

Get Online Week

14-20 October 2024

For Learning, For Leisure, For Life

Get Online Week 2024

Through the Good Things Foundation Australia network and with the support of Government and corporate partners, hundreds of communities across Australia get involved every year to spread the Get Online Week message.

Everyone deserves the opportunity to safely participate in our digital world and no one should be left behind. Yet 1 in 4 Australians are still digitally excluded or need more help to keep up with technology. Participating in Get Online Week helps people to improve their digital skills through fun, local community events.

This Get Online Week, the Swan Hill Library will run a range of different learner events and competitions to practice key skills in the current digital age, such as using a device voice assistant, filling in online forms and avoiding falling victim to scammers. See the full list of topics on page 5.

Events will start 30 September and run until 21 October. See pages 4 to 5 for information on events and the times and days to attend.

If you are after one-on-one help or would like to help others with technology speak with the library team. Our library website also has many online resources, free to library members. Check them out at library.swanhill.vic.gov.au

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Roving Storytime:

10am Wednesday 23 October. Celebrating Children's Week! p.8



Coming soon

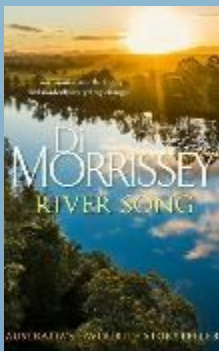
Endgame
Sarah Barrie

Waiting
Michael Connelly

In Too Deep
Lee Child

Triangle
Danielle Steel

Fatal Intrusion
Jeffrey Deaver



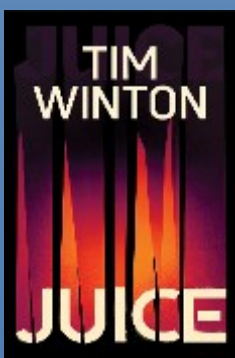
River Song
Di Morrissey

Now or Never
Janet Evanovich

Odyssey
Stephen Fry

Fallen Woman
Fiona McIntosh

Juice
Tim Winton



BorrowBox e-audiobook of the month

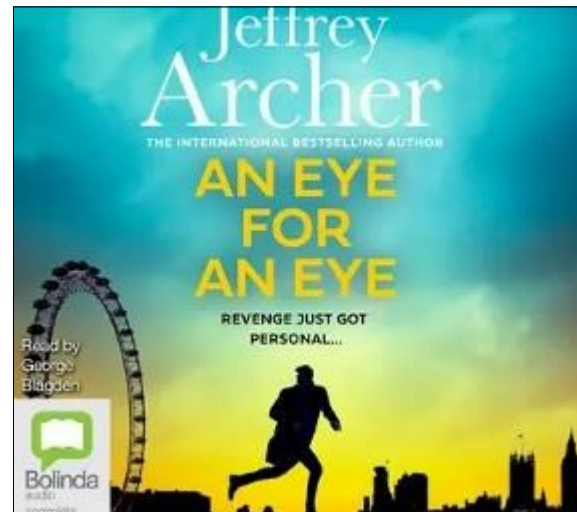
An Eye For An Eye
Jeffrey Archer

In one of the most luxurious cities on earth ...

A billion-dollar deal is about to go badly wrong. A lavish night out is about to end in murder. And the British government is about to be plunged into crisis.

In the heart of the British establishment ...

Lord Hartley, the latest in a line of peers going back over two hundred years, lies dying. But his will triggers an inheritance with explosive consequences. Two deaths. Continents apart. No obvious connection. So why are they both at the centre of a master criminal's plot for revenge? And can Scotland Yard's



William Warwick uncover the truth before it's too late ...

The gripping new Detective William Warwick crime thriller from international bestselling author Jeffrey Archer.

Featured BorrowBox e-audiobook for October



The [BorrowBox](#) campaign title for October is the e-audiobook *Prophet Song*, by Paul Lynch.

Prophet Song is the story of a mother's fight to hold her family together in the midst of a society that is quickly unravelling.

Set in Ireland, where the government is turning towards tyranny, Eilish must decide how far she will go to save her family, and what – or who – she is willing to leave behind.

For the month of October, 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

The Perfect Couple

Elin Hilderbrand

Life at Hopgood Hall is never boring, but Alexi Ellis hopes that there will be no more murders for the time being – she's solved four already and is getting a reputation in the local area for being bad luck.

So when local gossip Polly Pearson arrives at Hopgood hall, Alexi knows this can only mean bad news. Polly has made it clear that she dislikes Alexi, and has campaigned for her to leave Hopgood Hall forever! So what could Polly want?

