



For Learning, For Leisure, For Life



National Volunteer Week 19-25 May

[National Volunteer Week 2025](#) celebrates the power of volunteering to bring people together with the theme *Connecting Communities*. The Swan Hill Regional Library acknowledges the spirit of connection and the incredible impact volunteers have in building inclusive and thriving communities.

The Library's volunteers generously give up their time to support library services and programs: re-shelving returned books, covering new books, Saturday & Twilight Storytimes, local history, and school holiday activities. Thank you also to the volunteers from the Nyah District Men's Shed and the Swan Hill Woodworker's Club who assist with running woodworking activities during school holidays. A special thanks to the Swan Hill Genealogical & Historical Society who are based at the library and work closely with staff in finding historical information for customers and the Swan Hill Community Toy Library who assist with Roving Storytime and other events throughout the year.



Left: Tim Domaille who has been volunteering at the Swan Hill Library for more than 16 years. Tim assists library staff two mornings a week in reshelving returned books, searching for missing books and much more. Tim says he 'enjoys being part of the library team' and his favourite task is putting books away.

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Join us on 29 May for our Biggest Morning Tea! Raising money for the Australian Cancer Council. RSVP by 27 May.

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Volunteer
Connecting Communities **Week**

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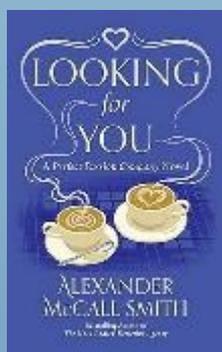
*High Tea and
Misdemeanours*
Laura Child

Lethal Prey
John Sandford

Peacemaker
Wande E. Brunstetter

Daughter's Secret
Josephine Cox

Bunny Club
Blanche d'Alpuget



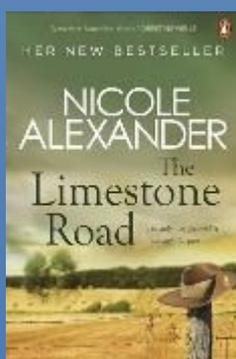
Looking for You
Alexander McCall Smith

Profiler
Helen Fields

*Murder in the
Grotto*
Amy Myers

There Will Be Bodies
Lindsey Davis

The Limestone Road
Nicole Alexander



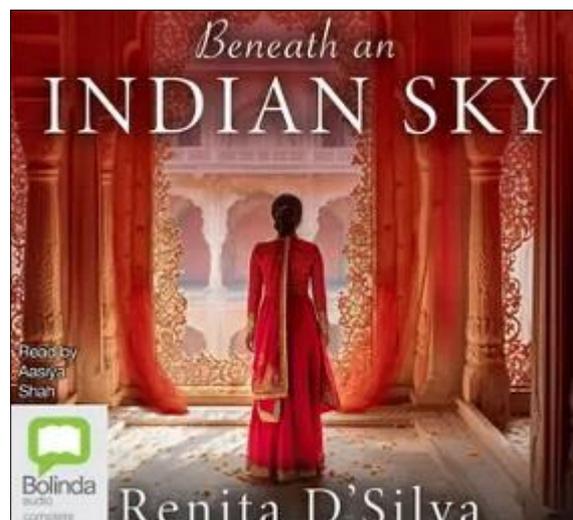
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BorrowBox e-audiobook of the month

Beneath an Indian Sky
Renita D'Silva

1928. In British-ruled India, headstrong Sita longs to choose her own path, but her only destiny is a good marriage. After a chance meeting with the Crown Prince leads to a match, her family's status seems secured and she moves into the palace, where peacocks fill the gardens and tapestries adorn the walls. But royal life is far from simple, and her failure to provide an heir makes her position fragile. Soon Sita is on the brink of losing everything, and the only way to save herself could mean betraying her oldest friend...

When Priya's marriage ends in heartbreak, she flees home to India and the palace where her



grandmother, Sita, once reigned as Queen. But as grandmother and granddaughter grow closer, Priya has questions. Soon Priya uncovers a secret Sita has kept for years – and which will change the shape of her life forever...

