

SUMMER

25/26



Message from Chiah

Welcome to the summer 2025/26 edition of Shelf Talk! It is packed full of recommendations for your next read, upcoming library events, and fun activities for all ages. 2025 has been an incredible year for Gawler Libraries, and I'd like to thank the library team for all their hard work and dedication, as well as our customers for visiting the library, borrowing books, attending events, and providing feedback that helps shape our libraries! 2026 is already looking to be a bumper year, and we'll be starting strong with the introduction of a Toy Library at the Evanston Gardens Library - more info in this edition!

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

Evanston Gardens Library

Closed from 12:00pm, Friday 19 December 2025 (normal closing time)

Re-opens 9:00am, Monday 5 January 2026 (normal hours resume)

Gawler Civic Centre Library

Open 9:00am - 1:00pm, Wednesday 24 December 2025 (early closure)

Closed Thursday 25 December 2025 - Christmas Day (public holiday)

Closed Friday 26 December 2025 - Proclamation Day (public holiday)

Closed Saturday 27 December 2025

Open 9:00am - 5:00pm, Monday 29 December 2025

Open 9:00am - 5:00pm, Tuesday 30 December 2025

Open 9:00am - 5:00pm, Wednesday 31 December 2025

Closed Thursday 1 January 2026 - New Year's Day (public holiday)

Open 9:00am - 5:00pm, Friday 2 January 2026 (normal hours resume)

Gawler Civic Centre
89-91 Murray Street,
Gawler
8522 9213

Evanston Gardens
65 Angle Vale Road,
Evanston Gardens
8522 0123

DECEMBER



Book Club

10:00am Saturday 20
December
Gawler Civic Centre

Justice of the Peace Service

10:30 - 12:30pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
Gawler Civic Centre



Lee Speed - Book Launch

10:30am Saturday 13 December
Gawler Civic Centre



REGULAR PROGRAMMING

9:30am Tuesdays
During school term
Gawler Civic Centre



10:00am Wednesdays
During school term
Evanston Gardens

2:00pm Wednesdays
Every week
Evanston Gardens



10:00am Thursdays
Every week
Evanston Gardens

10:30am Thursday
During term four
Evanston Gardens



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Christmas Gnomes Decorations

2:30pm Thursday 18 December
Gawler Civic Centre

FUN 4 KIDS!

Pirru Explorers - Christmas

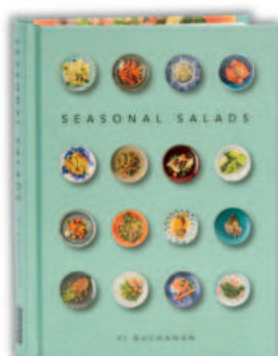
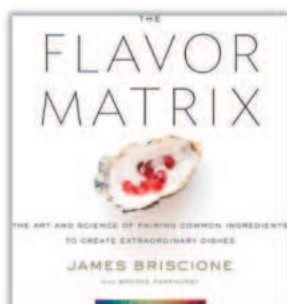
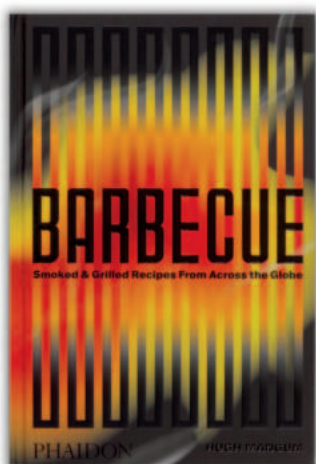
10:30am Friday 5 December
Evanston Gardens



OFF THE SHELF

Summer

FOOD INSPIRATION



'Tis the season for celebrating and sharing food with the people around us. Work parties, family gatherings, and catching up with friends. The end of the year provides plenty of opportunities to share meals, but what do you bring when you're asked to 'bring a plate'? If you've run out of ideas, the library has plenty of inspiration in our collection. From what to put on the BBQ or salads to go with one, to quick meals you can throw together with a few ingredients that will give you a wow factor when you're low on time.

Maybe you're heading out on a trip this summer? There are many great recipes that you can make on the go or while you're camping with family or friends.

Are you hosting the Christmas lunch or dinner this year? Want some ideas for something new to try? Maybe learn how to bake something sweet to share? Cakes, biscuits, pavlova, trifle and many more great options.

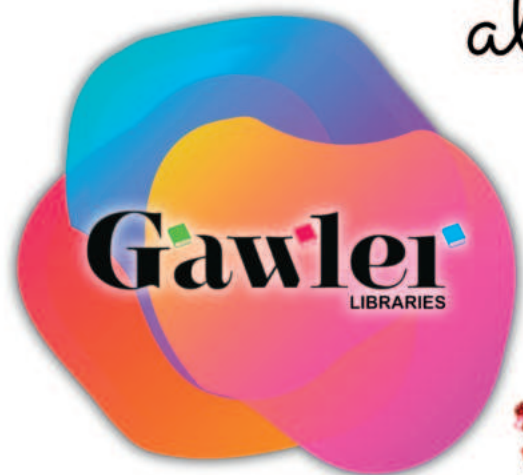
Next time you pop into the library have a browse through our recipe book collection to see what takes your fancy!

You can search our catalogue for more recipe books here: <https://tinyurl.com/2s3dpjpv>



