

Message from Chiah

Our library service turns 40 this October! The Civic Centre Library is located in the historic Gawler Institute Building, which was the the home of a fee-based subscription library from 1871. In the 1970s, tides were turning from subscription libraries to public libraries. In 1977 a sub-committee of Council was formed to investigate the viability of a free public library in Gawler, and in 1984 the Institute Building was chosen as the best location. It passed into Council ownership and on Wednesday 16 October 1985 the Gawler Public Library opened! In 2011 our Evanston Gardens Branch Library opened. Co-located with the Evanston Gardens Progress Hall, it features a beautiful outdoor programming space, called the Pirrku Garden. In December 2016, the Gawler branch of our library service closed for just over two years, while the Institute and Town Hall buildings underwent extensive restoration and renovation to create the new Gawler Civic Centre. The Centre opened in February 2019, including the renamed Gawler Civic Centre Library.

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

Evanston Gardens
65 Angle Vale Road,
Evanston Gardens
8522 0123

Do you read Shelf Talk? Do you have any feedback?

Shelf Talk began as a short newsletter in August 2020 as a way to keep our Covid-distancing community feel connected. It has had many changes over the last five years and we hope it has helped many in our community to feel connected, informed and entertained by our pages. All Gawler Libraries staff have contributed to it over the years with many voices, ideas, opinions and most important of all, a passion for reading. We are very proud of this publication and would like to take this anniversary as a opportunity to get your feedback and thoughts on your favourite parts, less read pages, ideas on how it may look in 2026 or if you feel it's served it purpose. Please email us at library@gawler.sa.gov.au, complete the form below or scan the QR code to complete the online form.



Please tell us your thoughts below, tear off and give to a staff member, thank you.

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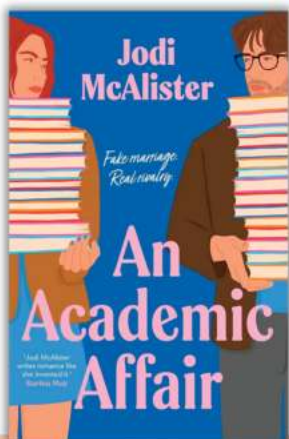
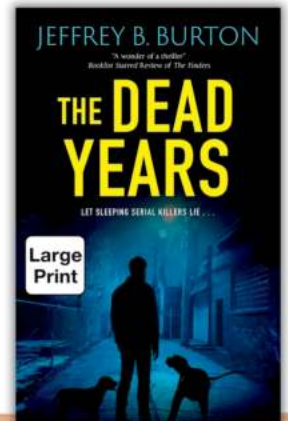
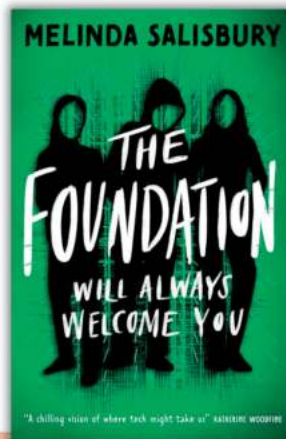
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LATEST TITLES

Looking for something new to read, watch or listen to?
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of our locations: **Gawler Civic Centre and Evanston Gardens.**





