

# WHAT'S ON

AUTUMN 2020



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OUR CULTURAL  
STORIES

VICTORIAN  
YOUTH WEEK



PETER DREW  
POSTER BOY

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## ON THE COVER

**Peter Drew:** Monga Khan AUSSIE.  
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Goldfields Library Corporation acknowledges the Kulin Nation peoples as Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land and waterways of our region. We recognise their living cultures and ongoing connection to Country and pay respect to their Elders past and present.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

# Autumn Book Binge 2020



Join the state-wide Autumn Book Binge for a fun way to read more and read more widely. There are nine possible challenges with linked reading lists and book vouchers to be won. Collect your book challenge brochure from any of our libraries and get reading.

Autumn Book Binge is a joint initiative from State Library Victoria and Public Libraries Victoria.

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**SAT 1 MAR-SUN 31 MAY**

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### SILENT READING PARTIES

Why read alone when you can read with others and notch up your reads for the competition?

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**THURSDAYS MARCH-MAY, 5-7PM**  
Bendigo Library

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## International Women's Day

8 March

### DAWN KANOST: WALKING SOLO ADELAIDE TO EAGLEHAWK

In 2019, 52-year-old Dawn Kanost walked from Adelaide to Eaglehawk carrying everything she needed. She took 59 days walking along roads, railways and through bushland, sleeping in hotels, caravan parks or free-camping. It was a route thousands of Chinese took in the 1800s. Dawn will share her brave and captivating journey, revealing we all have it in us to follow our dreams.

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**FRI 6 MAR, 2-3PM**  
Bendigo Library

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# Our Cultural Stories

Goldfields Libraries, along with the City of Greater Bendigo, is proud to provide a special series of events and activities celebrating our many cultural stories and embracing our community as a place where all belong.

## Author Talks

Enjoy these wonderful authors who explore themes of identity, culture and belonging.

Book sales and signings at all.

- ♦ **Peter Drew: *Poster Boy***  
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- ♦ **Nokomi Achkar: *Arab, Australian, Other***  
[Details on page 12](#)
- ♦ **Arnold Zable: *The Watermill***  
[Details on page 13](#)



## Workshops

Join inspiring speakers in these interactive and thought-provoking workshops.

- ♦ **Peter Drew paste-ups**  
[Details on page 16](#)
- ♦ **Writing a Life:**  
**A workshop by Arnold Zable**  
[Details on page 16](#)
- ♦ **All One Together**  
**Anti Racism Bystander Workshop**  
[Details on page 16](#)

## Exhibition: 1.6 Billion Ways to be Muslim

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These events are part of the Victorian Government's Multicultural Festivals and Events Program 2019-20. We gratefully acknowledge financial support from the Victorian Government Department of Premier and Cabinet and the City of Greater Bendigo.



## SPECIAL EVENTS



# Cultural Diversity Week and Harmony Day

21-29 March

Cultural Diversity Week and Harmony Day celebrate cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners to those who have come from many countries around the world.

### FLAG MAKING

Learn about all the beautiful flags of the world and make some to decorate the library for Harmony Day.

Drop in during library hours.

**MON 16-SAT 21 MAR**

Romsey Library

### BILINGUAL STORYTIME

We are one world with many stories! Join us for bilingual stories and songs followed by special activities featuring language and culture from Bendigo communities.

A family event.

**SAT 21 MAR, 11-11.45AM**

Bendigo Library

### LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Join City of Greater Bendigo's Intercultural Ambassadors for fun and games with an international flavour!

A family event.

**SAT 21 MAR, 12-3PM**

Bendigo Library and Library Gardens

### HARMONY DAY IN THE MACEDON RANGES

Woodend Library joins this fabulous afternoon bringing friends and families together to celebrate cultural diversity.

**SAT 21 MAR, 2-5.30PM**

Woodend Children's Park, 12 Nicholson Street

## National Reconciliation Week



### WOMIN-DJI-KA & SMOKING CEREMONY

To mark National Reconciliation Week, Bendigo Library is honoured to be welcomed back to Country by Elders of the Dja Dja Wurrung people. This ceremony will breathe life into our commitment to a better Bendigo, as we work with those of all cultural traditions to build a city based on our shared values of respect and dignity.

Elders will welcome us to Country and undertake a smoking ceremony followed by a screening of *Spear*, our contribution to the Central Victorian Indigenous Film Festival.

People of the First Nations and members of the wider community are invited to participate.

**WED 27 MAY, 5PM**  
Bendigo Library Gardens



### MOVIE: SPEAR

A striking and original cinematic experience featuring brilliant Bangarra dancers and combining traditional and contemporary music. *Spear* follows a young Aboriginal man named Djali (Hunter Page-Lochard) from the outback to the streets of Sydney on his quest to understand what it means to be a man with ancient traditions in a modern world. Outstanding, original and striking.

Rated M. 85 minutes.

**WED 27 MAY, 5-6.30PM**  
Bendigo Library

# SPECIAL EVENTS



## Bendigo PRIDE Festival

20 March-5 April

A community-initiated and run event that celebrates, explores and promotes diversity and inclusion within the greater Bendigo region and beyond, with particular focus on LGBTIQA+ communities and people.

For more information visit [www.bendigopridefestival.com.au](http://www.bendigopridefestival.com.au)

### LEGO DISPLAY

Celebrating heroes, diversity and inclusion through Lego icons of the pride community. Movies and music have helped many to feel accepted, encouraging strength and hope - how many can you recognise?

Bendigo Bricks is an inclusive group of locals who celebrate our love of Lego and creativity.

#### MARCH

[Bendigo Library](#)

### OUR PROUD HISTORY

This exhibition curated by Bendigo PRIDE highlights the contribution of Bendigo locals to our vibrant LGBTIQA+ culture.

Items on loan from the Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives.

#### MARCH

[Bendigo Library](#)



## PROUD TO BE ME

Difference is a superpower. Come and celebrate difference with us at Drag Queen Storytime. Wear everything you need to be you.