MERRY Christmas

From all the
staff & volunteers
at



For information
about our
Christmas
opening hours,
scan the code
below



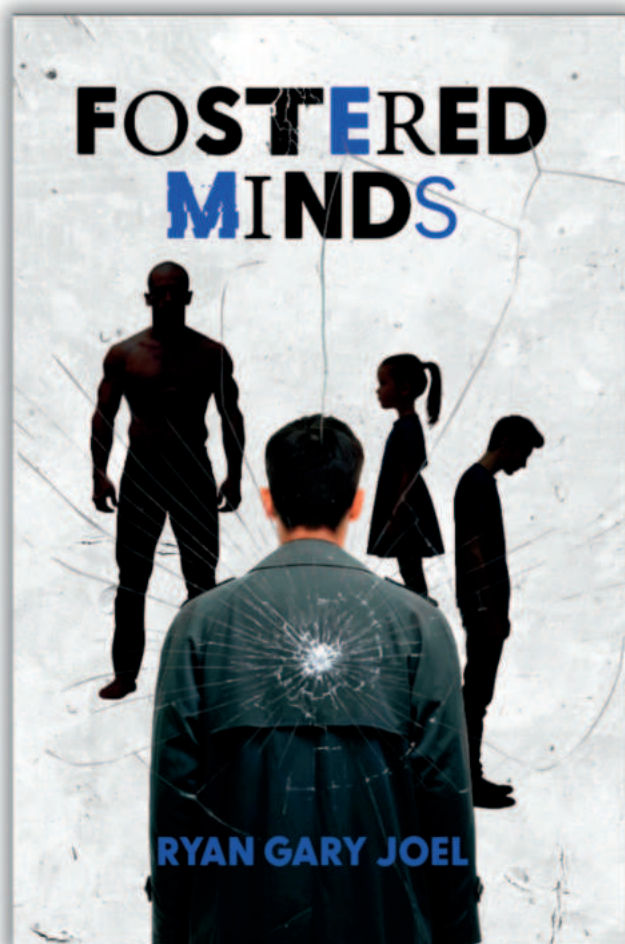
BEHIND THE LIBRARY SHELVES

Ryan Gary Joel



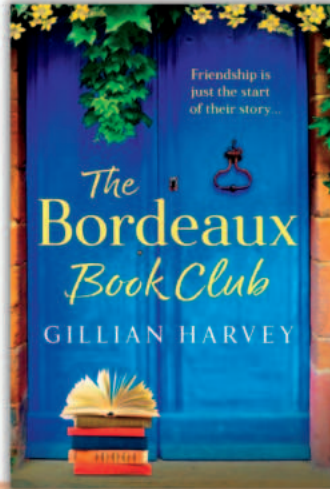
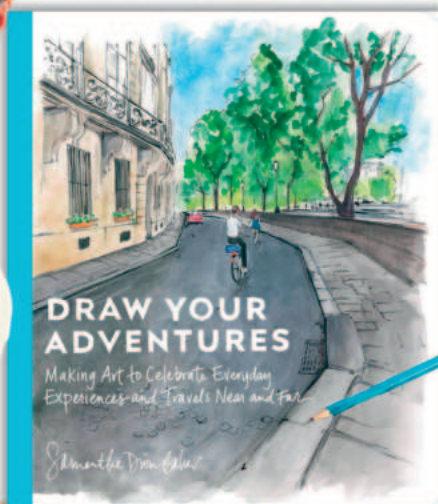
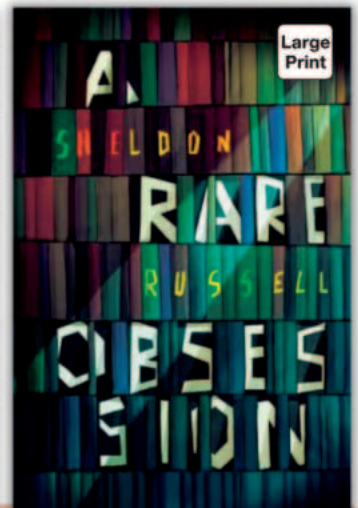
Publishing *Fostered Minds* was a long journey—and honestly, a lucky one in parts—but every step helped me write a stronger book. I began by taking my oversized 100,000-word thriller to Writers SA for a manuscript assessment. The feedback was invaluable, so much so that I did it again. Then I continued the process of getting feedback from editors and friends over time, each offering insights that shaped the story in different ways. With an earlier draft of *Fostered Minds*, I was selected for the inaugural Writer's SA Lit Lab in 2024, a 3-day workshop delivered by industry leaders, which helped strengthen my pitch and prepare the manuscript for submission.

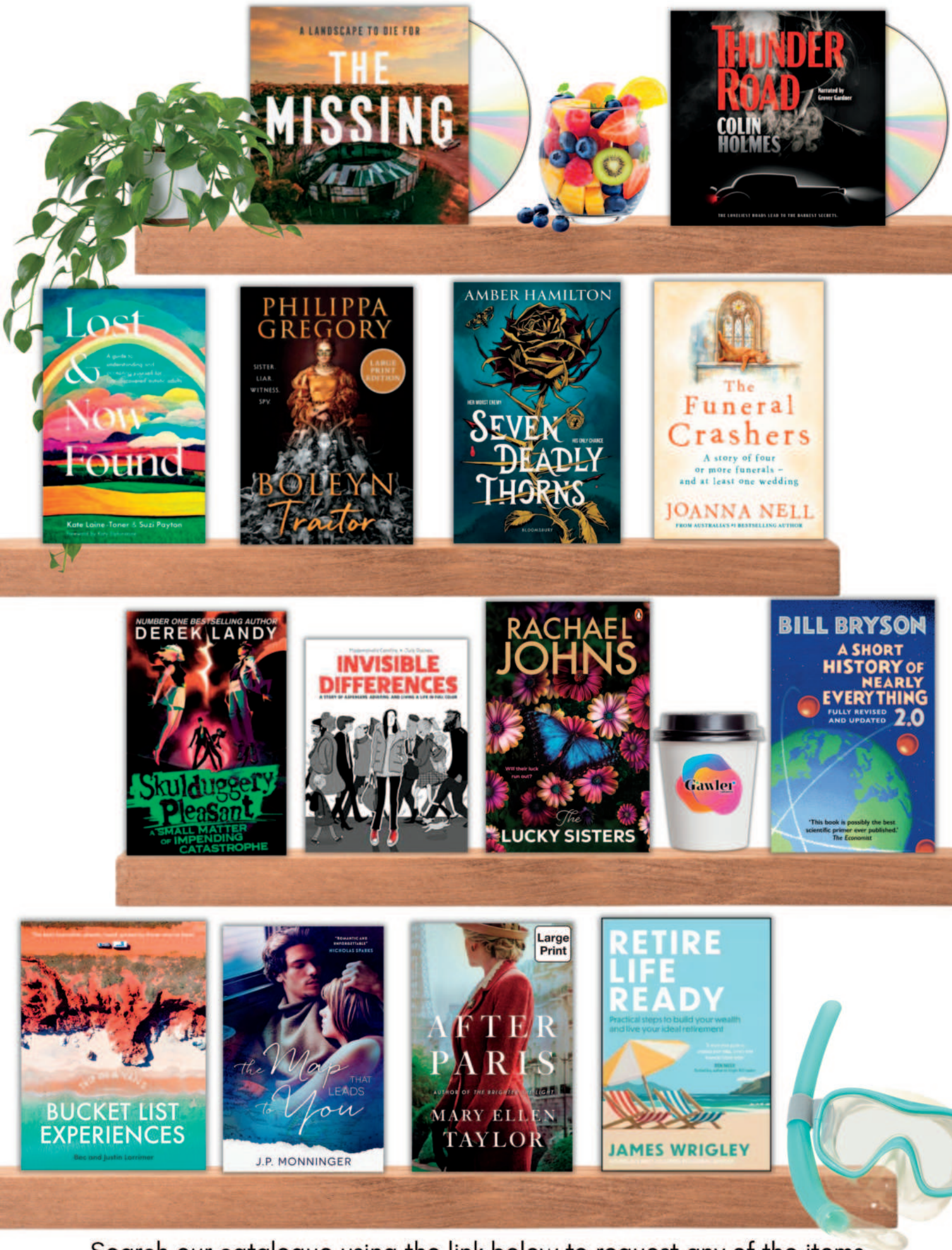
I also attended the **Gawler Library's Publishing Pitfalls and Pathways** event, which reinforced the importance of networking. After another round of revisions, I enrolled in the CYA Writers and Illustrators Conference, where you can pitch your work directly to publishers or literary agents in ten-minute sessions. From those meetings, a couple of professionals expressed interest. I ultimately sent the full manuscript to Fiona Johnson, a literary agent at Beyond Words Literary. She read it within two days and returned with more suggestions, which I spent considerable time working through (as it was the closest I had ever gotten.) When I sent the revised version back, she offered to represent me. That partnership led to a publishing contract with Contempo Publishing, a small publishing house based in Sydney. Writing isn't my day job. But with some perseverance to develop myself and by taking any opportunity to network, I stumbled through the back door to publication.