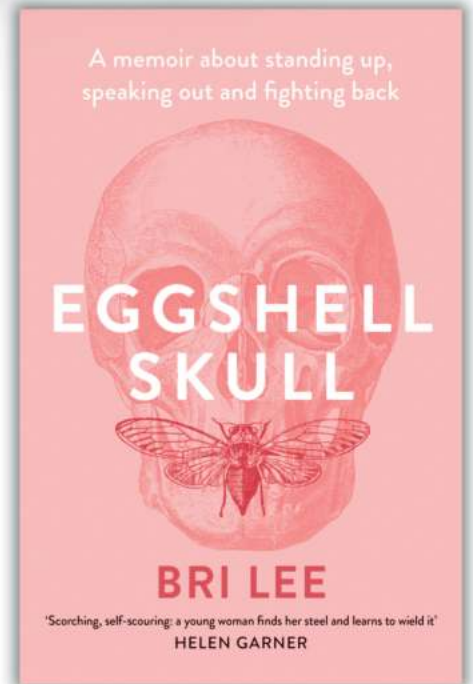
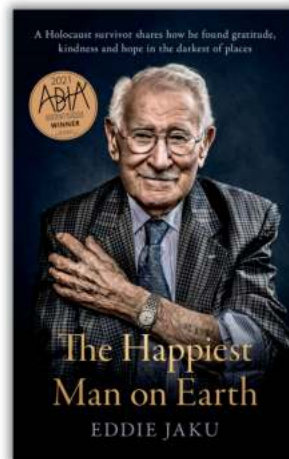
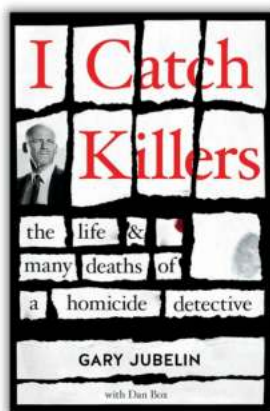
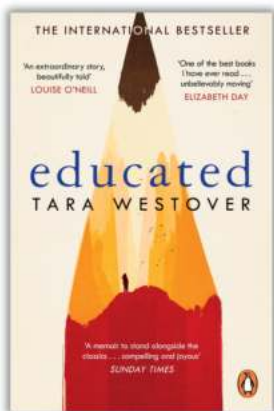
Search our catalogue using the link below to request any of the items you see featured here. www.onecard.network/gawler

Why you should read Biographies

Biographies offer readers a unique opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of diverse cultures, backgrounds, and perspectives. By immersing ourselves in the stories of others, we develop empathy, tolerance, and compassion; qualities that not only foster personal growth but also strengthen our connection to the wider world.

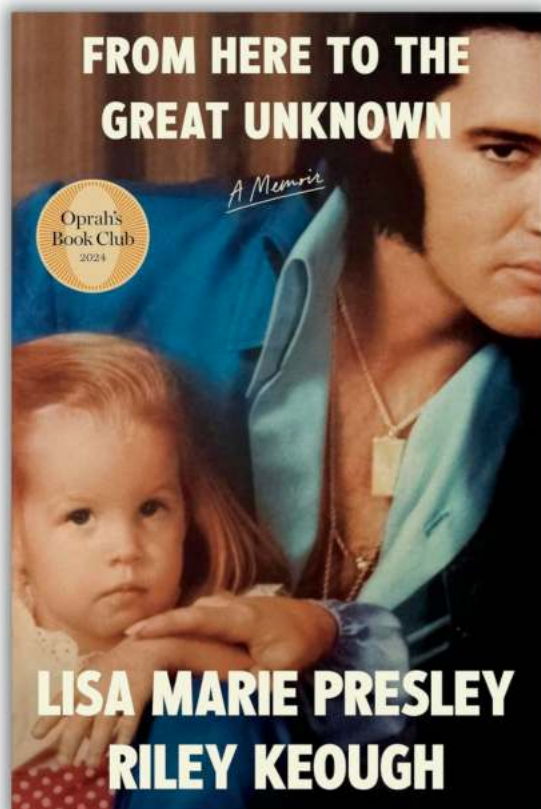
Reading someone's life story is like stepping into their shoes. It's an invitation to see the world through their eyes, to share in their victories, their hardships, and everything in between.

A good biography doesn't just recount events; it captures the emotions, decisions, and turning points that shaped a person's journey. Whether it's the quiet resilience of a human rights activist, the mental strength of an elite athlete, or the inner conflict of a political leader navigating power and principle, each story has something valuable to teach us.



There isn't a topic a biography can't explore. You might delve into the life of a ground-breaking scientist, a trailblazing musician, a controversial historical figure, or even someone relatively unknown whose story carries universal truths. Biographies remind us that wisdom doesn't always come from fame, often, the most profound insights come from the overlooked, the ordinary, or those who dared to live differently.

