

Young Writer's Awards 2023



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Swan Hill Library recently hosted our seventh annual Young Writer's Award competition. More than 120 people attended the presentation held on 25 October.

The Young Writer's Award is one of several programs run by the Library to assist with the development of literacy skills. This year the theme was 'Sport' which tied in with our Youthspective photographic competition held early in 2023.

Thank you to St Mary McKillop teacher Jane Alderuccio, who had the challenge of deciding on the winning stories from 143 shortlisted entries from 8 different schools participating in the competition. Thanks also to our shortlisting team: Swan Hill College teacher Nikki Arnott, along with her fabulous Year 11 Literature Class.

Congratulations to all the children who had their stories shortlisted, were highly commended, or were category winners.

Mayor Les McPhee presented the participants with their certificates of achievement and prizes: \$40 Showbiz Cinema gift card for the winning entry in each category and the People's Choice Award. Each of the commended entries received a \$20 Showbiz Cinema gift card.

The Mayor also presented a certificate of thanks to the sponsors of the Young Writers Award: Murray Mallee Training Company, NOVO Youth Council and Youth Inc.

The prize winners are listed on page 4. Shortlisted stories can be read on the library's Facebook page. They are also on display at the library for a short time.



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Library closed:

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday, Tuesday 7 November.

Coming soon

Resurrection Walk
Michael Connelly

Voices in the Dark
Fleur McDonald

Watchmaker's Hand
Jeffrey Deaver

Losing Spring
V C Andrews

In-Between
Christos Tsiolkas



Vendetta
Sarah Barrie

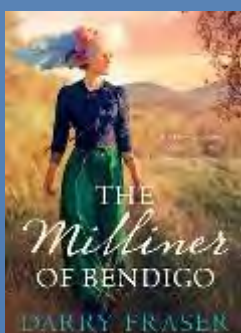
Sister of Starlit Seas
Terry Brooks

Heiress
Rachel Hawkins

Winter's Orphan
Katie Flynn

Judgement Prey
John Sandford

The Milliner of Bendigo
Darryl Fraser



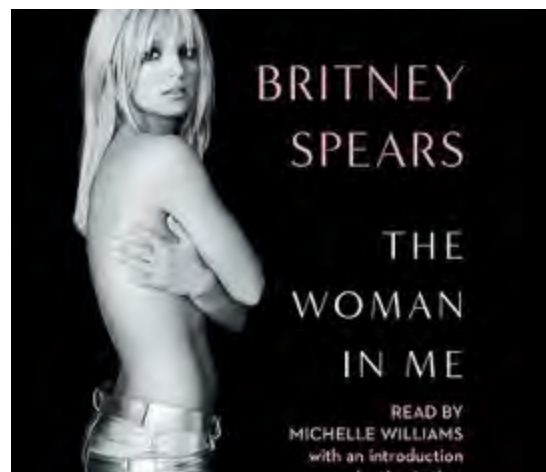
BorrowBox e-audiobook of the month

The Woman in Me Britney Spears

Read by Michelle Williams with an introduction by the author

In June 2021, the whole world was listening as Britney Spears spoke in open court. The impact of sharing her voice—her truth—was undeniable, and it changed the course of her life and the lives of countless others. *The Woman in Me* reveals for the first time her incredible journey—and the strength at the core of one of the greatest performers in pop music history.

Written with remarkable candour and humour, Spears's ground-breaking book illuminates the enduring power



of music and love—and the importance of a woman telling her own story, on her own terms, at last.

Featured BorrowBox e-book for November

The [BorrowBox](#) campaign title for November is the e-book *The Younger Wife*, by Sally Hepworth.

The moment she laid eyes on Heather Wisher, Tully knew this woman was going to destroy their lives...

Sally Hepworth is the *New York Times* bestselling author of nine novels, including *The Good Sister* and *The Soulmate*.

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

Find out what's happening at the Library



Visit library.swanhill.vic.gov.au
or like us on Facebook or Instagram!



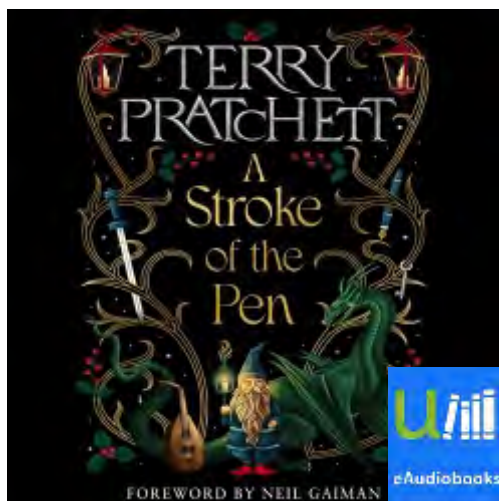
uLibrary e-audio book of the month

A Stroke of the Pen

Terry Pratchett

A truly unmissable collection of unearthed stories from the pen of Sir Terry Pratchett: award-winning and bestselling author, and creator of the phenomenally successful Discworld series.