Featured BorrowBox author talk in May



Graeme Macrae Burnet is a Scottish author best known for his literary fiction that blends historical narratives with exhilarating criminal storylines. His breakthrough novel, *His Bloody Project* (2015), was shortlisted for the **Booker Prize**, and his recent novel *Case Study* was longlisted in 2021.

Join highly acclaimed and award-winning author, **Graeme Macrae Burnet** at 7pm on 7 May, for a live online discussion and Q&A on his latest novel, *A Case of Matricide*. Register via the link:

https://bolinda.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_97cmBzGPQLqgEjx-DHUXNQ#/registration

Find out what's happening at the Library



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uLibrary e-audio book of the month

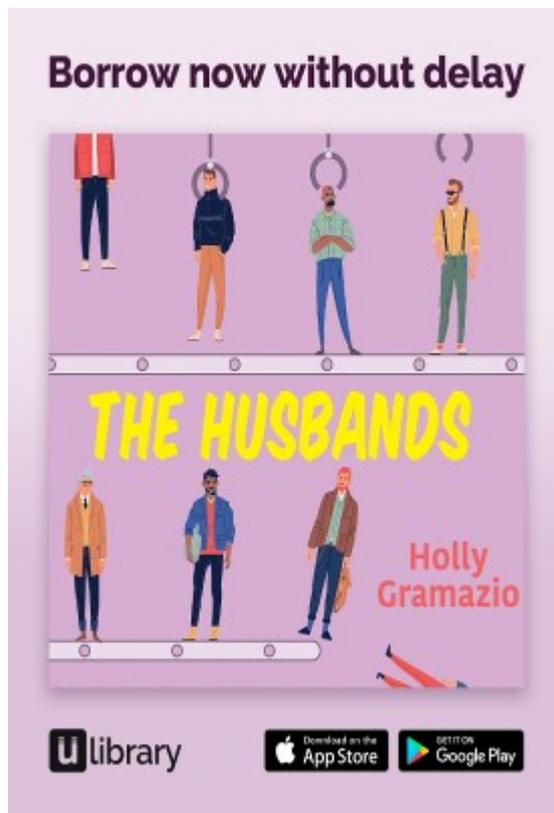
The Husbands
Holly Gramazio

Soon to be featured on Apple TV!

A brilliantly original, funny and astute debut that examines how we navigate life, love and choice in a world of never-ending options.

What if you could change husbands as easily as a lightbulb?

One night Lauren finds a strange man in her flat who claims to be her husband. All the evidence – from photos to electricity bills – suggests he's right. And then another one appears.



FREE digital resources for Library members!



We're bringing the galaxy far, far away straight to our library members with [out-of-this-world content](#) on Hoopla! You can find movie and TV soundtracks, comics, eBooks, audiobooks, and more - perfect for celebrating on 4 May, or all year long.

Have a blast and May the 4th be with you!

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Book Chat

Open to people aged 16+, the Book Chat group meets at the Library every second Wednesday of the month, 7pm-8.30pm.

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.

Knitter Knatters

Knit, crochet, sew & chat! Every Tuesday morning from 10am-12pm. Come along and join in the fun!

The Genies

Family & local history enquiries.

Open Tuesday - Thursday 10am to 3pm.

Toy Library

Borrow toys and educational resources for babies, toddlers and children.

Fridays: 11am to 12pm.

Saturdays: 10am to 11.30am.

First Wednesday of the month, 11am to 12pm.

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 29, 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 cash 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 RSVP by: Tuesday 27 May. Phone 5036 2480

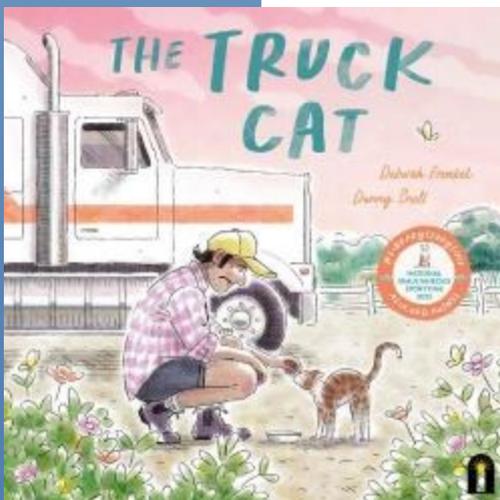
National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday, 21 May at 10.30am, the Swan Hill Library will join other libraries around the country to read the picture book *The Truck Cat* written by Deborah Frenkel and illustrated by Danny Snell.