Ages 3-5 years.

**FRI 27 MAR, 10.30-11.15AM**  
Bendigo Library

## MOVIE: THE WIZARD OF OZ

A huge shout out to all friends of Dorothy. Our special Bendigo PRIDE screening of the iconic Wizard of Oz will get you my pretties! Dress it up or dress it down in your proudest pride gear.

Family fun for every colour of the rainbow.

**FRI 27 MAR, 5-6.30PM**  
Bendigo Library

## IDAHOBIT Day

International Day Against  
Homophobia, Biphobia,  
Interphobia & Transphobia

Goldfields Libraries welcomes the LGBTIQ+ community and allies.

**SUN 17 MAY**

## MOVIE: LOVE IN FULL COLOUR

An inspiring documentary about Australia's largest same-sex formal and the experiences of 12 LGBT teens growing up, falling in love and coming of age. Made over four years, *Love in Full Colour* is about overcoming rejection, discrimination and invisibility, and the transformative power of connecting to a community that fosters a sense of belonging. Introduced in person by the film's director Suzi Taylor with Q&A to follow with Suzi and (TBC) one of the film's stars, Nevo Zisin, author of *Finding Nevo*.

Light refreshments provided.

**THU 14 MAY, 5-7PM**  
Gisborne Library

**FRI 15 MAY, 4-6PM**  
Castlemaine Library

**SAT 16 MAY, 11AM-1PM**  
Bendigo Library

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# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Library and Information Week

25-31 May

Learn about the range of services that your local library offers, and the vital role they play in our community. This year's theme of *create* embraces the many ways libraries can help you create!

### NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Join our libraries for a simultaneous reading right across the country of the fabulous *Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas* by Lucinda Gifford.

See page 27 for details.

**WED 27 MAY, 11AM**

All libraries

### GAME ON: TRIVIA WITH A TWIST

At last year's Fun Night In Trivia event at Romsey Library, we raised over \$1200 for a good cause and had a lot of fun along the way. This year we're doing it all over again.. with a twist! Join us for a night of puzzles, games and trivia.

Funds raised will go to Libraries Celebrate Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea, a Library and Information Week campaign supported by the Australian Library and Information Association.

\$10 per head, tables of 8.

**FRI 29 MAY, 7PM**

Romsey Library

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Your library in one app.

We are championing diversity on BorrowBox throughout Autumn, with different featured collections popping up from March to May.

Make sure to check out some of our themed collections celebrating what makes us unique.

### March

- Women of Mystery/Female Mystery Authors (International Women's Day)
- Cultural Appreciation

### April

- LGBTIQA+ (Bendigo PRIDE Festival)
- Autumn Book Binge

### May

- LGBTIQA+ (IDAHOBIT)
- Indigenous celebration (Reconciliation Week)
- Autumn Book Binge

Head into your local library to see our collection displays or have a chat to your local librarian for some suggested reading options.



# EXHIBITIONS



## 1.6 BILLION WAYS TO BE MUSLIM

*1.6 Billion Ways to be Muslim* is a photographic exhibition showcasing the many and diverse faces and practices of being Muslim. The exhibition was inspired by the work of artist Peter Drew, author of *Poster Boy*, who will share stories of his work at the exhibition launch, along with exhibition creator Karima Far (The Muslim Collective) and Moustafa Al-Rawi (Bendigo Islamic Association). *1.6 Billion Ways to be Muslim* is a headline event which has inspired a full program of aligned workshops, activities and events around embracing diversity and sharing all of our cultural stories. Tours will be conducted throughout the course of the exhibition in Bendigo, by volunteer members of the local Muslim community, for local high school students and interested members of the public.

Keep an eye out in our Winter What's On Program for exhibition dates at our other libraries.

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**TUE 10 MAR-THU 9 APR**  
Bendigo Library

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**TUE 28 APR-THU 12 MAY**  
Castlemaine Library

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**MON 18 MAY-MON 1 JUN**  
Romsey Library

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## EXHIBITION LAUNCH

Join us as we launch our headline exhibition for Autumn. Please arrive to be seated by 6pm.

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**THU 12 MAR, 6-7.30PM**  
Bendigo Library

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## AUTHOR TALKS



### PETER DREW: POSTER BOY

Peter Drew's posters are a familiar sight across Australia - his 'Real Australians Say Welcome' and 'Aussie' campaigns attained cult status and started conversations all over the country. Packed full of his memorable images, *Poster Boy* is an intelligent, funny and brutally honest dive into the stew of individual, family and national identity. It's about politics and art, and why we need them both.

Book sales and signings.

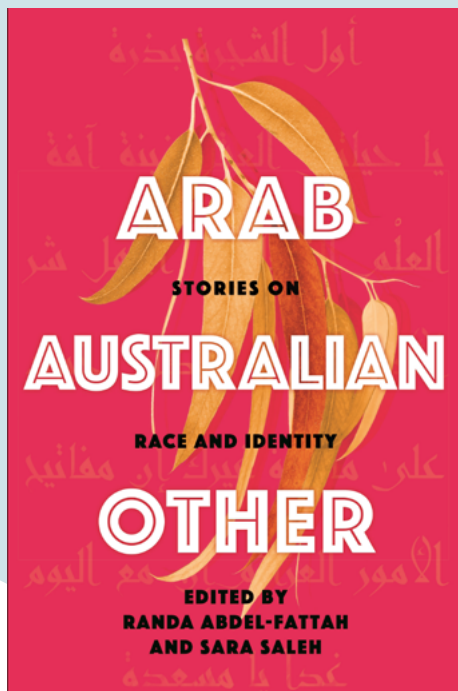
**THU 12 MAR, 2-3PM**

Castlemaine Library

**FRI 13 MAR, 5.30-6.30PM**

Bendigo Library

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### NOKOMI ACHKAR: ARAB, AUSTRALIAN, OTHER

Local writer Nokomi Achkar performs spoken word poetry and a reading based on her contribution to *Arab Australian Other*, a powerful and provoking collection exploring the diverse lived experience of the Arab diaspora in Australia. Stories explore family, ethnicity, history, grief, isolation, belonging and identity.