These are rediscovered tales that Pratchett wrote under a pseudonym for newspapers during the 1970s and 1980s. Whilst none are set in the Discworld, they hint towards the world he would go on to create, containing all of his trademark wit, satirical wisdom and fantastic imagination.



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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

(Knitting and crochet group)

Every Tuesday morning from 10am-12pm.

Knit, crochet, sew & chat!

New Knitter Knatters are welcome!

Scrabble club

The Scrabble Club meets every Tuesday at 2pm.

New players welcome!

Toy Library

The Toy Library provides toys and educational resources for babies, toddlers and children. Open hours are:

Fridays: 11am to 12pm

Saturday: 10am to 11.30 am

For more information contact Sharyn on 0427 847486.

Young Writers Awards 2023 (continued)

Grade Prep

Winning story: Jos Lehmann, Untitled, (Swan Hill Primary School)

Commended: Arlo Thamm, 'Footy Quarter Finals' (St Mary's Primary School)

Year 1/2:

Winning story: Phoebe Collins, 'Azalia's Ice Skating Performance' (Swan Hill Primary School)

Commended: Nate Chislett, 'Grand Final Day' (Swan Hill Primary School)

Year 3/4:

Winning story: Ellie Woodburn, 'The Race' (St Mary's Primary School)

Commended: Adele Dodghsun, 'The Big Cross-Country Race' (Swan Hill Christian School)

Year 5/6:

Winning story: Ebony Hungerford, 'Rambunctious Rodeo' (Nyah District Primary School)

Commended: Zalia Corr, 'Imagine the Cruelty' (Swan Hill North Primary School)

Multiclass:

Winning story: Lachi Roberts, 'The Battle at the Soccer Stadium' (Swan Hill Specialist School)

Commended: Blake Fletcher, 'The Big Catch' (Swan Hill Specialist School)

Junior Multiclass:

Winning story: Hayzul Hariyadi, 'The World Cup' (Swan Hill Primary School)

Year 7/8:

Winning story: Olive Oswin, Untitled, (Swan Hill Secondary College)

Commended: Jack Hawthorn, Untitled, (Swan Hill Secondary College)

Year 9/10:

Winning story: Thomas Ward, 'A Christmas Tree' (Swan Hill Secondary College)

Commended: Leela Godwin-Keune, 'Survival' (Swan Hill Secondary College)

People's choice award (voted for on Facebook):

Layla Murphy, 'The AFLW Grand Final' (Swan Hill Primary School)



Chris Hammer author talk at Swan Hill Library



Library staff recently joined more than 60 enthralled members of the public to hear Chris Hammer discuss his latest novel, *The Seven*.

A fabulous speaker, Chris told us about his extensive career as a journalist, reporting from more than 30 countries across the globe for SBS TV. He was also a senior writer for *The Bulletin*, *The Age* and *The Sydney Morning Herald* before turning his hand to writing two non-fiction books.

Now a leading Australian crime fiction novelist, Chris has published six internationally bestselling novels, with his first, 'Scrublands', premiering as a TV series on Stan in November.

The Seven is available to place a hold on through your library branch.



Get Online Week: Getting tech savvy!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Get Online Week at the Swan Hill Library.

We learned tablet basics, how to set up and use email, using the cloud, using the internet for online hobbies and how to navigate myGov.

If you'd like to become more tech savvy, check out the upcoming Be Connect webinars at the Swan Hill Library on page 6. Topics include: Staying Safe on Facebook, How to Spot a Scam, Safer Online Shopping and iPhone basics.



Be Connected

Every Australian online.



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

**Thursday, November 9 -
Staying safe on Facebook - 10am to 11am**

**Thursday, November 9 -
Can you spot a scam? - 3pm to 4pm**

**Tuesday, November 14 -
iPhone Basics - 10am to 11am**

**Thursday, November 23 -
Safer Online shopping Holiday Edition - 10am to 11am**

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>

"Preserving Your Print Photos"

Are you feeling overwhelmed just thinking about the staggering number of photos and images you have and how to preserve them?