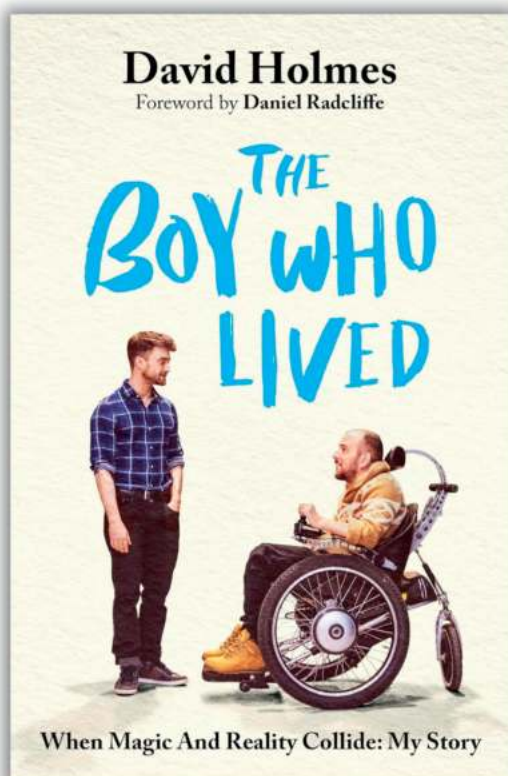
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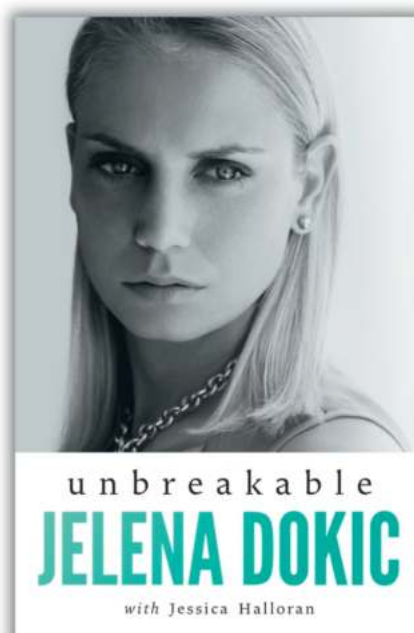
Reading biographies is more than just absorbing facts, it's about connecting with the human experience. It helps us see patterns across time and place, understand different worldviews, and reflect on our own values and choices. It's a powerful reminder that success isn't always linear, failure isn't the end, and growth often comes from the most unexpected places.

Personally, I've found biographies to be among the most thought-provoking and enriching reads. Some have stayed with me for days, even weeks after I turned the final page. Whether they left me inspired, challenged, or emotionally moved, each one added something to the way I see the world and my place in it.

Here are a few biographies I've either really enjoyed or found myself reflecting on long after finishing. I hope they resonate with you too and maybe even inspire your next read.



You can search our
catalogue for more
biographies here:
tinyurl.com/mt8w7u87





REGULAR PROGRAMMING

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During school term
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SEPTEMBER



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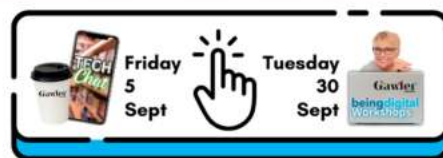
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10:00 am
Monday 29 September
CIVIC CENTRE LIBRARY



10:30 am
Tuesday 30 September
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2:30 pm
Tuesday 7 October
EVANSTON GARDENS

Father's Day

STORYTIME & LEGO PLAY



Celebrate Father's Day with a special Story Time & LEGO Play event just for dads and their kids at the Gawler Civic Centre Library



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Saturday 6 September
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BEHIND THE LIBRARY SHELVES WITH ANGIE



June was an exciting time for library staff; we went on an excursion! You may be wondering where (and why) librarians might go and the answer should not surprise you. We went to bookshops, to buy books, for our community!

For most of the year, we purchase books online to provide fresh, new books for our borrowers, but a couple of times throughout the year, we like to visit bookshops and choose titles that we can touch, smell, and look through before purchasing.