Book sales and signings.

**THU 19 MAR, 5.30-6.30PM**

Bendigo Library

**THU 30 APR, 5.30-6.30PM**

Castlemaine Library

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## ROBYN ANNEAR: NOTHING NEW

Local author Robyn Annear shares insights from her new book, a wonderfully entertaining short history about all things secondhand. *Nothing New* is a treasure store of anecdotes and little-known facts that will intrigue and delight the devoted bargain-hunter and dilettante browser alike!

You are encouraged to wear or share an Op Shop treasure.

Book sales and signings.

**TUE 21 APR, 2-3PM**  
Kyneton Library

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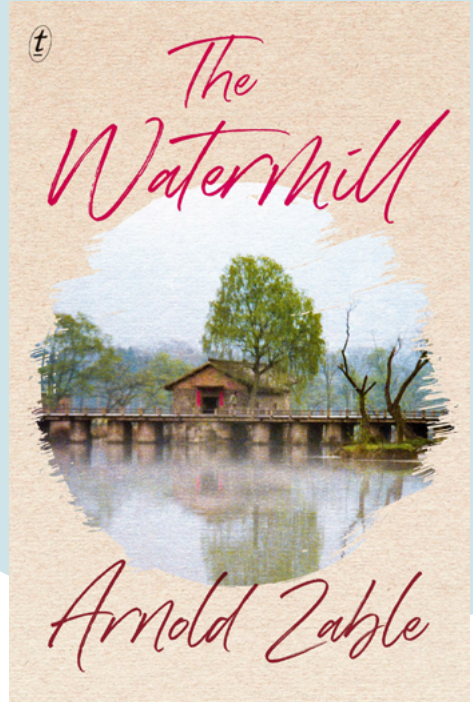
## LAURA WATERS: BEWILDERED

Melbourne-based Laura Waters is a freelance travel writer, speaker, author and nature nomad who has written widely about her experiential travels and adventures in the great outdoors. *Bewildered* shares her journey on the Te Araroa Trail, 3000 kilometres of raw, wild, mountainous trail winding from the top of New Zealand's North Island to the frosty tip of the South Island. It is an inspiring story about facing our fears and the insight we can discover when we leave behind the comforts of modern life and let ourselves be 'rewilded'.

Book sales and signings.

**WED 22 APR, 6.30-7.30PM**  
Woodend Library

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## ARNOLD ZABLE: THE WATERMILL

This quartet of true stories – of displacement, survival and resistance – spans the globe and reflects the universal spirit of humanity. Master storyteller Arnold Zable takes us to distant lands, and those closer to home, to weave tales within tales of people compelled to live extraordinary lives.

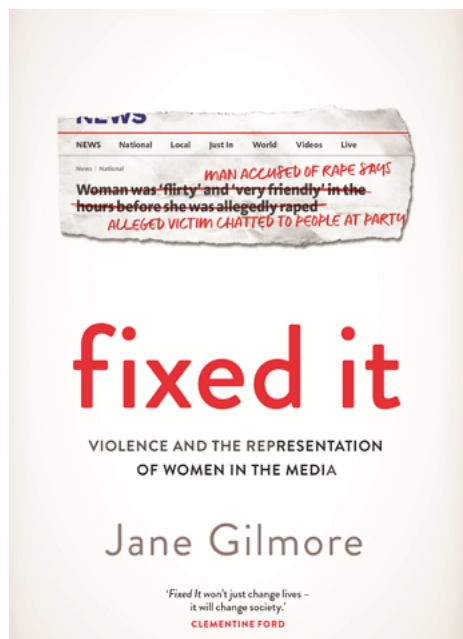
Book sales and signings.

**WED 22 APR, 5.30-6.30PM**  
Castlemaine Library

**THU 23 APR, 5.30-6.30PM**  
Bendigo Library

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# AUTHOR TALKS



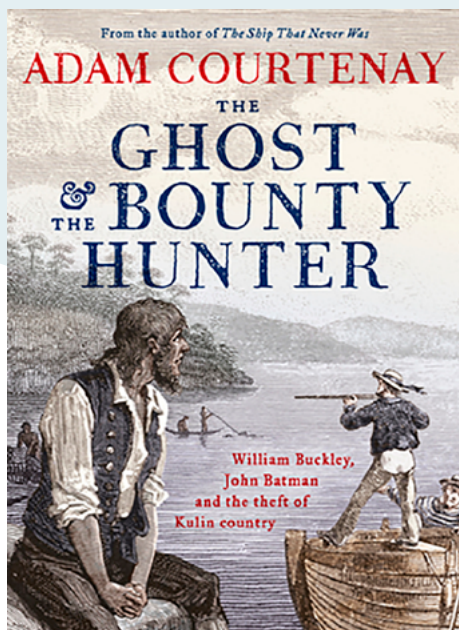
## JANE GILMORE: FIXED IT

Jane Gilmore was the founding editor of *The King's Tribune* and is now a freelance journalist and author. She has a particular interest in feminism, media and data journalism, the topic of her new book *Fixed It*.

Book sales and signings.

**THU 21 MAY, 5.30-6.30PM**  
Castlemaine Library

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## ADAM COURTENAY: THE GHOST AND THE BOUNTY HUNTER

In 1803, convict William Buckley fled an embryonic settlement in the land of the Kulin nation to take his chances in the wilderness. Local Aboriginal people found the six-foot-five former soldier, cold and starving, and took him in to live with them as a Wadawurrung man. Colonists discovered Buckley in 1835 just as former bounty hunter John Batman arrived in the area, seeking to acquire the rolling grasslands around the bay. What happened next saw the Wadawurrung betrayed and Buckley broken, with the theft of Kulin country ending in the birth of Melbourne.