Then Polly reveals that her partner, Gerry has been found murdered in her B&B and that she is the main suspect!



Alexi, her partner Jack and Cosmo the cat are all left speechless. More so when Polly begs Alexi for help in proving her innocence.

LOTE4Kids : learn a language

LOTE4Kids allows kids to learn a language and connect with books through the magic of storytelling!

You can choose from two thousand audio-picture book titles in 50+ languages, together with English translations.

Access LOTE4Kids via the Swan Hill Regional Library website and login with your library card number to access for free.

<https://library.swanhill.vic.gov.au/2021/12/lotte4kids/>

Stories and Activities

In addition to introducing **5 new languages** during August, we also released another 200+ book titles, focusing on productions in 10 existing language collections, with more comprehension quizzes and downloadable activities.



	Amharic: picture books
	Canadian French: picture books
	Croatian: picture books
	French: bilinguals
	Igbo:
	Italian: picture books
	Japanese: picture books
	Khmer:

	Kurmanji Kurdish:
	Serbian: picture books
	Somali: picture books
	Sorani Kurdish:
	Swahili: picture cards, quizzes
	Ukrainian: picture books
	Yoruba:

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.

GET ONLINE WEEK

OCTOBER 14 - 20

Join us this Get Online Week
by participating in our free
events and competitions



Free Events

Tea with the Techs-pert: Before the Scavenger Hunt and Scam Quiz go live, come have refreshments with us at the Swan Hill Library and practice the digital skills you need to upskill on.
Scan the first QR code for times and dates.



Be Connected online presentation: "Can you spot a scam?"
October 17, 3pm - 4pm. Light refreshments provided at the Swan Hill Library. Can't make it? Register to access the presentation at home with the second QR code.



Competitions

Serious or Scam?: This online quiz will open 9am, October 1 and close 2pm, October 18. Competitors with the highest score at each branch will win a \$50 gift card.

Swan Hill Scavenger Hunt: A QR code is located at several sites around the Swan Hill area with a clue to the next site and instructions for a photograph with the current site. Forms with the first clue and instructions can be collected from the Swan Hill Library front desk from 10am October 1. Entries will close 2pm October 21.
One lucky entrant will receive a \$100 gift card.

FARADAY

A COMMUNITY REDISCOVERED



'Faraday' author talk with Robyn Howarth

Robyn Howarth was the eldest of six female students who, along with their young female teacher, were kidnapped by two masked men from the tiny Faraday State School in 1972.

Robyn, 10 years old at the time, tells the story of her life on the farm, that heinous event and the aftermath in the long road for justice. Narrated through the lens of childhood trauma and the effect it had on her family, it has taken Robyn 52 years to acknowledge with pride that she came from Faraday and was educated at Faraday State School 797.

Robyn lives in Lake Boga with her husband David and two badly behaved cats and enjoys her role as a Maternal and Child Health Nurse working for the Victorian State Government Department of Health.

Where: Swan Hill Library. **When:** 7pm, Wednesday 13 November

Where: Robinvale Library **When:** 4pm, Monday 18 November

Bookings preferred. Contact the Swan Hill Library on 5036 2480 or Robinvale Library 5036 2461.

Book signing & sales available. Books \$25 each.



Young Writer's Award 2024

The Young Writer's Award is one of several programs run by Swan Hill Regional Library to assist with the development of literacy skills. This year's theme is "Flood".

Thank you to all the schools across our wonderful community who entered the competition. We received so many fantastic stories!

Voting is now open for the *Young Writers Award People's Choice Award* via the Swan Hill Regional Library's Facebook page. The shortlisted entries are listed in eight different categories.

How to vote:

Vote for your favourite story in the *People's Choice Award*, by clicking 'LIKE' on the story or stories you like: 1 like = 1 vote. Please be aware that some stories have more than one page, so you will only need to click on the first page for your vote to count. You can vote for as many stories as you like!