LATEST TITLES

Looking for something new to read, watch or listen to?
We have new items appearing on our shelves every month in both of our locations: **Gawler Civic Centre and Evanston Gardens.**





Search our catalogue using the link below to request any of the items you see featured here. www.onecard.network/gawler

10:00 am
Wednesdays
During school
terms
**EVANSTON
GARDENS**



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**Giggles
& Wisdom**
Intergenerational Playgroup

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Garn Along

Gawler
LIBRARIES



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10:00 am
Weekly on Thursdays
EVANSTON GARDENS

Like to knit? Crochet?
Embroider? Cross stitch?

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Book Clubs

Monthly Meetings
GAWLER CIVIC CENTRE
Contact 08 8522 9213
for details



REBEKAH'S MAGAZINE HIGHLIGHT



It is almost the holidays, you know what that means? 'Tis the season for special editions of magazines! Have you been counting down the days? I know I have! This means more of what you love - themed around the holidays. It truly is the most wonderful time of year!

Every year, Country Style magazine puts out a bumper Christmas issue - filled with feel good stories, gift ideas and of course beautifully decorated country homes. Why not check out this issue when you visit our libraries? You are sure to be inspired this holiday season!

Another mainstay in the Christmas issue club is The Australian Women's Weekly. The 2025 Christmas issue is coming to town (or the Gawler Libraries). By the time you are reading this we should have this issue available to borrow. You can expect festive recipes, celebrity interviews and more. I can't wait to discover what is inside!

Still craving more Christmas joy? Just look out for December issues of your favourite magazines like Gardening Australia and Better Homes and Gardens. You will be filled with cheer when you discover what is found within!

Check out these fantastic issues and don't forget to catch up on Christmas issues from Christmas past! If you can't wait, check out Libby! Both Country Style and The Australian Women's Weekly are also available there for your enjoyment. Your devices will be merry and bright. Just call it an early Christmas gift!



PUZZLES

WITH SUE

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES



There are twelve things that are different in the pictures below. Can you spot them all?



Christmas Jokes



How do you know when Santa's around?

You can sense his presents.



Why does Santa use GPS?

He doesn't want to be a lost Claus.



Why did Santa join Instagram?

He wanted to have an online presents.



JANUARY



Ryan Gary Joel - Book Launch

6pm Thursday 15 January
Gawler Civic Centre

Justice of the Peace Service

10:30 - 12:30pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
Gawler Civic Centre



Meaghan Price - Book Launch

6pm Thursday 22 January
Gawler Civic Centre



Book Club

10:00am Saturday
17 January
Gawler Civic Centre

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Family Crafternoon

2:00pm Wednesday
7 January
Evanston Gardens

REGULAR PROGRAMMING



2:00pm Wednesdays
Every Week
Evanston Gardens

FUN 4 KIDS!



GooRoo Animation

- Claymation Workshop
1-3pm Monday 19 January
Gawler Civic Centre



Rebecca Prince - Art Workshop 4 kids

10am Friday 16 January
Evanston Gardens

10:00am Thursdays
Every week
Evanston Gardens



Back to School Bag Tags
- Take & Make
Sat 24 January
Gawler Civic Centre



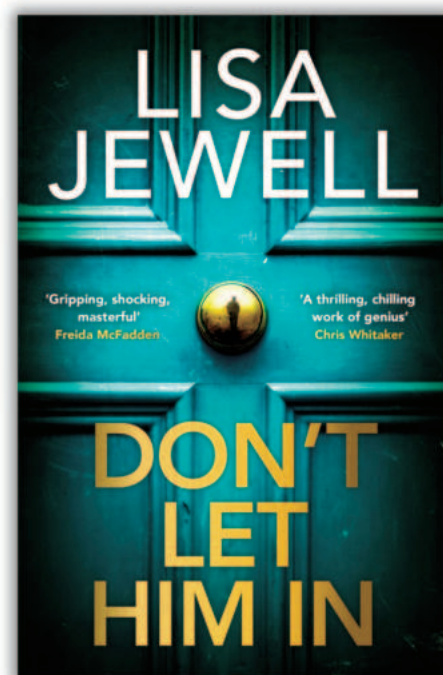
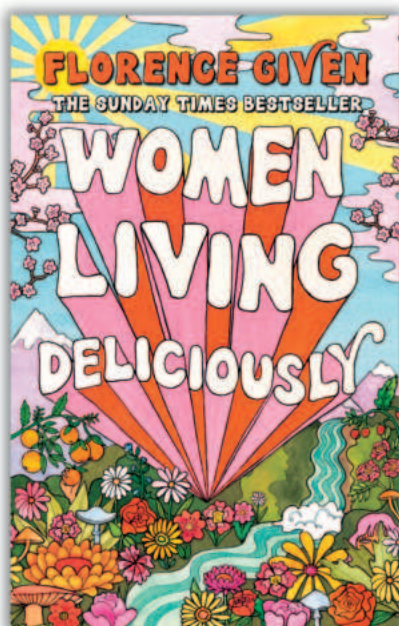
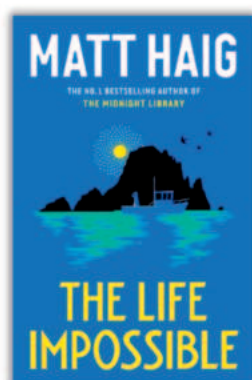
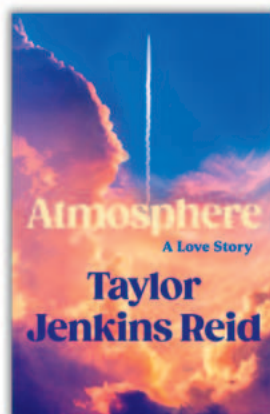
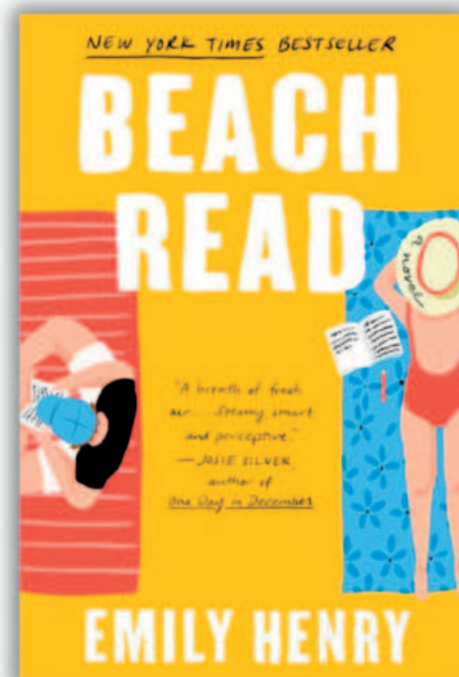