Book sales and signings.

*Adam Courtenay is a highly accomplished Sydney-based journalist and author.*

**THU 28 MAY, 11AM-12PM**  
Bendigo Library

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# WELLBEING & CREATIVITY



## UKULELE WORKSHOP FOR SENIORS

A wonderful opportunity to learn the delights of the Ukulele. Join us for this series of nine free workshops with highly experienced jazz musician Kevin Harvey. Good for the soul and good for the heart!

Places strictly limited.

Ukuleles supplied for Week 1, after which BYO will be necessary (available for Seniors discounted rate of \$36 at J's Music City, 33-35 View Street, Bendigo)

**WED 4, 11, 18, 25 MAR**  
**1, 8, 15, 22 APR**  
**6 MAY, 2-3PM**  
Bendigo Library

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## ADULT SPELLING BEE

Finally! Our unfortunately-postponed Adult Spelling Bee is here for you to challenge yourself against other adults and the English language!

**THU 5 MAR, 5.30-6.30PM**  
Castlemaine Library

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## MACEDON RANGES SEED LIBRARY LAUNCH & WORKSHOP

Join David Sparks as he discusses all there is to know about collecting your own seed. From seed biology, what makes a seed ready for picking, to storing needs and sowing. This workshop introduces critical information needed to collect and store a variety of seeds, and also launches the seed-sharing network to be based at Woodend Library. Participants will be given some seeds to take home too.

**SAT 7 MAR, 10.30AM**  
Woodend Library

## MOVIE BOOK CLUB

Is the book better? Is the casting perfect? The Movie Book Club is all about movies based on books and what you think of them!

Tea and coffee provided.

**WED 11 MAR - A DOG'S PURPOSE**  
**WED 8 APR - THE AFTERMATH**  
**WED 13 MAY - THE GOLDFINCH**  
**11AM-12.45PM**  
Gisborne Library



## PETER DREW PASTE-UPS

Join Peter Drew as he pastes up some of his iconic images as a form of street art and challenges our perceptions.

Locations and times to be advised.

**THU 12 MAR**  
Castlemaine Library

**FRI 13 MAR**  
Bendigo Library



## ALL ONE TOGETHER ANTI RACISM BYSTANDER WORKSHOP

Over three-quarters of Australians believe racism is a problem (ABC Australia Talks National Survey 2019). In this interactive workshop, participants will increase their awareness of factors contributing towards racism, and be empowered with some practical ways to speak up and speak out.

Light refreshments provided.

**SAT 21 MAR, 10AM-1PM**  
Bendigo Library

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## WRITING A LIFE A WORKSHOP BY ARNOLD ZABLE

We all have stories to tell, but what is the best way to write them? How do we bring these personal journeys and recollections to life?

In this workshop acclaimed writer, lecturer and teacher Arnold Zable explores imaginative and engaging ways to write a life story, including writing exercises, feedback and mini-talks.

Suited to anyone who is interested in writing with no previous experience, as well as emerging and established writers wishing to hone their skills.

One-hour lunch break included.

**THU 23 APR, 10AM-4PM**  
Bendigo Library

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### SEVENTY PLUS FOUR JAZZ BAND

In celebration of International Jazz Day (Thursday 30 April), join us for a special showcase performance from highly experienced and inspiring Bendigo musicians all aged over 70! Alan (clarinet), Kev (banjo), Bryan (Tuba) and Graeme (Trombone) will delight with very familiar and evocative music, mainly from the 1920s to 1950s.

Please come along.

**TUE 28 APR, 11AM-12PM**

Bendigo Library

### BIRD WATCHING FOR BEGINNERS

Come and learn tricks and tips on bird watching from bird enthusiasts from the Victorian National Parks Association and Friends of Crusoe Reservoir & No.7 Park. You'll learn about bird features, spotting and hearing birds, and resources for identifying birds as we practice our skills on the local birds.

Suitable for adults and family groups.

**SAT 16 MAY, 10AM-12.30PM**

No.7 Park, Granter Street, Kangaroo Flat

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### KILL YOUR DARLINGS WRITING WORKSHOP WITH ROZ BELLAMY

Learn how to turn your opinions and life experiences into opinion pieces and personal essays that people want to read and share. We will cover creative non-fiction techniques, the ethics of writing about real people and events, and how to go about pitching to editors. The workshop will be engaging, inclusive and accessible for all levels; you will leave with a plan for turning your ideas into published articles and essays.

Refreshments provided.

\$20 charge to be paid on the day.

Presented by *Kill Your Darlings* magazine with funding from Creative Victoria.

**SAT 23 MAY, 10AM-2PM**

Bendigo Library

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# FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY

## FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH HELP BENDIGO FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

WED 10AM-4PM & SAT 10AM-3PM

Bendigo Library

## BENDIGO REGIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

MON 11AM-3PM

Bendigo Library

## GISBORNE GENEALOGICAL GROUP

TUE 10AM-1PM

THU 2-5PM

Gisborne Library

## AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The Australian Heritage Festival takes place during April and May. Bendigo Library will be hosting a number of workshops and talks celebrating our historic, Indigenous, cultural and natural heritage. Full details at [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au)

SAT 18 APR-TUE 19 MAY

## RESEARCHING FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY

Are you interested in family or local history? Discover how you can use the extensive resources available at the Bendigo Regional Archives and Goldfields Research Centres in your research.

THU 7 MAY, 5.30-6.30PM

Castlemaine Library

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## DISCOVERING HISTORY: A SERIES OF SEMINARS

### GIRLS AS SHEPHERDESSES

Researching women in non-traditional work in Britain and Australia. Presented by Dr Emma Robertson.

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THU 5 MAR, 5.30-6.30PM

Bendigo Library

### CHILDREN LOST AND FOUND

Strengthening Goldrush communities.

