

Roots of Democracy



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What is the relationship between a library and democracy? What is it that libraries do that make a tangible difference to living in an open, democratic society?

Libraries are essential in ensuring that information is accessible to all and that all citizens can educate themselves and make informed decisions.

Libraries have their roots in providing free and equitable access to information, roots that extend and connect people and communities with the services they need.

This Library and Information Week, we're exploring how, why and where libraries are strengthening our democratic processes - and what they can do to keep democracy thriving.

Your library service supports democracy by providing you with access to

- Physical and digital collections covering a broad range of topics
- Collections in other libraries across Australia
- Current world news through printed and online magazines
- Picture books, online books and magazines in a variety of languages
- Computer and internet access
- Support to develop digital literacy skills and use technology to access services
- Programs to develop literacy skills from a young age
- Meeting spaces where people can learn, discuss and exchange ideas
- Book clubs which inspire discussion
- Programs, activities and safe spaces for people to meet and socially connect and interact

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NEW! Quiet & Calm sensory Story time at the Swan Hill Library. (see pages 6-7 for details).

Coming soon

An Eye for an Eye
Jeffrey Archer

Whole Life Sentence
Lynda La Plante

Safe Enough
Lee Child

Tell Me Everything
Tricia Stringer

Black Loch
Peter May



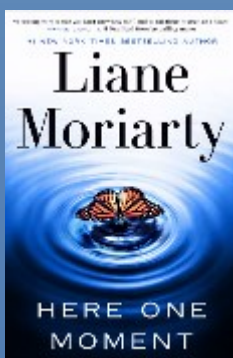
Silverton Shores
Mandy Magro

Protector
Tony Park

By Any Other Name
Jodi Picoult

Joy
Danielle Steel

Here One Moment
Liane Moriarty



BorrowBox e-audiobook of the month

This Much is True
Miriam Margolyes

BAFTA-winning actor, voice of everything from Monkey to the Cadbury's Caramel Rabbit, creator of a myriad of unforgettable characters from Lady Whiteadder to Professor Sprout, Miriam Margolyes, OBE, is the nation's favourite (and naughtiest) treasure. Now, at the age of 80, she has finally decided to tell her extraordinary life story – and it's well worth the wait.

Find out how being conceived in an air-raid gave her curly hair and what pranks led to her being known as the naughtiest girl Oxford High School ever had.

From declaring her love to Vanessa Redgrave to being told to be quiet by the Queen, this audiobook is packed with brilliant, hilarious stories. With a



cast list stretching from Scorsese to Streisand, a cross-dressing Leonardo di Caprio to Isaiah Berlin, *This Much Is True* is as warm and honest, as full of life and surprises as its inimitable author.

Warning: Strong & explicit language.

BorrowBox campaign title for August

The graphic has a green background. At the top, it says 'Listen now.' in large white letters, followed by 'Your local library in your pocket.' Below this, there are two smartphones displaying the BorrowBox app interface. To the right of the phones, it says 'Thousands of eAudiobooks available to borrow from your local library. Join today.' At the bottom right, there is the BorrowBox logo and icons for the App Store, Google Play, and Amazon Kindle.

Our August campaign title is the eAudio, *Dirt Town* by Hayley Scrivenor.

Dirt Town is a slow burn mystery set in a small town names Durton (nicknamed Dirt Town).

For the month of August, simultaneous borrowers can listen to this title at the same time - perfect for book clubs!

BorrowBox e-magazines

The graphic has a green background. On the left, there is a smartphone displaying the cover of 'Women's Weekly' magazine. To the right, there is a white box with the text 'BORROW eMAGAZINES ON BORROWBOX' in green. Below this, it says 'Borrow free eMagazines, eBooks and eAudiobooks using the BorrowBox app.' At the bottom right, there is the BorrowBox logo and icons for the App Store, Google Play, and Amazon Kindle.