HOLIDAY READS WITH ERIN

The holidays, whether you're heading off on an adventure or enjoying a well-earned break at home, are the ideal time to slow down and immerse yourself in a good book. Picture yourself in the garden, stretched out in the park, basking in the cool relief of the air-con, cruising above the clouds on a plane, or simply lounging by the beach. Wherever you are, there is nothing more satisfying than settling into a cosy spot and losing yourself in the next book on your TBR (to be read) list.



Holiday reads can take many forms, from sun-soaked summer romances to edge of your seat thrillers, each offering its own kind of escape. Displayed here are some of the novels I have enjoyed during past getaways, each one memorable for its own unique reasons.



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LIBRARY COLLECTION

ADAPTATIONS

WITH REBEKAH

Let me express my **gratituton** in advance for bearing with my use of **Ozian** terms – inspired by **Wicked**!

Does anyone else love a good adaptation? Some of the most beloved books have been adapted to screen. There are some that we all know about – Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, The Hunger Games and many more. But did you know that there are many page to screen adaptations coming soon? **Rejoicify!**

The popular films, last year's **Wicked** and this year's **Wicked: For Good** are not just a wonderful interpretation of the Wizard of Oz. Get ready for this: it is an adaptation of a musical, based on a book, based on a movie, based on a book. Did you get all of that? It is a little **confusifying!**

Just a warning for younger readers; unlike the movies – **Wicked** by Gregory Maguire is very different and not for kids, how **scandalacious!** I can't wait to **discoverate** Glinda and Elphaba's backstories in **Elphie: A Wicked Childhood** and the upcoming **Galinda: A Charmed Childhood!** Here are just a few adaptations that are out now or available in just a **clock-tick** (this Summer):

The Running Man (2025)

Frankenstein (2025)

Hamnet (2025)

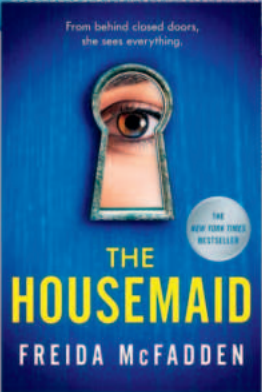
The Housemaid (2025)

People We Meet on Vacation (2026)

Wuthering Heights (2026)

Don't be **moodified**, adaptations will never quite match the book – just remember to appreciate them on their own. A **horrendible** adaptation does not take away a great book, and a fantastic adaptation does not make the book have less of an impact. It is just a different way to appreciate the story! Thank Goodness! Why not check out these titles at our libraries? It can be fun to read the book and **decipherate** the differences. How **thrillifying!**

If you will excuse me, I am off to see the wizard. Ok, ok let me rephrase. I am off to go see **Wicked: For Good** at the cinema again!





CHILDREN
AGES 7 & UP

CLAYMATION Workshop

Join us during the
January holidays
for an action
packed workshop
and make your own
Claymation movie
with Goo Roo
Animation.



1-3pm Monday 19 January
Gawler Civic Centre

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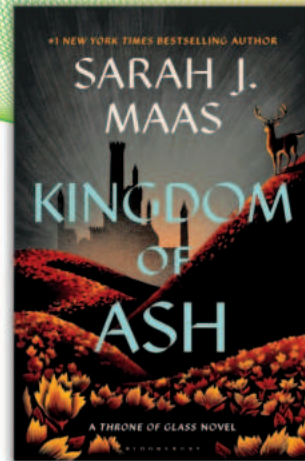
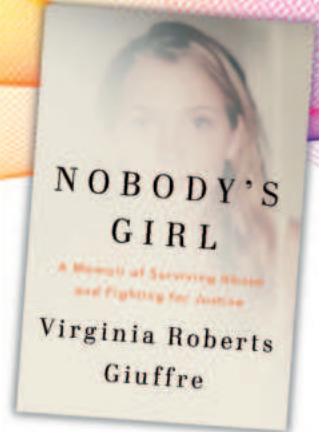
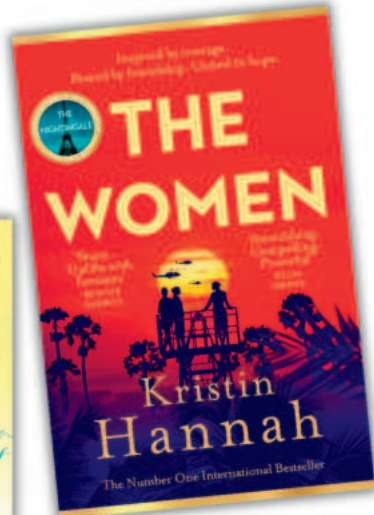
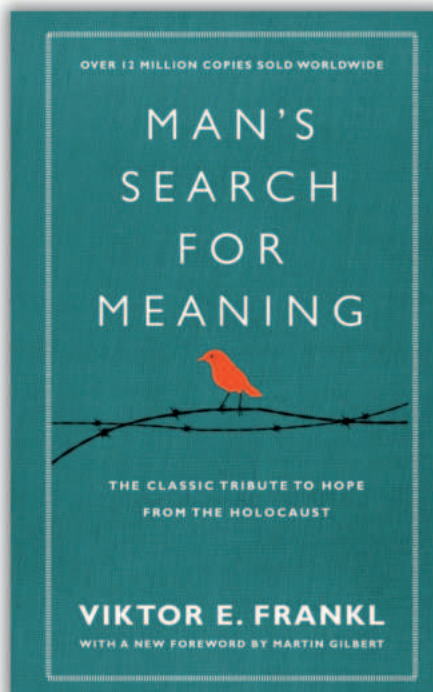


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STAFF READS



6-7pm
Thursday 15 January
**GAWLER CIVIC
CENTRE**



Ryan Gary Joel



6-7pm
Thursday 22
January
**GAWLER CIVIC
CENTRE**



Stories and
songs for
babies and
toddlers in an
inclusive and
welcoming
space.