Presented by Tim Calabria and  
Natasha Joyce.

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THU 2 APR, 5.30-6.30PM

Bendigo Library

### HOUSING THE DIGGERS

Home and housing on the Goldfields, 1857-1915.  
Presented by Dr Charles Fahey.

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THU 7 MAY, 5.30-6.30PM

Bendigo Library

Bendigo Library, BRAC and La Trobe University partnership.



## EAGLEHAWK'S IMPORTANT BUILDINGS

Join Bev Hanson from the Eaglehawk Heritage Society to delve into the fascinating history of the Civic buildings of Eaglehawk.

SAT 9 MAY, 10.30-11.30AM


Eaglehawk Library

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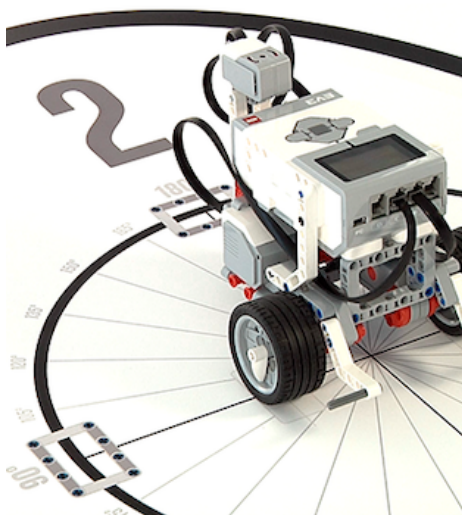
No costs to set up and try.

Attendance required at all 3 sessions. Email account required. BYO laptop or tablet.

**THU 12, 19 & 26 MAR, 5-6.30PM**  
Bendigo Library

**FRI 8, 15 & 22 MAY, 1-2.30PM**  
Gisborne Library

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## ROBOTICS FOR ADULTS

We are excited to offer adults the opportunity to operate, build and code robots using our Lego Mindstorm EV3 kits. Learn some new technology-based skills while interacting with like minded people - awesome!

Suitable for beginners and more advanced.  
Attendance required at both sessions.

**FRI 13 & 20 MAR, 2-3.30PM**  
Axedale Library Agency

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## IT HELP

One-on-one assistance is available with laptops, tablets and phones. Learn how to use your eReader to make the most of the library's fantastic range of eResources

Not available in January.

### BY APPOINTMENT

All libraries.

Contact information on back cover.





## Online Learning Workshops

Develop skills and confidence in accessing online information and resources in these introductory workshops run by your friendly library staff.

BYO device or use one supplied by the library.

### INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET

Learn about the internet and how to navigate it, how to find information online and how to use the different browsers available.

**TUE 3 MAR, 11AM-12PM**

Inglewood Library Agency

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### BIRDING APPS

Are you a keen birder? Come and learn about some great apps for bird watchers, and how you can contribute to the Great Aussie Bird Count using your smartphone or tablet.

**FRI 20 MAR, 2-3PM**

Castlemaine Library

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### eLIBRARY Q&A

Bring along your own device, whatever it may be, and we will answer all your questions about Goldfields Libraries fantastic electronic collections. Books, magazines and specialist databases included.

**FRI 17 APR, 10-11AM**

Kyneton Library

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### INTRODUCTION TO FINDMYPAST.COM.AU

Are you interested in family history?

Learn what's available on the Find My Past database and how to access it for free using your library card.

**FRI 17 APR, 2-3PM**

Castlemaine Library

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### HOW TO USE THE GOLDFIELDS LIBRARIES CATALOGUE AND ONLINE COLLECTIONS

There is so much to discover at your local library. We'll show you what is available and how to access it, even from the comfort of your home!

**TUE 21 APR, 11.30AM-12.30PM**

Gisborne Library

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**FRI 15 MAY, 2-3PM**

Castlemaine Library



### LEARN ANOTHER LANGUAGE

Have you always wanted to speak another language? We'll show you how using language databases subscribed to by the library, such as the fantastic Mango Languages..

**WED 22 APR, 2-3PM**  
Bendigo Library

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### ABSOLUTE BEGINNER COMPUTER COURSE FOR SENIORS

Join us for a series of three easy to follow workshops to gain an understanding and confidence in basic computer, mouse and internet use.

Laptops supplied.

Attendance at all sessions desirable.

Workshops are presented as part of the Be Connected Network program for older Australians.

**THU 23, 30 APR & 7 MAY, 10-11AM**  
Kangaroo Flat Library

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**SAT 16, 23 & 30 MAY, 10-11AM**  
Eaglehawk Library

### WHAT WILL I READ NEXT?

Wondering what to read next? Discover how to find your next read using online resources, lists, suggestions, reviews and genre searches.

**FRI 24 APR, 10-11AM**  
Kyneton Library

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### KNOW YOUR GIZMO

Bring along your phone, laptop or tablet and let us bust your tech problems! We'll help you navigate email, photos, using apps, messaging and adding contacts to open up your online world.

**TUE 28 APR, 2-3PM**  
Eaglehawk Library

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### USING YOUR SMARTPHONE

Drop in for advice and help to get the most from your smartphone, including managing email, taking photos, accessing information and more!

**WED 6 MAY, 10AM-12PM**  
Woodend Library

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# YOUNG ADULTS

## Victorian Youth Week

3-12 April



### LIVE IT UP IN MACEDON RANGES LIBRARIES!

Over the past year, Macedon Ranges Shire Council youth team has been working on a consultation in partnership with Goldfields Libraries to enrich the experience of young people in libraries. This will culminate in special youth-led events and activities during Victorian Youth Week, likely to include a movie night, board games afternoon and podcast 101 session.

For updates follow Macedon Ranges Youth on Facebook, or contact [sday@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:sday@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

**FRI 3-SUN 12 APR**

Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey  
and Woodend Libraries



### LIBRARY LOCK IN

Teens take charge! The library is yours for the night Mwahahahaa! We'll be up to our usual shenanigans with a Nintendo Switch gaming tournament, photo booth, ice-cream sundaes, games and more!