Staff visited Dillon's Book Shop on The Parade in Norwood, Harry Hartog's Book Shop in Burnside and Mostly Books in Torrens Park. We think it is important to support book shops, especially independent book shops, to ensure that people (and librarians) have access to a diverse, local, and personalised service when it comes to choosing your next book to read. Browsing through a bookshop is a lovely way to spend your time, and it allows you to discover authors, subjects and titles that you may not be exposed to in your online shopping experience. Visiting and supporting bookshops with your purchases also provides the bookshops with resilience against monopolies in the publishing and retail industry. Gawler Libraries uses all staff to purchase titles for our libraries. This allows for a diverse range of books to be purchased, as we all have our specific areas of knowledge, likes and dislikes. We recognise that our community also has a diverse range of interests when it comes to reading, and our aim is to provide a collection that reflects what our community wants to read.

If we do not have something that you would like to read, or watch, you can always lodge a purchase suggestion on our website. If we can source the item, we will purchase it so that you may borrow it!

We had a wonderful time on our excursions, and we hope that you enjoy reading the titles that we purchased.



10:00 am
Thursday 18
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Celebrate spring in full bloom with
a charming hands-on workshop
that turns treasured teacups into
beautiful floral displays!

**FLORAL
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**IMPRINT
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Weekly on Thursdays
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Like to knit? Crochet?
Embroider? Cross stitch?

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REBEKAH'S MAGAZINE HIGHLIGHT

TIME MAGAZINE

Hello lovely library people! Do you know what *time* it is? It is *time* to read about Spring's featured magazine (and to see how many *times* I can fit the word '*time*' in this short article)!

Are you curious about what is happening in the world? Not sure where you can find high quality, trusted news? Are you overwhelmed trying to keep up to date with it all? Don't worry - you have plenty of *time*. In other words, you have plenty of fantastic *Time* Magazine issues to choose from - available at the Gawler Libraries!

You may recognise *Time* Magazine by the hugely influential and iconic 'Person of the Year' covers. This magazine is a whole lot more than that!

Each issue is bursting with current global events, science, business, politics and much, much more! Wow, all of that in one magazine? What a *time*-saver! It truly is a one-stop-shop for major stories and conversations worldwide! Featuring stunning photography, exceptional reporting and expert insights you will be delighted to devour *Time* magazine every fortnight! Reading *Time* magazine, the *time* will just fly by!

Why not find the *time* to come in and check it out? Has time lost all meaning yet?

Maybe just one more.... **TIME!**

<https://tinyurl.com/kfjxvpre>



GAWLER LIBRARY

40th Anniversary

Celebrating 40 Years of Stories, Community & Connection!

Join us as we mark a milestone—40 years of our public library at the heart of the community. From turning pages to tapping screens, our library has been a place to learn, share, and grow together.

The Civic Centre Library is located in the historic Gawler Institute Building, which was the the home of a fee-based subscription library from 1871. On Wednesday 16 October 1985 the Gawler Public Library opened and in 2011 the Evanston Gardens Branch Library opened.

Come along and celebrate with us! Enjoy a celebration treat, write a message in our birthday card, check out our nostalgic displays and a look back at the stories

that shaped our past—while imagining our next chapter.

**All ages welcome
Be part of our story!**

Sign our
birthday card
& share your
library
memories

Check out
photos from
the library's
history

Join us at
our Lainie
Anderson
author
event!

All Week 13–18 October
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REGULAR PROGRAMMING