9:30 am
Returns 3 February
GAWLER CIVIC CENTRE



AUTHOR VISITS THIS SUMMER

Join us in the library this summer to hear from local authors about their latest releases and find out about their processes and background.

One year after launching her debut book **"I'm Going on an Adventure,"** local author **Lee Speed** returns to the Gawler Libraries to celebrate the release of her fourth children's book – **"I'm Going to the Park!"**

Featuring a unique hero – a private investigator with dissociative identity disorder who uses his alters to help solve local cases that slip through the cracks. With plot twists you don't see coming, this page-turner will keep you guessing until the end. Join us as we chat with local debut author **Ryan Gary Joel** about his new SA based thriller **Fostered Minds**.

Brave Beginnings is a gentle, hope-filled picture book for families who start their journey a little differently. While written with NICU families in mind, **Brave Beginnings** is also a meaningful resource for siblings, loved ones, and professionals wanting to better understand early or unexpected beginnings. Celebrate the launch of **Brave Beginnings** with local author and illustrator **Meaghan Price**.



10am Saturday
13 December
Gawler Civic Centre



6pm Thursday
15 January
Gawler Civic Centre



6pm Thursday
22 January
Gawler Civic Centre



PUZZLES

WITH ERIN



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REINDEER

FRUITCAKE

ELF

GRINCH

CAROLS

BLITZEN

STOCKING

CHRISTMAS

TINSEL

SANTA

SNOWMAN

MERRY

FESTIVE

ANGELS

MISTLETOE

PRESENTS

KRAMPUS

JOY

DASHER

TREE

HOLLY

GINGERBREAD

RUDOLPH

SLEIGH

“New Year’s Day... now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual.”

–Mark Twain

LIBRARY QUOTES

*For last year's words
belong to last year's
language
And next year's words
await another voice.*

– T.S. Eliot





FEBRUARY

Meet & Chat with Town of Gawler CEO - Chris Cowley

10:00am Monday 23 February
Evanston Gardens



Humans of Gawler - Photographic Exhibition

22 February - 22 March
Gawler Civic Centre

Book Club

10:00am Saturday
14 February
Gawler Civic Centre



Rebecca Prince - Watercolour Landscapes

18 & 25 February
Evanston Gardens



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9:30am Tuesdays
During school term
Civic Centre



10:00am Wednesdays
During school term
Evanston Gardens

10:00am Thursdays
Every week
Evanston Gardens



2:00pm Wednesdays
Every week
Evanston Gardens

9:30am Last Tuesday
Monthly
Civic Centre



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HUMANITIX



Pirru Explorers - Wet & Wild

10:30am Friday 6 February
Evanston Gardens

FUN 4 KIDS!



Circus Stay & Play - Gawler Fringe

All February
Gawler Civic Centre

BELINDA'S TRIVIA TIME

Do you love trivia?

We have fun trivia questions for you to solve during the summer. If you'd like to get your hands on some general knowledge books, have a browse through our catalogue to see what we have on offer.

For the answers to these trivia questions head to the middle page.

Christmas

1. The first Australian Carols by Candlelight were held in which city?
2. Which sporting event starts the day after Christmas in Sydney?
3. In the Australian version of "Jingle Bells" what mode of transport is used instead of the one-horse open sleigh?



Summer

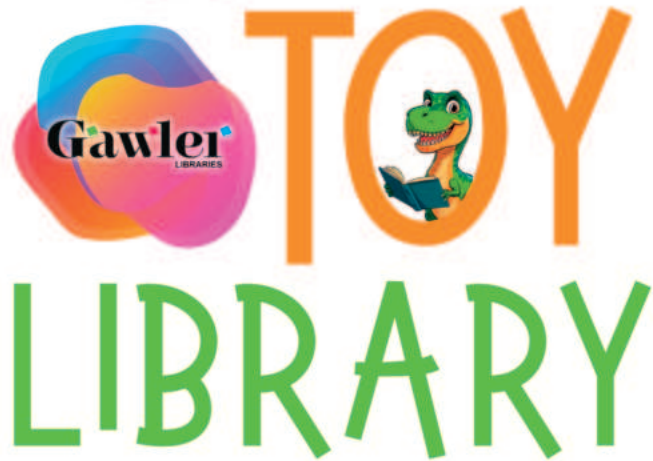
1. A highlight of summer for many is watching sport. Which of these is not a summer sporting event? The Australian Open Tennis, Test Match Cricket or the Motor Racing at Bathurst?
2. Daylight Savings is part of summer in some parts of Australia. How many time zones are there in January across Australia?
3. The first Australian lifesaving club was founded on which Australian beach?

Holidays

1. Cliff Richard starred in the film "Summer Holiday" in 1963. Where was he going for his summer holiday?
2. What is the name of Australia's largest National Park?
3. Which town is the home to the Big Banana?



TOY LIBRARY



Gawler Libraries
Toy Library
Home of the
Elsie Ey Collection

HOME OF THE ELSIE EY COLLECTION

We are excited to announce that the toy collection will be available for borrowing from Monday 5 January 2026! Family memberships will be available for \$45 per year, which allows you to borrow 8 items at a time for a 4 week loan period. Please ask library staff if you have any questions about the toy library.

Our toy collection offers families an affordable and sustainable way to support your child's development. With a wide range of carefully selected toys suitable for different developmental stages, you will be able to introduce age-appropriate toys without the cost or clutter of purchasing new items. The toys in our collection encourage creativity, problem solving, and imaginative play.



Located at
Evanston Gardens
Library and open
whenever the
library is open!





TRIVIA NIGHT



HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY

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Est: 16th October 1985

SPRING FUN IN THE LIBRARIES



**Paul
Flavel**



**Jump, Jive
& Jiggle
IN THE PARK**



PUZZLES

WITH MELINDA



It's the start of the silly season and we've mixed up our popular book titles. Help us unscramble them and link the titles with the correct author. *This is a tricky one!*

Howl Fall

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flat lei tile

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Chomper Dead open

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discard footnotes worthily

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air rubs tile

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Cornish line systems

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allowing cheetah nettles

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megalomaniac newtons

.....
befit the hook

.....
sowers lovably unwise

Hilary Mantel

Bonnie Garmus

Barbara Kingsolver

Hannah Kent

Markus Zusak

Hanya Yanagihara

Pip Williams

Trent Dalton

Anthony Doerr

Amor Towles



DIGITAL LIBRARY

LIBRARY,

wherever you go!