Ages 13-16 years.

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**FRI 17 APR, 6.30-9PM**

Castlemaine Library

Bookings: phone 5472 1458

### CLIMATE WISE

Stay tuned for two informative, interactive and empowering events addressing climate change. There will be a panel of experts and young people, with the opportunity for Q&A, workshops, displays and refreshments.

Events will be located at Bendigo and Castlemaine Libraries with details to be announced soon.



## IDAHOBIT Day

### MOVIE: LOVE IN FULL COLOUR

An inspiring documentary about Australia's largest Same Sex Formal and the experiences of 12 LGBT teens growing up, falling in love and coming of age.

See page 9 for more details.

**THU 14 MAY, 5-7PM**  
Gisborne Library

**FRI 15 MAY, 4-6PM**  
Castlemaine Library

**SAT 16 MAY, 11AM-1PM**  
Bendigo Library

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 **Library**

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# FAMILIES & CHILDREN

## Early years

Nurture your child's listening and learning skills in these fun-filled sessions of stories, songs and rhymes.

## Storytimes

Goldfields Libraries welcome young families to a new Storytime year. Enjoying stories with your child has many benefits and sets them up for a great reading future. Storytime runs each week of school term, is free of charge and does not require bookings.

Full details at [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/storytimes](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/storytimes)

### BABY RHYME TIME: 0-1 YEARS

LIBRARY	DATE	TIME
BENDIGO	MON	10.30-11.00am
CASTLEMAINE	TUE	10.30-11.00am
GISBORNE	FRI	10.30-11.00am
KANGAROO FLAT	TUE	10.30-11.00am
KYNETON	TUE	10.30-11.00am
ROMSEY	MON	10.00-10.30am
WOODEND	TUE	11.30am-12pm

### TODDLER TIME: 1-3 YEARS

LIBRARY	DATE	TIME
BENDIGO	TUE THU	10.30-11.00am 10.30-11.00am
CASTLEMAINE	MON	10.30-11.00am
EAGLEHAWK	FRI	10.30-11.00am
GISBORNE	MON THU	10.30-11.00am 10.30-11.00am
KANGAROO FLAT	WED	10.30-11.00am
KYNETON	WED	10.30-11.00am
ROMSEY	THU	10.30-11.00am
WOODEND	FRI	10.00-10.30am

### STORYTIME: 3-5 YEARS

LIBRARY	DATE	TIME
BENDIGO	WED FRI	10.30-11.15am 10.30-11.15am
CASTLEMAINE	FRI	10.30-11.15am
EAGLEHAWK	TUE	10.30-11.15am
GISBORNE	WED	10.30-11.15am
HEATHCOTE	FRI	9.30-10.15am
KANGAROO FLAT	FRI	10.30-11.15am
KYNETON	MON	10.30-11.15am
ROMSEY	MON	10.30-11.15am
WOODEND	TUE	10.00-10.45am





# Library Agencies Storytimes

BOORT 10.30-11.00am	ELMORE 11.30am-12pm	INGLEWOOD 10.30-11.00am	PYRAMID HILL 11.30am-12pm	WEDDERBURN 10.30-11.00am
THU 5 MAR	MON 2 MAR	TUE 3 MAR	TUE 3 MAR	WED 11 MAR
THU 19 MAR	MON 16 MAR	TUE 17 MAR	TUE 17 MAR	WED 25 MAR
THU 16 APR	MON 27 APR	TUE 14 APR	TUE 14 APR	WED 22 APR
THU 30 APR	MON 11 MAY	TUE 28 APR	TUE 28 APR	WED 6 MAY
THU 14 MAY	MON 25 MAY	TUE 12 MAY	TUE 12 MAY	WED 20 MAY
		TUE 26 MAY	TUE 26 MAY	

# Outreach Storytimes

BRIDGEWATER PLAYGROUP 10.30-11am	PYRAMID HILL PLAYGROUP 10.30-11am	SERPENTINE PLAYGROUP 11-11.30am	WEDDERBURN PLAYGROUP 9.45-10.15am
MON 23 MAR	FRI 6 MAR	WED 4 MAR	TUE 24 MAR
MON 20 APR	FRI 27 MAR	WED 15 APR	TUE 5 MAY
MON 18 MAY	FRI 24 APR	WED 13 MAY	
	FRI 22 MAY		



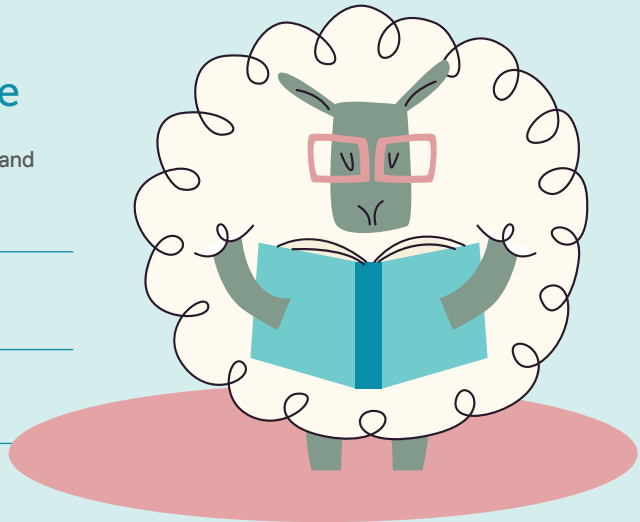
# Saturday Storytime

Weekday workers, discover the joys of Storytime! Bring along your little ones and join us for stories, songs and rhymes.

Ages 2-5 years.