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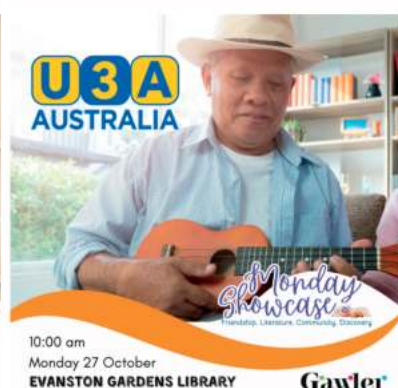
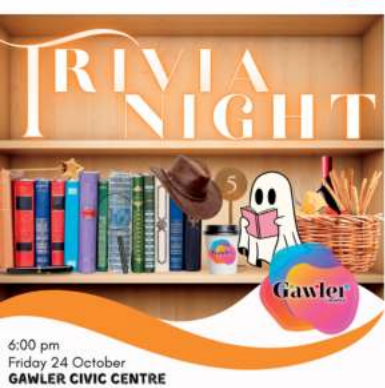
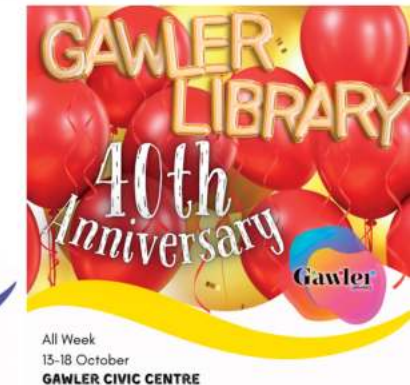
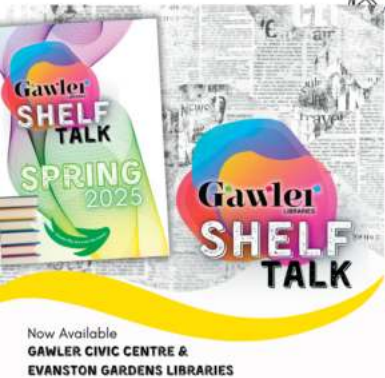
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FICTION FINDS

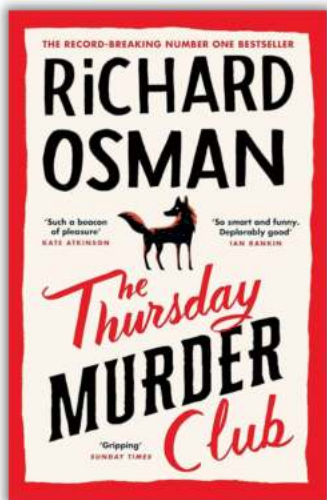
The Thrill of the Page: Why We Love Crime and Mystery Fiction

From classic whodunits to gritty psychological thrillers, crime and mystery fiction always manages to captivate readers. Whether it's the lure of solving a puzzle, the rush of suspense, or the chance to explore the darker corners of human nature from the safety of an armchair, there's something irresistibly engaging about this genre.

At the heart of most mystery fiction is a question: what happened—and why? Readers are invited to play detective, sifting through red herrings, alibis, and hidden motives alongside the characters. With every page turned bringing us closer to unravelling the truth, there's a deep satisfaction in guessing the culprit before the reveal—or in being delightfully fooled.

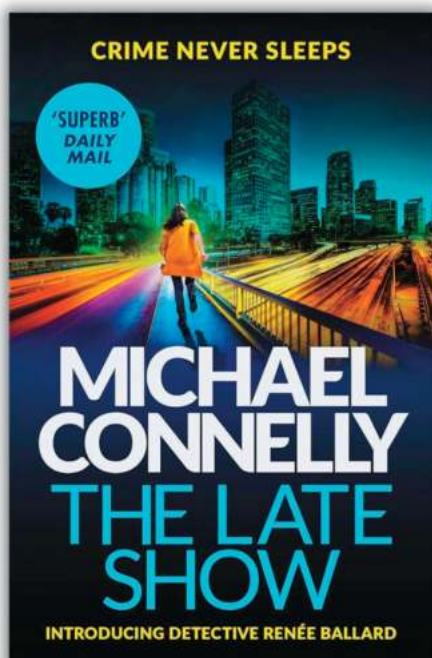
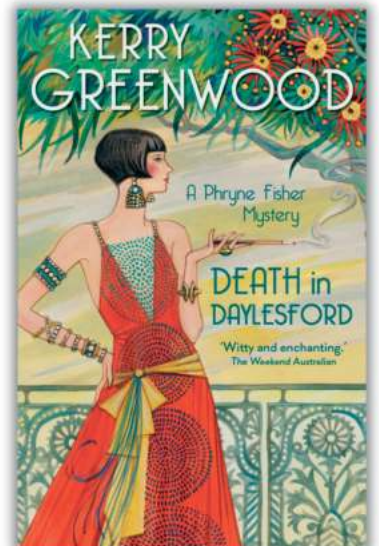