uLibrary e-audio book of the month

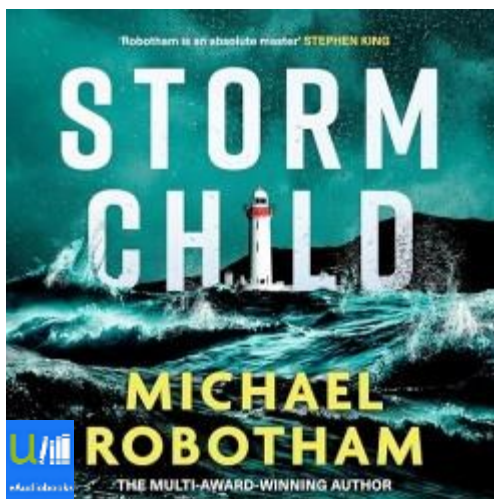
Storm Child

Michael Robotham

The most painful of Evie Cormac's memories have been locked away ever since she was held prisoner as a child - a child whose rescue captured hearts and headlines.

Forensic psychologist Cyrus Haven's mission is to guide her to something near normality. But today, on a British beach, seventeen bodies wash up in front of them. There is only one survivor, with two women still missing. And Evie's nightmares come roaring back . . .

Whatever happened all those years ago lies at the core of this new tragedy. Because these deaths are no accident.



The same dark forces are reaching out, dragging her back into the storm.

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 11.30am.

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.

More free Digital Resources



The year's most notable album releases for 2024, so far, are on @hoopladigital!

Check out what the critics deem top of the year, free with your library card.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com.au/collection/74704>

Celebrating library programs & events over the years ...

- Baby Rhyme Time
- Move & Groove
- Saturday Story Time & Craft
- Twilight Tales
- School holiday activities
- Summer Read
- Roving Story time
- Book launches
- Youthspective photography competition
- Young Writers Award
- Youth Co-design
- Youth Talent Showcase
- Christmas Story time with Santa Claus
- Preschool & school visits
- Outreach School holiday visits
- Minecraft / VR
- Coding Club
- Rainbow Story time
- Toy Library and more!



Celebrating library programs & events over the years ...



- Author talks: Chris Hamer, Jelena Dokic, Darry Fraser & more
- Exhibitions
- Knitter Knatter & craft stall
- Biggest Morning Tea
- Book Chat
- Scrabble Club
- Jigsaw Club
- U3A Group
- Home Library
- Outreach visits
- Local History
- Genealogy
- Tech help
- Be Connected online webinars
- Library Lovers Day
- Volunteering
- Seed library
- Home Energy Audit Kit
- IDAHOBIT Day and more!



Quiet & Calm Storytime

at Swan Hill Library

EVERY WEDNESDAY
FROM 31 JULY TO 4
SEPTEMBER
2PM TO 3PM.



For children ages 2 - 5 years
Limited to 10 places
Bookings essential



For more information or to register,
please call 50362480 or visit
library.swanhill.vic.gov.au



swan hill regional **library**

Quiet & Calm Story time aims to gently engage all the senses through song, movement, stories and play.

Open to all children but specifically geared to children with sensory integration challenges.

If your child has difficulty sitting through one of our other Storytimes, this program of stories, songs and activities may be just what you are looking for.



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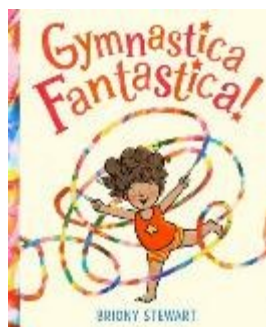
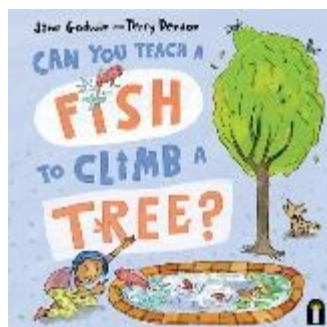
Children's Book Council of Australia

Every year, the [Children's Book Council of Australia \(CBCA\)](http://www.cbca.org.au) brings children and books together by celebrating Children's Book Week.