**SAT 7 MAR, 4 APR & 2 MAY**  
**10.30-11.15AM**  
Gisborne Library

**SAT 21 MAR, 18 APR & 16 MAY**  
**10.30-11.15AM**  
Kangaroo Flat Library



# FAMILIES & CHILDREN

## Early years

## Storytime Specials

### GRUFFALO WEEK

Toddler Time and Storytime will have a Gruffalo flavour this week and the opportunity to win family passes to *The Gruffalo's Child* performance at Ulumbarra Theatre. Enjoy stories by Gruffalo author Julia Donaldson, activities and mini-movies.

For young families.

**TUE 10-FRI 13 MAR**

**10.30-11.15AM**

Bendigo Library

### BILINGUAL STORYTIME

We are one world with many stories! Join us for bilingual stories and songs followed by special activities featuring language and culture from Bendigo communities.

A family event.

**SAT 21 MAR, 11-11.45AM**

Bendigo Library

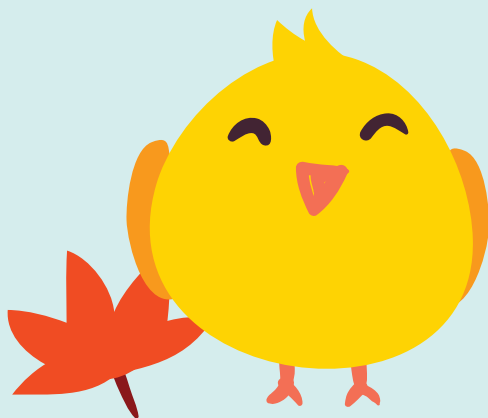
### PROUD TO BE ME

Difference is a superpower. Come and celebrate difference with us at Drag Queen Storytime. Wear everything you need to be you.

Ages 3-5 years.

**FRI 27 MAR, 10.30-11.15AM**

Bendigo Library



### EGG-TASTIC TODDLER TIME

Wear your best egg laying animal outfit for a session of egg-tastic fun to coincide with Eggs Alive, our library chicken hatching program.

Ages 1-3 years.

**FRI 27 MAR, 10.30-11AM**

Eaglehawk Library

### CODING STORYTIME

A very special Storytime collaboration between Goldfields Libraries and Bendigo Discovery Science & Technology Centre, introducing coding concepts to little people in ways both unplugged and fully charged, through story, movement, and using code to tell real robots what to do!

Ages 4-6 years.

**WED 1 APR, 10.30 - 11.30AM**

Castlemaine Library

**WED 8 APR, 10.30-11.30AM**

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## National Simultaneous Storytime

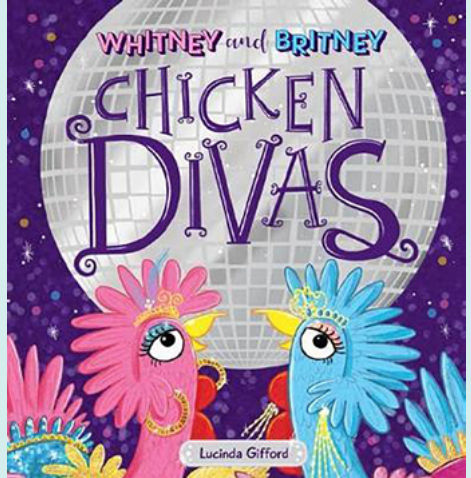
### WHITNEY AND BRITNEY CHICKEN DIVAS

Join our libraries for a simultaneous reading right across the country of Lucinda Gifford's fabulous *Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas*, which tells the story of two flamboyant chooks who sleep all day and party all night at the local jazz club!

National Simultaneous Storytime is a colourful, vibrant and fun event promoting the value of reading and literacy showcasing an Australian book.

Ages 3-6 years.

**WED 27 MAY, 11AM**  
All libraries



### LITTLE BANG DISCOVERY CLUB

A fantastic introduction to science for little kids, encouraging scientific exploration, discovery and learning. Includes hands-on activities, Q&A time, and a discovery box and book loaned to each child for more experimenting at home.

Attendance required at all sessions and children must be accompanied by an adult.

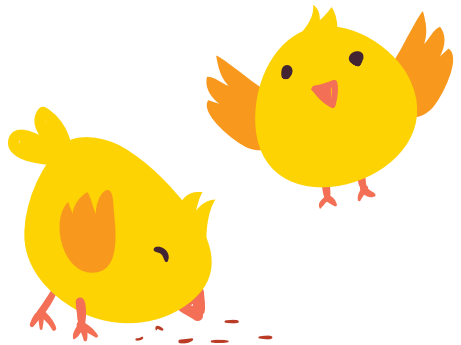
Best suited to ages 4-6 years.

More information at  
[www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/lbdc](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/lbdc)

**SAT 7, 14, 21 & 28 MAR**  
**10.30AM-12PM**  
Gisborne Library

**TUE 5, 12, 19 & 26 MAY, 1-2PM**  
Woodend Library

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### EGGS ALIVE

Can you believe it we will have chickens in the library! Enjoy watching chickens hatching, eating, playing and sleeping in our special see-through incubator. Don't get too clucky!

**TUE 10 MAR-TUE 7 APR**  
Eaglehawk Library

# FAMILIES & CHILDREN

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## KANO FOR KIDS

Coding for a computer is one thing, how about building it first?

Come along and build a special Kano computer, then use it to learn basic coding skills to modify and hack games and create digital art – all at your own pace and interest level.

Ages 7-12 years.

Attendance is required for all sessions.

**MON 20, 27 APR & 4, 11 MAY, 4-5PM**

Castlemaine Library

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## Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Festival

20-24 March

Eaglehawk Library invites you to journey with them 'over the bridge' for lots of Billy Goat fun!

For young families.

All events at Eaglehawk Library.

### THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF CRAFT

Drop in and get creative Three Billy Goats Gruff style.

**FRI 20, SAT 21 & TUE 24 MAR**

**9.30AM-12.30PM**



### THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF STORYTIME

Stories, songs and rhymes for little kids inspired by the tale of the Three Billy Goats Gruff.