Don't worry about missing out on your reading while you're away this summer. Libraries SA has a digital library through two different apps – available 24/7!

You can download Libby and BorrowBox for FREE onto your tablet, compatible eReader and smartphone for access to thousands of titles in eBook and eAudiobook format, as well as many magazine titles!

Your current library card gives you instant access and you can use the apps wherever and whenever you like. Super simple and fast to get your device full to the brim of great content!

1. Make sure you're connected to the internet
2. Log in with your library membership
3. Browse the collections
4. Find something good
5. Borrow the title
6. Download to your device.



Then you can go offline and listen or read without the need to stay connected! If you'd like a quick demonstration, you can ask the library staff next time you visit. We can show you how to search and download titles, place holds, browse categories, preview eBooks & eAudiobooks, look through titles in various community languages, there's even titles which have no waiting list, just borrow and start reading!

To find out more about the digital library, check out the Libraries SA website

libraries.sa.gov.au



Meet Libby.

The new app from Overdrive that makes ebooks and audiobooks easy!



Watercolour Landscapes

ADULTS
16 & UP



Humans of Gawler

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION
WITH
DANIEL DOWN

During Fringe
**GAWLER CIVIC
CENTRE**



10am
Monday 23
February
**EVANSTON
GARDENS**

*Monday
Showcase*
Friendship, Literature, Community, Discovery

Meet & Chat with Town of Gawler CEO **Chris Cowley**



STAY ACTIVE GET SOCIAL

AT THE
GAWLER AQUATIC
CENTRE



SELF GUIDED POOL FITNESS | NO INSTRUCTOR

Gentle Waves Social - Tuesdays 9:00am - 11:00am

When - From October 14th 2025

Where - Gawler Aquatic Centre

Cost - \$4.80 Entry

Join us each week for a relaxed and social morning in the pool. Our 50-metre heated pool will have water exercise equipment available for gentle movement, pool walking and fun at your own pace (no instructor).

After your session, enjoy a free cuppa by the poolside with friendly company

Accessibility:

- Heated pool at a comfortable 27°C
- Minimum depth: 1.3 metres
- Easy access via ladder or chair lift

The program is perfect for older adults looking to stay active, social and enjoy the outdoors this season.

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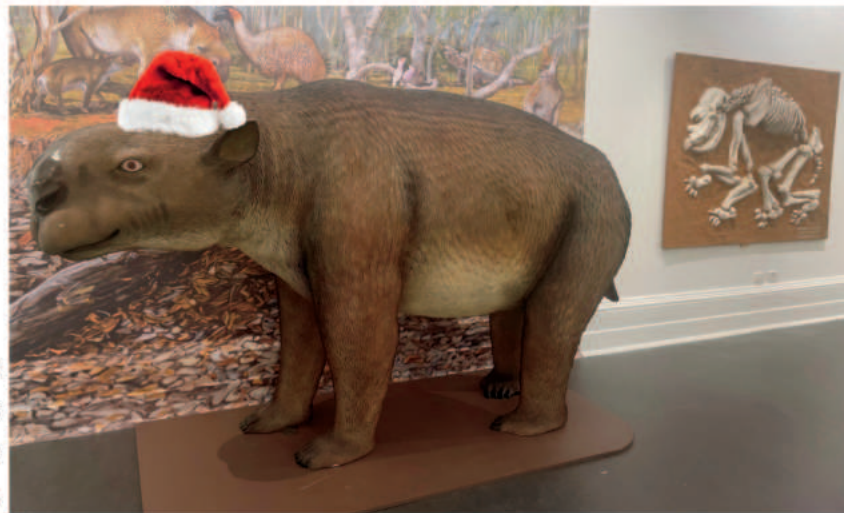


THE NATURE OF THE HIDDEN WORLD: A MEGA STORY

On a cold winter's day in July 1891, Irishman Thomas Molan was digging at the back of his cottage in Gawler, near the old ford over the South Para River. His shovel struck something strange, it looked like an old bone. He moved the dirt away then ran to the Gawler Institute where Mr. Walter Howchin was lecturing to a group on the new sciences of Geology and Paleontology. Molan had discovered the rare skeleton of a giant Diprotodon, part of Australia's extinct megafauna.

Could there be a connection between Aboriginal beliefs regarding The Dreaming and understanding the complex relationship between changes in climate and species extinction? What can a shared understanding of Country and science and history tell us?

*Meet **Dippi**, our life size Diprotodon sculpture, and learn more about a momentous discovery that was hidden beneath the ground in Gawler for 20,000 years.*



HERITAGE GALLERY – GROUND FLOOR GAWLER CIVIC CENTRE

Monday – Wednesday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Thursday 9:00am – 6:00pm

Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm

RESEARCH CENTRE – LOWER GROUND FLOOR GAWLER CIVIC CENTRE

Monday 1:00 – 4:00pm

Thursday 1:00 – 5:00pm

Wednesday 10:00am – 12:00pm

& 1:00 – 4:00pm

Please direct all enquiries and bookings to Jacinta Weiss

8522 9268 OR jacinta.weisse@gawler.sa.gov.au



Santa's WORKSHOP

AT THE GAWLER CIVIC CENTRE

Sessions start from:
10am, 11.30am,
1:30pm & 3pm
(limited number per session)

FREE Tickets
(bookings essential)
up to 5 per transaction
on sale now!

Be treated to
FREE popcorn

Discover Willo's Men Shed's Christmas Workshop area

Write and post a letter or colour in a picture to Santa

Be entertained by Twinkles the Elf and of course, meet and take your own photos with Santa!!

13 - 16 DECEMBER 2025

**** Sensory Sensitivity Session - SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2025 AT 3PM - This session will include subtle lighting and quiet audio to support sensory**

Proudly presented by the Town of Gawler, this FREE family Christmas experience is not to be missed. Each session will contain an abundance of Christmas activities, music and fun and of course a photo opportunity with Santa!