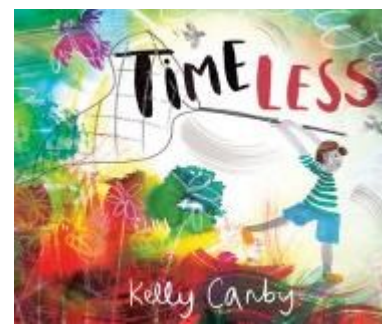
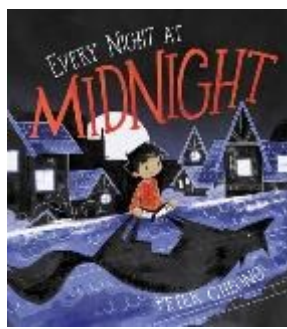
In 1946, the CBCA established annual book awards to promote children's books of high literacy and artistic quality. From the small list of books entered in 1946, entries have now grown to over 400, highlighting the strength and richness of Australian publishing for children and the talent of those who create the books.

Some of the shortlisted entries this year include:

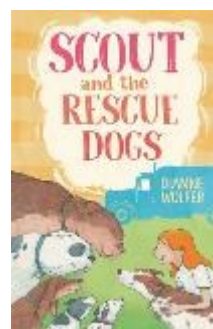
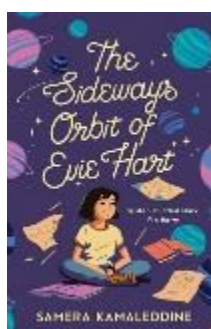
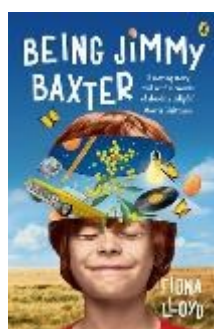
Early Childhood:



Picture book of the year:

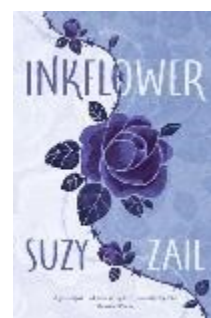
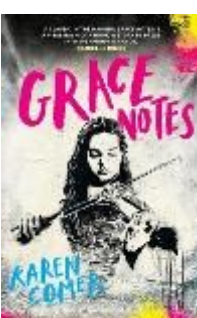
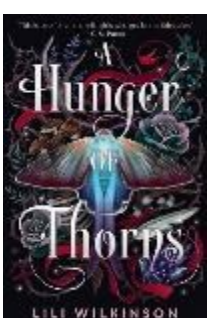
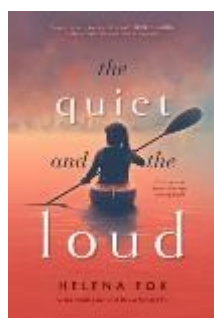


Young Readers:



Older Readers:

Note: Books in this category are for mature readers and some may deal with particularly challenging themes including violence and suicide. Parental guidance is recommended.



THE CHILDREN'S
BOOK COUNCIL
OF AUSTRALIA
YOUR CONNECTION TO STORY

Winners are
announced on
Friday
16 August,
12pm



LOOKING FOR TECH HELP?

If you have a new device and want help learning its features, need training on different programs or applications, or assistance getting online, we can help!



Book a Technology Lesson with our Customer Technology Support staff member for a one-on-one session based on your technology needs.

We can help with...



Social media



Telehealth



and more...



To book your appointment: Call (03) 50362480
Scan the QR code to contact us via the Library website
Email us @ library@swanhill.vic.gov.au