CRIME SCENE - DO NOT CROSS CRIME SCENE - DO NOT CROSS



Crime fiction allows us to step into tense, sometimes dangerous worlds without any real-life risk. We can experience the adrenaline of a high-stakes chase or the chill of a midnight crime scene while knowing we can close the book whenever we like. These stories also shine a light on human behaviour. Crime and mystery fiction doesn't just entertain—it invites us to reflect on justice, morality, and the complexities of choice.

The world of crime and mystery fiction is vast. Classic fans may gravitate to the tidy logic of Agatha Christie or Arthur Conan Doyle, while others prefer the gritty realism of modern crime writers like Michael Connelly or Nicci French.

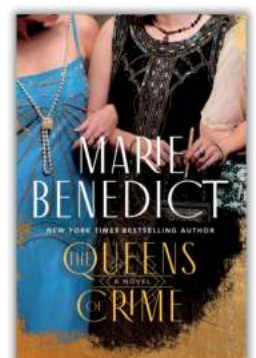


Cosy mysteries, with their small-town settings and amateur sleuths, offer warmth and wit, while psychological thrillers deliver darker, edge-of-your-seat intensity. **Whatever your mood, there's a mystery novel to match it!**

So the next time you're looking for a book that keeps you up all night, consider reaching for a mystery. You might not know "whodunit" yet—but that's exactly the point!



Use the QR code to browse the catalogue for more crime & mystery
<https://tinyurl.com/yjap4mh3>



LIBRARY COLLECTION

TOY LIBRARY

We're excited to be adding a new collection to our library!

After many years of service to the community, the volunteers at Elsie Ey Toy Library are unable to continue and have asked if they can donate their toys to the library collection. We're pleased to say that Council have supported this! We would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of the Elsie Ey volunteers as we take on the collection. What does this all mean?

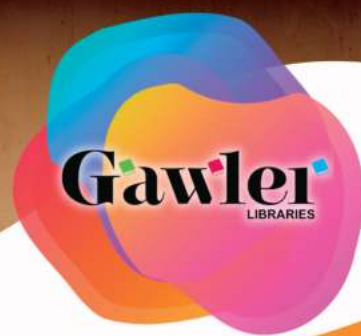
- The Elsie Ey Toy Collection will be donated to the Town of Gawler, and will become a borrowable library collection.
- Toy Library membership will remain a fee-based service, renewed annually. This will allow us to purchase new toys each year to maintain the collection.
- If you have an existing membership with Elsie Ey Toy Library, it will automatically change over to a Gawler Libraries Toy Library membership.
- If you don't have a membership you will be able to sign up for one.
- There will be a changeover period whilst the toy collection moves from its old home to its new home at Evanston Gardens Library. It will be unavailable for a short time while this occurs.
- Once we have it up and running, the toy collection will be accessible whenever Evanston Gardens Library is open.

We will keep you updated as the changes occur.



TRIVIA NIGHT

Calling all ghostly geniuses and casual creepers—join us for a frightfully fun evening of Spooky Trivia at Gawler Libraries!



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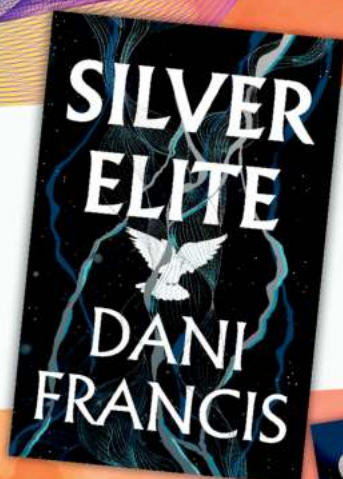