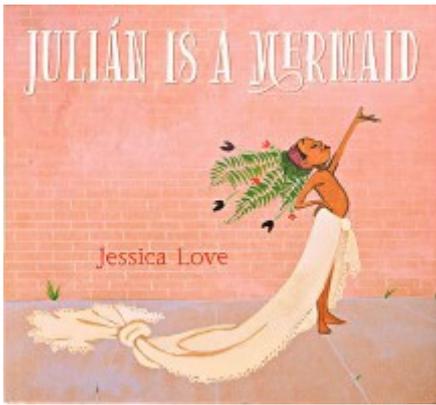
The Truck Cat is a story about cats and humans, immigration and identity, and homes lost and found. Along with his human, Yacoub, Tinka travels roads wide and narrow, near and distant. But no matter how much they travel, home feels very far away – for both of them.

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!



Rainbow Storytime - 10.30 am Saturday 17 May



Celebrate Diversity at Rainbow Storytime!

We're excited to invite you to a special Rainbow Storytime with Michelle on Saturday, 17 May, in celebration of IDAHOBIT—the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia.

Michelle will be sharing the beautiful and empowering story Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love—a heartwarming tale that celebrates individuality, self-expression, and acceptance.

In addition to the story, there'll be:

- Songs and rhymes to sing along to
- Colourful scarves to wave and play with
- A fun, rainbow-themed craft activity
- And plenty of joy and laughter for everyone!

This event is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate inclusion and diversity in a welcoming and family-friendly environment.

Everyone is welcome—come dressed in your favourite colours and get ready to have some fun!

For more information, contact the library on 5036 2480.

Teddy Bear's Picnic Search & Find Winner

Congratulations to our Teddy Bear's Picnic Search & Find Winner – Alex Down!

We had an amazing response to our Teddy Bear's Picnic Search & Find competition, with 176 entries submitted! A huge congratulations to Alex Down, who is the lucky winner of a \$50 Swan Hill Gift Card.

Alex is pictured here receiving his prize from Stephen Colombo, Business Development Manager at Swan Hill Incorporated.

Well done, Alex – enjoy your prize!



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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.

Celebrating Cultural Diversity Week 17-23 March

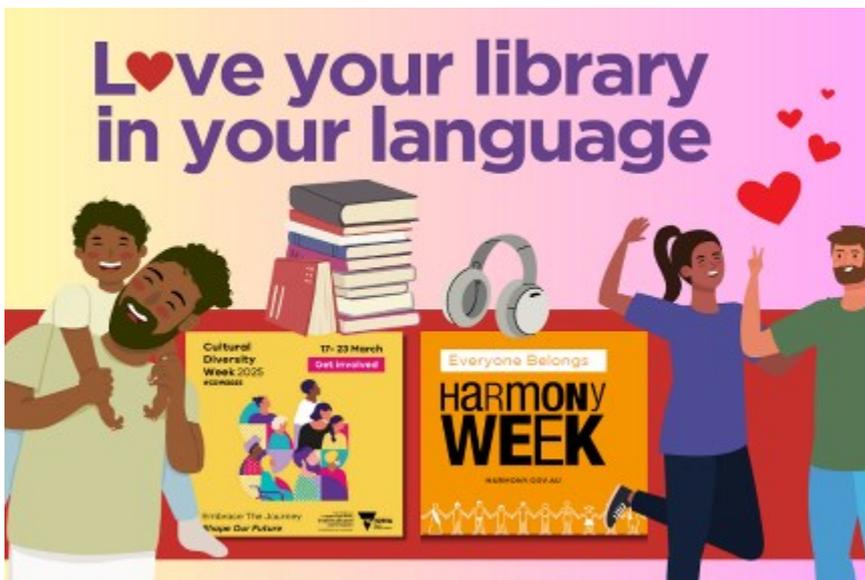
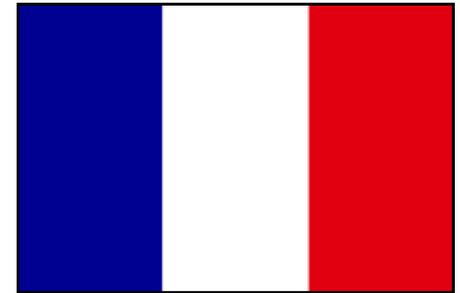
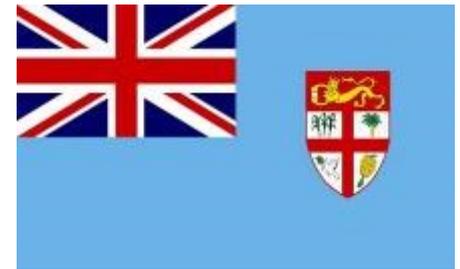
Show the love to your library in your own language.