Join Chantal as she guides you through digitising your photos, learn the 5 Golden Rules of Photo Organising, and answers all your photo managing questions.



Bookings

Swan Hill Library

(03) 50 362 480



In Person Session

Friday, November 24

3:00PM to 4:30PM

Swan Hill Library

Main Area



Kristy Carmichael: Early Childhood Facilitator (maternity leave position)

What are you looking forward to most about working at the Swan Hill Regional Library?

I am excited to meet all the parents, children and babies in the community and help to bring positive and fun experiences that involve reading and learning in the library.

Do you enjoy reading? Who are your favourite authors?

I love reading. I particularly love poetry. I'm a fan of Rabindranath Tagore, Lang Leav and Maya Angelou. I also loved The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver and The Known World by Edward P Jones. I don't really have a favourite author.

What are your favourite movies?

Three of my favourite moves are: The Princess Bride, Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind and Jean de Florette.

What else do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I am a bee keeper and produce my own honey, and love native plants and flowers. I have started to establish a little garden to feed my bees. I also collect succulents and love Agave plants, and hope to have my own Tequila one day.

Tell us one thing that is on your bucket list.

I would love to go to Mexico and I also want to own a donkey. Still trying to convince my husband!

'Libby' & Pop Up Space school holiday activities out in the community

It was wonderful to see so many children at our Pop Up Space school holiday activities held in Manangatang and Nyah West. Children had lots of fun in their own galaxy close to home, meeting with old friends and making new ones!

A special thank you to Pam Paynter for her generosity of time and assistance. Pictured are children enjoying an action-packed afternoon of non-stop fun at Nyah West, with 'Libby, the library's outreach vehicle!





Welcome to the 16
Days of Activism

STORYWALK[®]

Enjoy a walk with your children as we read "I want to be a superhero" by Breanne Humes, illustrated by Ambelin Kwaymullina.



The walk will begin at the Swan Hill Library on Wednesday, 29th November at 10:30am and finish on the lawns at the Clock Tower for fruit cups, more stories and some fun activities!

Thanks to the Swan Hill District Gender Equity Network.
Please remember to bring a hat, sunscreen and water bottle.



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

'You Talk, We Die' Judy Ryan OA, Author Talk & Panel Discussion



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

When: Tuesday 14 November, 6.00 pm

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

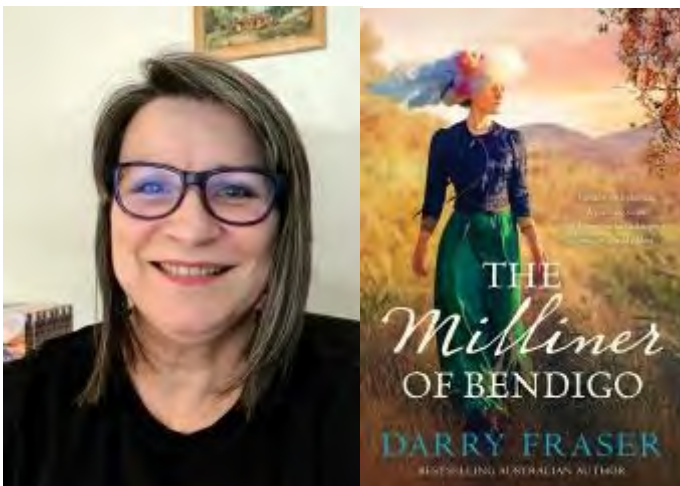
Judy Ryan's book *You Talk, We Die* is the story of a grassroots community campaign that really made a difference in Melbourne.

Regional and rural areas continue to record higher drug overdose deaths per capita than Melbourne.

Come along to this thought proving panel event, featuring Judy Ryan OAM and Jann Barkman, Senior Manager Mental Health at Swan Hill District Health. Hear how our community can get noticed and improve drug support services in Swan Hill.

