen and Manangatang areas (2021-2022) and most recently Robinvale and surrounds (2023).



Council is now focussing on hearing from the Swan Hill and surrounding communities through the Swan Hill Early Years Services Consultation which will take place through to August 2024.

At Council we want to better understand what early years services are needed and what should be included in a Children and Family Hub with the Maternal and Child Health service. BUT we also understand that Swan Hill CITY is growing and many of our smaller communities come here for important services and supports too.



So, whether you live in or around Swan Hill, or you come to Swan Hill for services we need to hear from you. Please help us plan for the future so we can get this right for ALL our children, families and communities.

To share your ideas, experiences and knowledge please complete the short survey by scanning the QR code or using the link. You can then go into the draw to win 1 of 5 x \$50 gift cards.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/shrccEarlyYrs



Search & Find Competition Winner



Congratulations to our Animal's at the Zoo Search & Find Competition winner, Austin Gray.

Austin has won a \$50 Swan Hill Gift Card, proudly sponsored by Swan Hill Incorporated.

Austin is pictured being presented with his prize, right, by Swan Hill Incorporated Marketing Coordinator, Remi Maher.

“Cry Hard Chucky”, Andrew Kelly’s Book Launch

A huge crowd came along to the Swan Hill Library to support local school teacher, playwright, and library volunteer, Andrew Kelly, in launching his first picture book, “Cry Hard Chucky”.

The library has copies of ‘Cry Hard Chucky’ available to borrow but if you would like to purchase your own copy, check out Andrew's Facebook page at [Andrew Kelly Stories](#) or visit <https://andrewkellystories.com.au/>



“Libby’s” school holiday programs at Nyah West & Manangatang

“Libby” the Library’s Outreach Vehicle was out and about in Nyah West and Manangatang recently. Ash and Kristy held a range of ‘dinosaur’ themed activities, providing lots of fun for the families in our outreach communities.

Through these programs we've shared fun, connection and nurtured many skills including reading aloud to peers in a supportive environment. It's also fantastic to see the continued support of the library outreach vehicle by other community groups making the most of these special visits.



Robinvale Library School holiday fun!



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Children enjoyed a variety of fun activities at the Robinvale Library during the school holidays, including making pom poms, autumn sun catchers and other craft.

We also played board games and enjoyed special story times for World Health Day and National Pet Day.



Robinvale Library Activities:

Storytime Sessions:

Every Saturday at 10.30 am. Stories, songs and craft.

Games Afternoons:

Bring some friends or make some new ones and join us for our fortnightly games sessions on a Wednesday afternoon, 4pm to 6pm.

Aimed at young adults but everyone is welcome.

1 May, 15 May &
29 May.

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.

**Murray River Council branches will be closed
21 May for staff to attend a workshop.**

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Barham Library news

Saturday Storytime

Saturday Storytime in April featured the story "Being Friends with Dragons" by Katherine Locke. Children created their own dragons out of paper plates.

Mother's Day Storytime

Our next Saturday Storytime will be on Saturday 11 May and our feature story is "Amazing Mum" by Alison Brown. The children will then create a lovely heart wreath and card for Mother's Day.



Moove & Groove

Move & Groove has once again seen the children enjoy some lovely stories read by Joy, our wonderful volunteer during April, and children created some beautiful craft.

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 May. Dates to be confirmed.

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.

Big Book Sale!

Discarded library stock for 20 cents each book or grab a box and make us an offer!

Novels for children, teens and adults, large print books and non-fiction books. DVDs and audio books too.

Book sale continues throughout May.



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!

School holiday fun at the Swan Hill Library!



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