Tell us what you love about your library!



Au taleitaka na reitou Library ni rawa ni ratou dau mai wilibola kina oratou na gone i vale. Vakayagataki vinaka na gauna ni drawing / colouring. Ratou dau taleitaka sara vakalew na gone. (Fijian)

I love our library since I get to bring my kids on certain ~~kids~~ days. They love doing drawing / colourings that are being placed for kids. My kids loves their books and enjoyed it very much. I get to do my research and snidting out ~~copying~~ copies while my kids enjoy also...



Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate Cultural Diversity Week by telling us what you love about the library in your own languages, including:

- Arabic
- Danish
- Fijian
- French
- German
- Hindi
- Irish
- Korean
- Lebanese
- Malayalam
- Punjabi
- Turkish

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Swanhill library staffs were friendly and supportive. The library itself is well setup. This is our first day to here and we will be definitely will be back here. Thank you so much for all your support! Keep it up!!



Robinvale Library new: Dear France letters

Thank you to everyone who contributed a letter or drawing to send to the Villers Bretonneux community in France. We were delighted with the response from people of all ages across our region, including many students from St Mary's school in Robinvale.

Thank you also to visiting Canadians, Al and Tara, who helped translate a few of the letters from our community into French before we sent the English and French versions to France.

We hope to soon be able to share the letters from France with our community.

Hello to all,

I'm letting you know we have received your package, and we are delighted to see how many people participated in this project !

I will be matching as many letters to the people who sent letters here in France and will communicate you the names.

Also thank you so much for the community cooking cookbook, we're really looking forward to trying out the recipes ! The cookbook will be available in the library for everyone to enjoy. This is such a nice project and a great way of bringing people together.

Best regards,

Patrick-Simon - 5 ter rue d'Herville - 80800 Villers

Bretonneux

Teddy Bears Picnic & Bear Hunt @ Robinvale Library



What a fun morning at the Robinvale Library! We had a lovely Teddy Bear Picnic, then went on a library wide bear hunt followed by making our very own bears!

Barham Library News

Move & Groove

Move & Groove has recommenced, with children enjoying some lovely stories read by Joy, our wonderful volunteer, and creating some beautiful crafts.

Move & Groove is on every Thursday morning at 10.30am until 11.30am.



Saturday Storytime Easter fun!

Barham Library celebrated Easter early on Saturday 12 April, featuring the book *"The Great Aussie Easter Egg-and-Spoon Race"* by Sophie Sayle.

Children enjoyed making fun Easter Craft including decorating a paper egg, bunny mask and an Easter card. The children then participated in an egg-and-spoon race using their own decorated eggs!



Saturday Storytime in May

The next Saturday Storytime will be on 10 May and we will be celebrating Mums, Grandmas and special people with a Mother's Day themed morning. We will hear *I Want My Mum* by Tony Ross and this will be followed with some lovely craft activities.

Tech Savvy Seniors

We commenced a new round of six sessions of Tech Savvy Seniors on the 19 March which ran until the 23 April. We will be hosting further sessions later in the year. Participants have enjoyed learning all about being Tech Savvy and safe online.

Social Book Chat Group

The Social Book Chat group has been meeting every Tuesday morning at 10.00am and enjoy catching up on what everyone is reading and lots of discussion on 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 provided.



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BARHAM LIBRARY

Social Book Chat

Every Tuesday at 10am

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 (Not held during January)

Storytime and craft in a fun learning environment.

Cryptic Crosswords

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

School holiday fun @ the Library and out in the community!



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