For more information: library.swanhill.vic.gov.au

Darry Fraser, Bestselling Australian Author



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

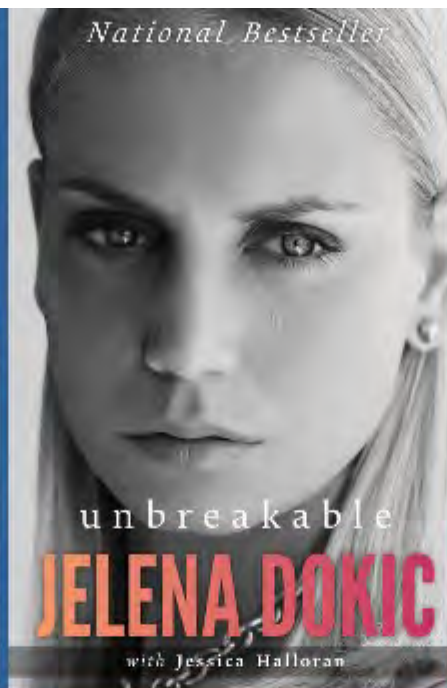
When: Wednesday 29 November, 7pm

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

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

Darry Fraser fell in love with the Murray River when her family moved to her childhood town of Swan Hill. Stories of the river have been with her ever since and it's where a number of her novels are set, including *Daughter of the Murray*. Darry now lives on the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula in South Australia.

The *Milliner of Bendigo* is Darry's latest stand alone novel. Trouble with the law, a missing sister, and a growing attachment to the wrong man - Evie Emerson has a dangerous path ahead of her... an exciting and twisty historical mystery and adventure from a bestselling Australian author.



Swan Hill Regional Library & Collins
Booksellers Swan Hill present:

Jelena Dokic in Conversation 'Fearless: Finding the Power to Thrive'

Jelena Dokic is a former world number four professional tennis player, tennis commentator, best-selling author, and a truly remarkable figure both on and off the court.

The story behind one of our greatest tennis champions has captured a worldwide following. Jelena's ability to free herself from the grips of darkness to go on and establish a career with immense success is truly inspiring.

She joins Cindy from Collins Booksellers Swan Hill to talk about her newly released book 'Fearless'.

Whereas her previous book, 'Unbreakable', was about survival, Jelena's newest book is about healing, standing up to online abuse, dealing with eating disorders, enduring relationship breakdowns and finding stability in a troubled life.

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

When: Wednesday 6 December. Talk begins at 11.15 am.

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

Book signing & sales available from 10.30 am courtesy of Collins Booksellers Swan Hill.



ROBINVALE LIBRARY BOARD GAMES SESSIONS

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

Bring some friends with you or make some new ones!

Dates:

8 November

22 November

Time:

4pm to 6pm

Robinvale Library news!

Rosemary Garreffa author talk

Thank you to Euston local, Rosemary Garreffa for her entertaining author talk and to the lively group of ladies who attended and asked insightful questions. The library looks forward to hosting Rosemary again for her next book release in 2024!



'You Talk, We Die' Judy Ryan OAM author talk & discussion panel



Wednesday 15 November,
5.30 pm

Robinvale Learning &
Community Hub -
88 George St, Robinvale

Bookings preferred. Contact the
Robinvale Library on 5036 2460

Judy Ryan's book *You Talk, We Die* is the story of a grassroots community campaign that really made a difference in Melbourne.

Regional and rural areas continue to record higher drug overdose deaths per capita than Melbourne.

Come along to this thought proving panel event, featuring Judy Ryan OAM and hear how our community can get noticed and improve drug support services in Robinvale.

For more information, check out the 'What's On' page on the library website: library.swanhill.vic.gov.au

Branch Open 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

Move & Groove

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

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

Saturday Storytime

Saturday Storytime will be on 11 November at 10.30am and we will be listening to the story 'Lest we Forget' by Kerry Brown. Children will create their own Pinwheel Poppy and engage in other activities to encourage an understanding of the importance of Remembrance Day

Suitable for children aged 4 and up.

School Holiday Activity

Our School Holiday activity was held on the 3 October with the theme being Focus on Faces.

Children were able to create three different items all with a different perspective on faces. A big thank you to our volunteer Julie for her inspiration and assistance.

Grandparents Day

We celebrated Grandparents day on 26 and 27 of October with a morning and afternoon tea provided for grandparents and grandchildren to enjoy with some lovely craft created by all.

Tech Savvy sessions & Get Online Week

Tech Savvy Seniors has commenced, with sessions being run on Friday mornings. The current sessions are fully booked out however expressions of interest are being taken for the next round early in 2024.

Cryptic Crossword Fun!

The Cryptic Crossword workshops have been running every Friday afternoon at 1.30 pm led by June MacLaine.

Participants are enjoying learning the tricks to easily solve these elusive puzzles whilst enjoying the company of like minded folk.

Afternoon tea is provided, and this is a free workshop. iPads are available for use. Call into the Barham Library to register your name.



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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!

Roving Storytime celebrating Children's Week

This Children's Week event was presented by the Swan Hill Regional Library in partnership with the Victorian Government & local community groups.



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