BOOK ONLINE:<https://events.humanitix.com/santas-workshop-gawler-2025>

BOOK IN PERSON: Gawler Visitor Information Centre (Lyndoch Road, Gawler)

Gawler Civic Centre Library (Murray Street, Gawler)

Gawler
CIVIC CENTRE



Gawler Civic Centre
Institute Hall
First Floor, 89-91 Murray Street, Gawler
Tel: 8522 9213

GROW IN GAWLER

Sustainability
Workshops



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME



Evanston Gardens
Family Fun Day

WW ADELAIDE WRITERS' WEEK

BOARD Games



COMING SOON



Gawler LIBRARIES Book Clubs



ANSWER PAGE

BELINDA'S TRIVIA

CHRISTMAS

1. Melbourne
2. Sydney to Hobart yacht race
3. A Rusty holden ute

SUMMER

1. Motor Racing at Bathurst
2. 5
3. Bondi

HOLIDAYS

1. Greece
2. The Munga-Thirri-Simpson Desert
3. Coffs Harbour



CHILDREN'S PUZZLE

1. Dinosaur
2. Caterpillar
3. Butterfly
4. Vegetables



ERIN'S CHRISTMAS WORD-SEARCH

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SUE'S SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

1. There are less snowflakes in the top right window pane.
2. There are no snowflakes in the bottom right window pane
3. There is an extra crease in the fold of the dinosaur's hat
4. There are less baubles on the tree
5. There is a smaller gap between the dinosaur and the tree
6. The dinosaur's hand looks different
7. The dots on the wrapping paper are in a different position
8. The wrapping paper is different near the dinosaur's foot
9. The Ribbon on the green present is different
10. There are three scraps of paper instead of two
11. The dinosaur's eyebrow is different
12. The dinosaur has less teeth



MELINDA'S ANAGRAMS

Wolf Hall - Hilary Mantel

Howl Fall

A Little Life - Hanya Yanagihara

flat lei tile

Demon Copperhead - Barbara Kingsolver

Chomper Dead open

The Dictionary of Lost Words - Pip Williams

discard footnotes worthily

Burial Rites - Hannah Kent

air rubs tile

Lessons in Chemistry - Bonnie Grams

Cornish line systems

All the Light We Cannot See - Anthony Doerr

allowing cheetah nettles

A Gentleman in Moscow - Amor Towles

megalomaniac newtons

The Book Thief - Markus Zusak

befit the hook

Boy Swallows Universe - Trent Dalton

sowers lovably unwise

BIG SUMMER READ



We're excited to be a part of the Big Summer Read this year. The Big Summer Read is Australia's biggest public library-supported reading challenge. Running from 1 December 2025 to 31 January 2026, the campaign encourages young readers aged 0-18 years to visit their local library and keep reading during the summer holidays.

Last summer, more than 24,000 Victorian children participated, logging thousands of books and helping to combat the "summer slide"—the loss of literacy skills that can occur when children stop reading over the holidays.

The program is free to join, and participants can log books they read, listen to, or have read to them. Families are encouraged to continue reading aloud to children and track progress through the Read Books website, earning digital badges and entering prize draws.

"Reading as little as six books over summer can help maintain a child's literacy level," said Angela Savage, Public Libraries Victoria CEO. "The Big Summer Read makes this fun and accessible for every family."

Now in its fifth year, the Big Summer Read has expanded beyond Victoria to include public libraries in Tasmania, Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia.

The campaign aims to:

- Engage young people in reading for pleasure
- Support literacy development
- Raise awareness of the free resources available through public libraries

To register, visit your local library or sign up online at www.readbooks.com.au/bsr



SUMMER

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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LIBRARIES

FUN 4 KIDS!



Christmas Gnomes Decorations - Stay & Play

2:30pm Thursday 18 December
Gawler Civic Centre

Rebecca Prince - Art Workshop 4 kids

10am Friday 16 January
Evanston Gardens



Family Crafternoon

2pm Wednesday
7 January

Evanston Gardens



Back to School Bag Tags - Take & Make

9am Saturday 24 January
Gawler Civic Centre

Claymation Workshop

1-3pm Monday 19 January
Gawler Civic Centre



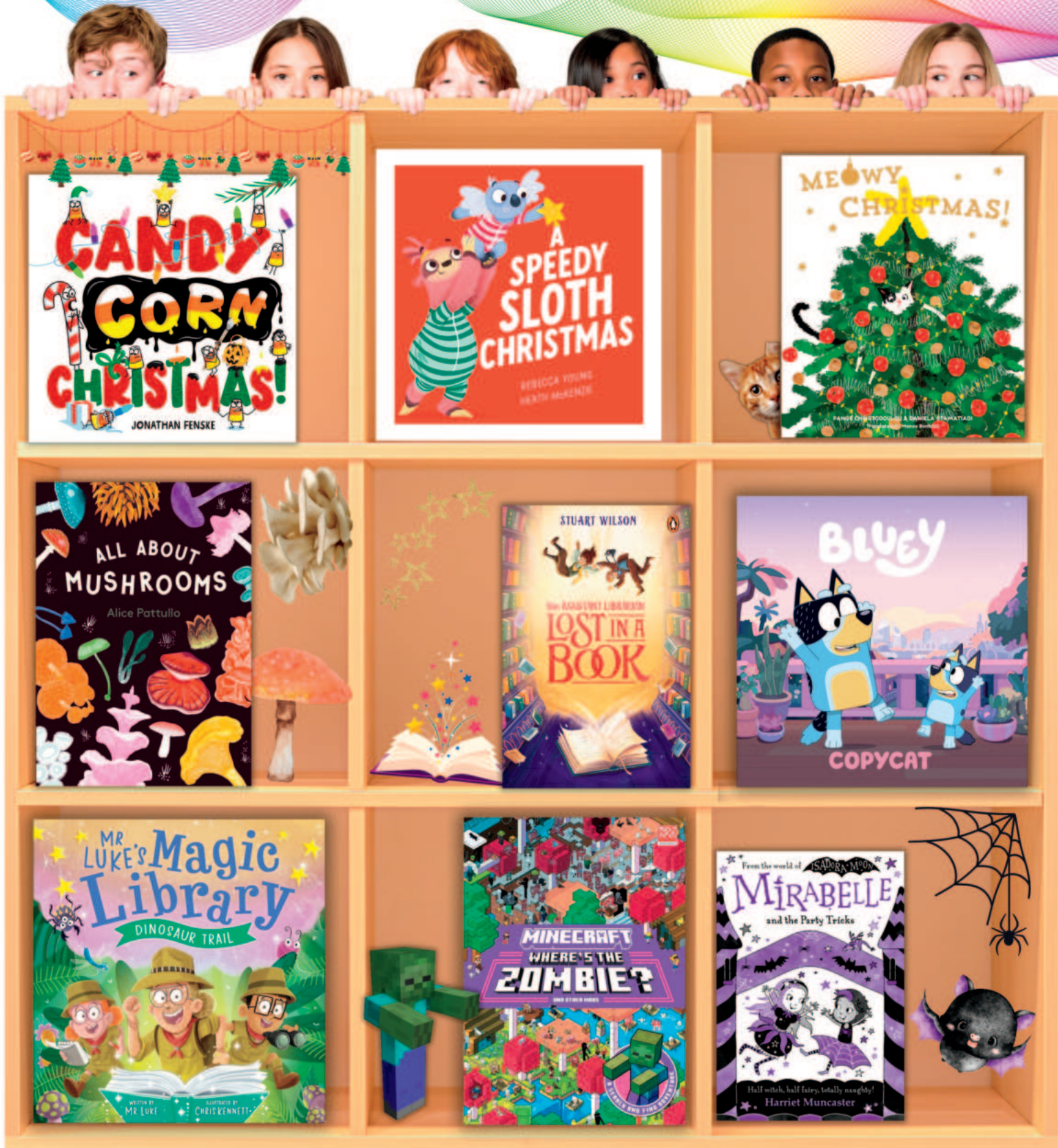
Summer Holidays from 13 December
Both Libraries