**3-5 YEARS: FRI 20 MAR, 10.30-11AM**

**1-3 YEARS: TUE 24 MAR, 10.30-11.15AM**

### MEET REAL GOATS FROM ANIMALS 2U

Spend some time with the friendly goats before crossing the bridge to the Library – but beware the lurking troll!

**SAT 21 MAR, 10AM-12PM**

# Cultural Diversity Week and Harmony Day

21 March

Cultural Diversity Week and Harmony Day celebrate cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners to those who have come from many countries around the world.

Activities include:

- **Flag Making**
- **Bilingual Storytime**
- **Let the Games Begin**
- **Harmony Day in the Macedon Ranges**

See page 6 for more details.



## BACKYARD BUG CATCHERS

Families are invited to join a bug-bltz of Jacksons Creek with Dr John Caldwell. Live insect demonstrations will be followed by a survey for bugs along Jacksons Creek, and participants will also make their own bug brooches.

Ages 5-12 years.

Bookings: 5421 9660 or [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events)

**TUE 31 MAR, 2-4PM**  
Gisborne Library

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## DEE WHITE: BEYOND BELIEF BOOK LAUNCH & WRITING WORKSHOP

Local author Dee White shares the background on her new book for children, the true story of Muslims at a Paris mosque who saved Jewish children during WWII. Dee will talk about her month in Paris doing research for *Beyond Belief*, and the importance of its place in story.

Dee's talk and launch will be preceded by a free writing workshop for children about creating the world of your story.

Book sales and signings.

Ages 9+ years.

Supported by New Leaves Bookshop, Woodend.

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**SAT 4 APR**  
**WORKSHOP: 10.30-11.15AM**  
**BOOK LAUNCH: 11.30AM**  
Woodend Library

## TREEHOUSE BUILDING

The 91-Storey Treehouse performance is coming to Bendigo! Join the treehouse trend and get your ideas flowing with wild and wonderful treehouse building sessions.

Ages 5-12 years.

Drop in during library hours.

The 91-Storey Treehouse Performance will be at Ulumbarra Theatre, Bendigo, Tuesday 19 May.

More information at [www.bendigoregion.com.au/arts-culture-theatres](http://www.bendigoregion.com.au/arts-culture-theatres)

**MON 6-THU 9 APR**  
Bendigo Library



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## GOLDFIELDS LIBRARIES STORYTELLING AND CRAFT

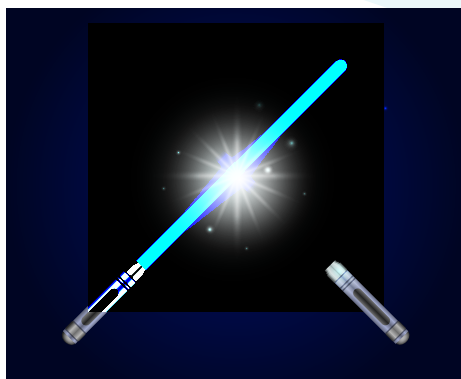
Goldfields Libraries are heading to the park as part of the Bendigo Easter Festival! Join your favourite library storytellers for outdoor storytimes, decorate your own library bag and contribute to our giant mural. There will be a chill out reading zone and a memory book for all to share special memories of the Bendigo Easter Festival.

**FRI 10-MON 13 APR, 10AM-5PM**

Rosalind Park

## MULTICULTURAL CHILDREN'S ART PROJECT

There will be a wonderful opportunity coming up for families across the Goldfields Libraries region to participate in a collaborative children's art project with an Islamic focus. Details to be announced soon on [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au)



## Star Wars Day

4 May

Join the fandom and celebrate Star Wars Day!

### PADAWAN ACADEMY

Every young Padawan needs a lightsaber and droid! Join us at the Padawan Academy to build your own, and learn some basic Padawan moves! Come dressed in your best Star Wars costume. *Lego Star Wars: The Padawan Menace* will also be showing at Gisborne Library.

Ages 5-12 years.

**MON 4 MAY, 4-5PM**

Gisborne Library

**WED 6 MAY, 4-5PM**

Romsey Library


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### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Watch out for our holiday program of great activities for school-aged children!

Grab a program from **FRI 13 MAR** at any of our libraries or online at [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram)

**MON 30 MAR-THU 9 APR**



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## **LIBRARIES**

### **BENDIGO**

251-259 Hargreaves Street  
p: 5449 2700

### **CASTLEMAINE**

212 Barker Street  
p: 5472 1458

### **EAGLEHAWK**

Eaglehawk Mechanics Institute  
1 Sailors Gully Road  
p: 5446 7577

### **GISBORNE**

8 Hamilton Street  
p: 5428 3962

### **HEATHCOTE**

125 High Street  
p: 5433 3734

### **KANGAROO FLAT**

267 High Street  
p: 5447 8344

### **KYNETON**

3 Baynton Street  
p: 5422 1365

### **ROMSEY**

98 Main Street  
p: 5429 3086

### **WOODEND**

Cnr High & Forest Streets  
p: 5427 2074

## **AGENCIES**

### **AXEDALE**

Axedale Public Hall  
94 McIvor Road

### **BOORT**

Boort Resource and  
Information Centre  
119-121 Godfrey Street

### **DINGEE**

Dingee Railway Station  
Bendigo-Pyramid Road

### **ELMORE**

Elmore Athenaeum Hall  
62 Michie Street

### **INGLEWOOD**

Inglewood Community  
Neighbourhood House  
Inglewood Town Hall Hub  
20 Verdon Street

### **PYRAMID HILL**

Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House  
Unit 5-8/43 Kelly Street

### **TARNAGULLA**

Tarnagulla Community Centre  
8 Sandy Creek Lane

### **WEDDERBURN**

Wedderburn Community Centre  
24 Wilson Street

### **Library Agencies**

P. 5449 2790

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