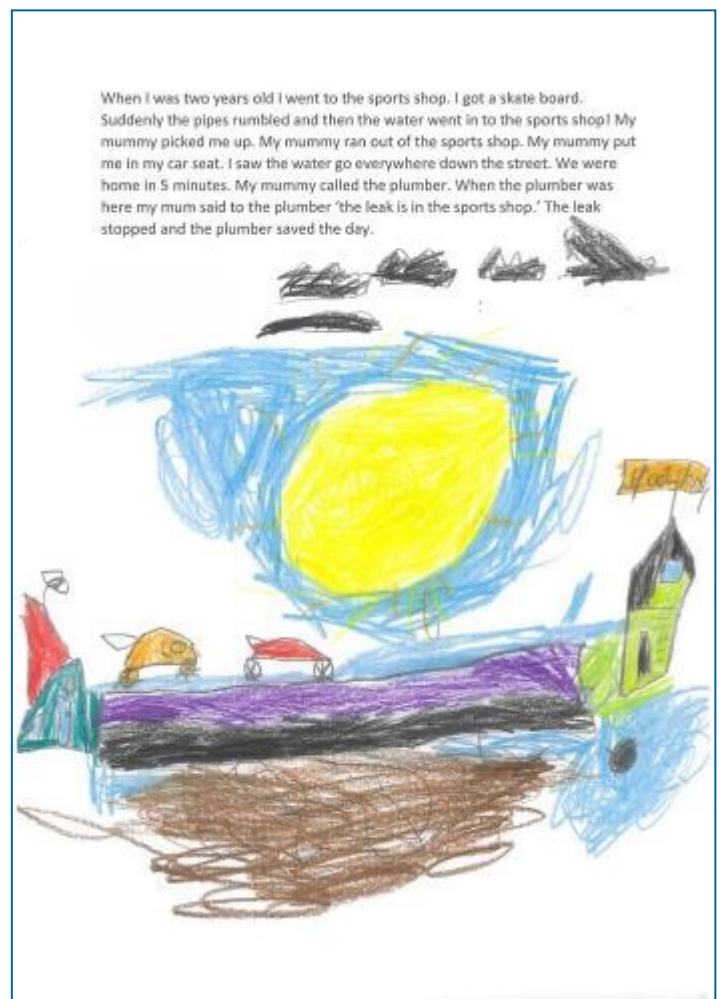
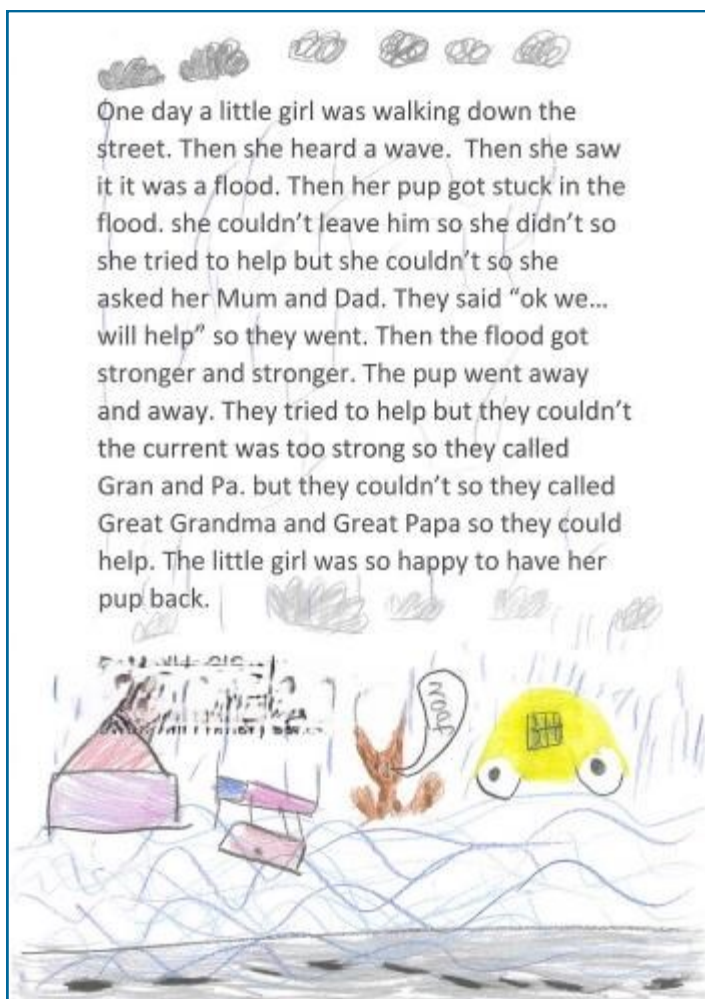
Voting closes on **Friday, 18 October at 5 pm** so vote now!

A huge thank you to [Swan Hill College](#) Learning Leader English & Humanities, Nikki Arnott and her Year 11 Literature Class for their efforts in short-listing the stories.

A big thank you to judge, Laurel Harrison, for judging the shortlisted entries. We can't wait to hear Laurel's thoughts on the stories submitted.

The Young Writers Award Winner's Presentation will be held during Children's Week, on Wednesday, 23 October at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to come along in support of our amazing young writers.