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CHILDREN
AGES 7 & UP

Art Workshop 4 kids!

Learn to design and
make your own
fabric printing
stamps using wood
block offcuts and
printing craft foam.



10am Friday 16 January
Evanston Gardens

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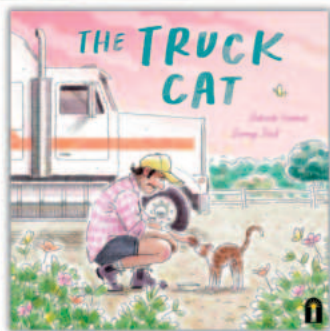
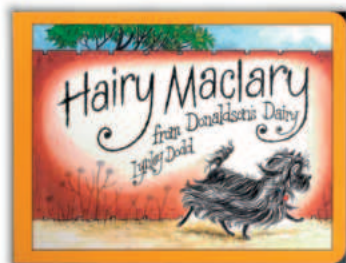
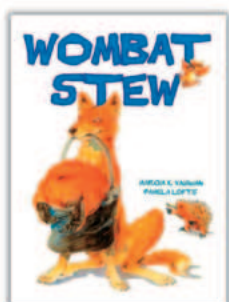
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PUZZLES

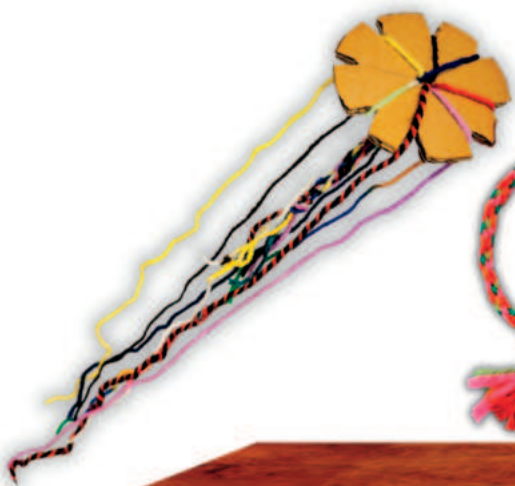
WITH BELINDA

Here are some
of our favourite books with
pictures of things you might find in each story. One of the
pictures along the row doesn't belong to that story,
can you figure out which one it is?



January
While stocks last
BOTH LIBRARIES

Friendship Bands



2pm
Wednesday 7 January
EVANSTON GARDENS

Family Crafternoon

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Saturday 24
January
**GAWLER
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2026

Back to
school bag
tags

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**Take & Make
Activities**





WORDS GROW MINDS

TALK
PLAY
READ
SING

PLAY

Summer school holidays, Christmas, and family gatherings offer rare stretches of unhurried time that let us truly connect with our children. Without the usual rush of school schedules and work routines, we can slow down, play, and share simple moments that strengthen bonds.

Think of your favourite childhood game.
Was it chasey? Hide and seek? Backyard cricket?

When it comes to our little ones, active play isn't just fun, it builds strong brains and bodies! Babies need to be active several times a day in a variety of ways, like tummy time. Young children aged 1-5 need three hours of physical activity each day, including bursts of energetic play. For children aged 3-5, one of those three hours should be made up of energetic, or active play, spread over the day.



More is better!

Active play is the kind of play that gets children huffing and puffing, laughing and running. You can add lots of active play to your day by playing active games, like chasey, keepy uppy, the floor is lava, or soccer. Read and act out active books or nursery rhymes. If you are tired or can't participate, create games where children are moving around you. For example, throwing a ball through a hoop you are holding up or rolled up socks into the laundry basket, or put on your favourite music for them to dance.

Remember to have fun!

Active play is just as good for you as it is for children.



<https://wordsgrowminds.org.au/>

Backed by the latest research showing how these simple interactions literally grow children's brains in the critical early years, **Words Grow Minds** has been developed with input from early childhood education and health practitioners, literacy specialists, and researchers.

Words Grow Minds is funded by the Government of South Australia.



What is Santa's favourite type of potato chip?



Crisp Pringles!



What kind of music does Santa listen to?

Wrap music!

Why did the snowman buy a bag of carrots?



He wanted to pick his nose!

SUE'S CHRISTMAS LIBRARY LAUGHS

Why is Santa so good at Karate?



He has a black belt!

What do you call a snowman on holiday in Australia for Christmas?



A puddle!

Why did Santa take surfing lessons?



So he could sleigh the waves!

Looking for more great jokes, puns and riddles?
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CONNECTING YOUNG PEOPLE TO OPPORTUNITIES

2026 JANUARY HOLIDAYS

JAN 7  VELVET HENNA	FOR AGES 12-25 JAN 8  Tie Dye with Mad Hatterz Parties	JAN 9  TRADE SKILLS	FOR AGES 12-25 JAN 12  CRYSTAL WORKSHOP with Spellbound Magical Gifts
JAN 13  PROVIDE FIRST AID PREPARING FOR EVERYDAY EMERGENCIES	FOR AGES 14-25 JAN 14  LEARN TO SKATEBOARD	FOR AGES 12-25 JAN 15  Barista TRAINING with Dribble & Drip	FOR AGES 14-25 JAN 15  FREE CLOTHES GIVEAWAY
JAN 16  Dungeons & Dragons TABLE TOP WARFARE	FOR AGES 12-25 JAN 20-22  COMING SOON YOUTH FILM	FOR AGES 16-25 JAN 23  URBAN ART with people's wet	FOR AGES 16-25 FOR ALL COURSE COSTS, REGISTRATIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION  0499 800 805

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