**FREE
ACTIVITY
FOR KIDS**

Story time at the Barham Library

Join us for story time in the
Barham Library as we read

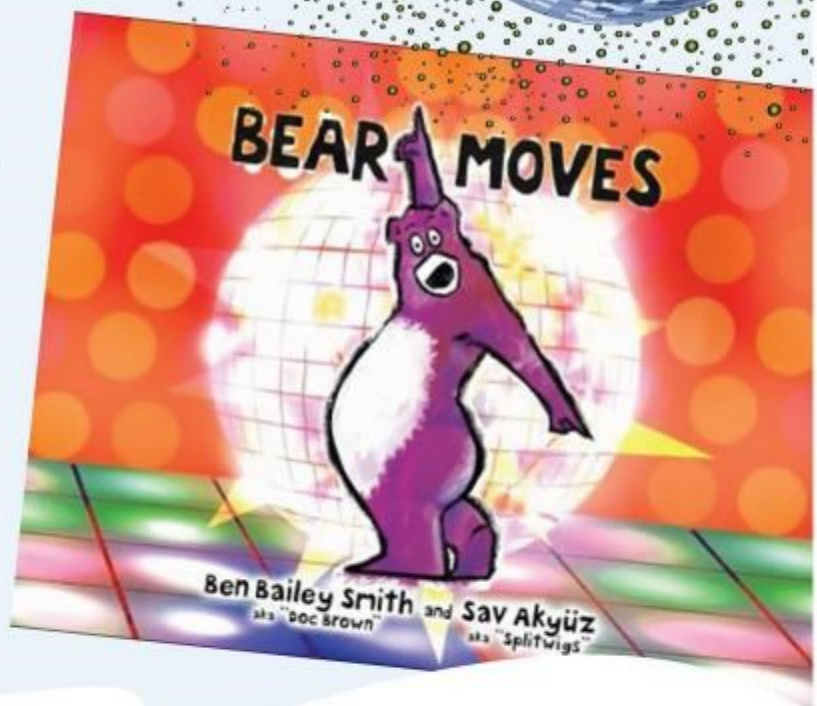
Bear Moves!

By Ben Bailey Smith

**Saturday 10 August,
10.30am - 11.30am.**

After the story we will
create our own mosaic
disco balls!

Fun for all ages!



Call us on 03 5480 1587.
Or visit the Library:
15 Murray St Barham.


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Are you over 50 and need help with digital technology?

Join the Young Mentors program

Students from Barham High School 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.



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.

Call now to book

Barham Library: 03 5480 1587

Robinvale school holiday fun!

Children attending the Robinvale Library during the school holidays had a lot of fun including making salt painted snow flakes and attending a special *Bees for Biodiversity* workshop.

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 7 August

Wednesday 21 August



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. *Note: During August, The Moulamein library will be closed on Fridays and opening on Thursdays instead, from 2pm to 6.30pm. MRC Mobile Library will not be operating this month.*

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

Barham Library News

Saturday Story time

Children attending our July Saturday Story time enjoyed the story "Little Bont and the Big Secret" by Marcus Bontempelli which was followed by creating their own footy player from their favourite team and other AFL inspired activities.



Our Saturday Storytime session will be on Saturday 10 August. The feature story will be "Bear Moves" by Ben Bailey-Smith. Children will then create disco balls using mosaic glass tiles (see page 10 for more details on flyer)



Winter themed school holiday fun!

Our School Holiday Activity on 16 July was an Olympics-themed special event, with some sporty crafts and activities, enjoyed by all participants!



Protect yourself against scams

A live stream presentation on "Protect yourself against scams" hosted by the eSafety Commissioner which will be held at the Barham library on 20 August at 3.00pm. The hour-long presentation will teach participants how to protect their personal information from scammers, how to safely make friends online, how to spot investment scams and where to go to for help. This is a free event, all welcome.

Tech Savvy Seniors

Tech Savvy Seniors sessions will once again be available in August/September with confirmation of times and dates to follow. Anyone interested can drop into the Barham library to register an expression of interest.

Digital Help : Be Connected

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.

Young Mentors

The Barham High School is collaborating with our library to undertake the Young Mentors program during term three. The sessions will commence on Friday 16th August at 10.50am till 12.00pm. Bookings are essential and now being taken. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

Cryptic Crosswords

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.



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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 Story time

Second Saturday of the month at 10.30 am

Story time and craft in a fun learning environment.

**MOULAMEIN
LIBRARY**

Please note
change of day for
August

Story time

Thursday at 3.30pm

Story time and craft in a fun learning environment.

Games Afternoon

Thursday 3pm to
6.30pm

Fun in the Jungle @ the Swan Hill Library!



A joint activity run by the Swan Hill Community Toy Library & Swan Hill Library.



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