Below are two of the shortlisted stories by Prep students:



Roving Storytime : Children's Week event



Join us in a celebration of Children's Week (19-27 October), involving the whole community! This Children's Week event is presented in partnership with Swan Hill District Community Health.

Children, parents, community members and businesses will join together to share the enjoyment of reading and story telling.

Children will be guided on a walk along Campbell Street, during which we will find out about the people in our neighbourhood.

Our walk will finish in the park behind the Clock tower where we will meet the emergency services.

We will then enjoy a free light lunch and some fun activities. There will be an assortment of fun outdoor toys to play with, courtesy of the Swan Hill Community Toy Library.

Children will need a hat, comfortable shoes, a water bottle and sunscreen.



When: Wednesday, 23 October

Time: 10am - 12pm

Where: Starts at the Swan Hill Library



Bookings preferred for catering purposes. Please call the Swan Hill Library on 5036 2480.

'Genies' 40th birthday celebrations!

Congratulations to the Swan Hill Genealogical and Historical Society on recently turning 40!

Of the 35 members (or 'Genies') in attendance at the celebratory lunch, held at The Hub, seven become members of the society in its first year (*pictured top left*).

The first meeting of the society was held on 14 September, 1984 at Dowling House.

The society aims to encourage and assist members in the study of genealogy and also to promote research of the history of Swan Hill and district. The group's collections have grown over the years and now includes extensive holdings of microfiche, CDs, USBs, local and district histories, cemetery records, shipping records, local parish maps, books and newsletters.

The society is based in the Swan Hill Library and volunteers are available to assist members of the public with local and family history research from 10am to 3pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Non-members may be required to pay a research fee.



Free online presentation



Be Connected

Every Australian online.

Technology & your health

Want to learn how technology can help with your health and fitness? Join a free live streamed presentation for older Australians, hosted by the eSafety Commissioner.



Technology can help you keep on top of your health, set health goals, and improve your general wellbeing. Discover how you can monitor your health and get tips and advice from a range of apps, websites, podcasts, and more.

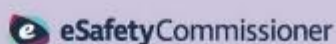
Join our presentation to explore:

- what you need to start monitoring your health
- health apps for your smartphone
- wearable technology
- fitness and wellbeing apps and other resources.

When: 1/10/2024

Time: 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Where: Barham Library
15 Murray Street
Barham NSW



This program has been developed by eSafety as part of the Be Connected initiative.

beconnected.esafety.gov.au/bookings

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 Library!

Tuesday 8 October, 2024
10am - 11.30am at the Barham Library.

Join us as we celebrate

SPACE WEEK!

Come along and create a paper cup 'Rocket Launcher', your own Solar System and Space Themed Scratch Boards!

Children and accompanying adult will also have an opportunity to explore our 'Spark Discovery Box' that has been made available through the Australian Space Agency. The box includes a Robot and a genuine meteorite sample!

Free event for all ages. Bookings essential.

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

Social Book Chat @ Barham Library

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



Cryptic Crossword Fun @ Barham Library

The Cryptic Crossword workshops run every Friday afternoon at 1.30pm. Participants are enjoying learning the tricks to easily solve these elusive puzzles whilst enjoying each other's company. iPads are available for use. Afternoon tea is available.

Barham Library News

Move & Groove

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

Saturday Storytime

Children attending Saturday Storytime in September enjoyed the story, "Footprint" by Phil Cummings and Sally Soweol Han.

To celebrate the onset of Spring the children decorated a ceramic flower-pot to take home and plant some provided seedlings in.

We are sorry there will be no October Saturday storytime. Our next Saturday storytime will be Saturday, 9 November.



Young Mentors program

The Barham High School has been collaborating with our library to undertake the Young Mentors program during term three. The sessions commenced on Friday 16 August and concluded on Friday 27 September. All mentors and mentees have been enjoying the interaction with lots of valuable tips coming from the mentors. The program has proven very successful.



Tech Savvy Seniors

Some very enthusiastic participants attended Tech Savvy Seniors sessions during September, concluding on Wednesday 25 September. Sessions will be run again in early 2025.

Be Connected & 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.



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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.

Cryptic Crosswords

Friday at 1.30pm. I pads are available for use. Afternoon tea supplied.

School holiday activities@ Swan Hill Library & Outreach

Children had lots of fun attending school holiday activities in the Swan Hill Library and out in the community with Ash and 'Libby', the library's outreach truck. 'Damo's' music show was a hit with parents and children alike. Children enjoyed making healthy smoothies in conjunction with Swan Hill District Health.



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