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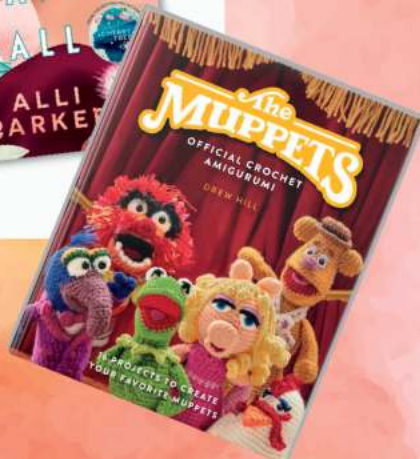
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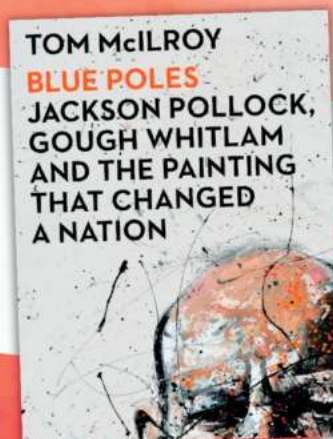
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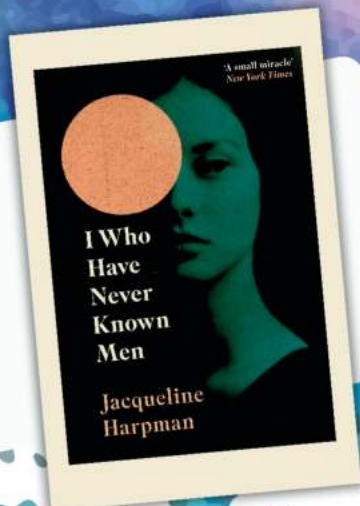
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DEATH & YOUR DIGITAL LEGACY

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Tuesday 21
October
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22 September
EVANSTON GARDENS
**Watercolour
for Wellness**

29 September
GAWLER CIVIC CENTRE
**Stained Glass
Artwork**

27 October
EVANSTON GARDENS
**Discover
the U3A**

24 November
EVANSTON GARDENS
Christmas Party

*Monday
Showcase*
Friendship, Literature, Community, Discovery



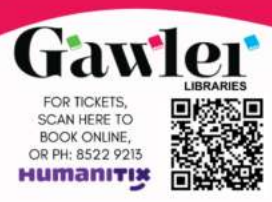


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Wednesday 22
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AUTHOR HIGHLIGHT

LAINIE ANDERSON

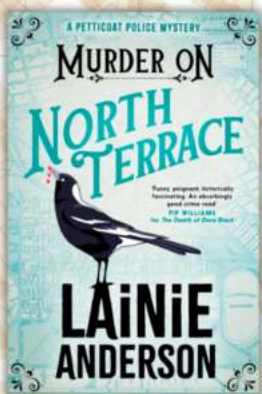


We are excited to welcome Lainie Anderson to Gawler Libraries to help us celebrate 40 years of Public Library service!

Lainie's 35-year career in journalism and public relations includes 17 years as a columnist with Adelaide's Sunday Mail, as well as stints at Melbourne's Herald Sun, London's The Times and the South Australian Tourism Commission.

After being awarded a Churchill Fellowship, Lainie published her debut novel Long Flight Home in 2019. In 2024, Lainie completed a PhD with the University of South Australia, researching the life of Kate Cocks, the inspiration behind The Death of Dora Black and Murder on North Terrace.

Murder on North Terrace is the second novel in the Petticoat Police Mystery series, following The Death of Dora Black, which was longlisted in the 2025 Indie Book Awards for Debut Fiction, as well as the 2025 Margaret and Colin Roderick Literary Award.



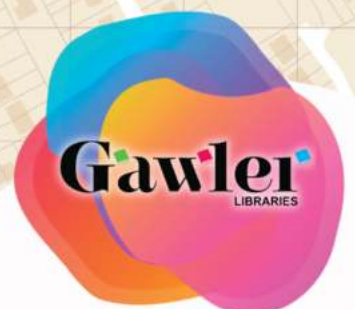
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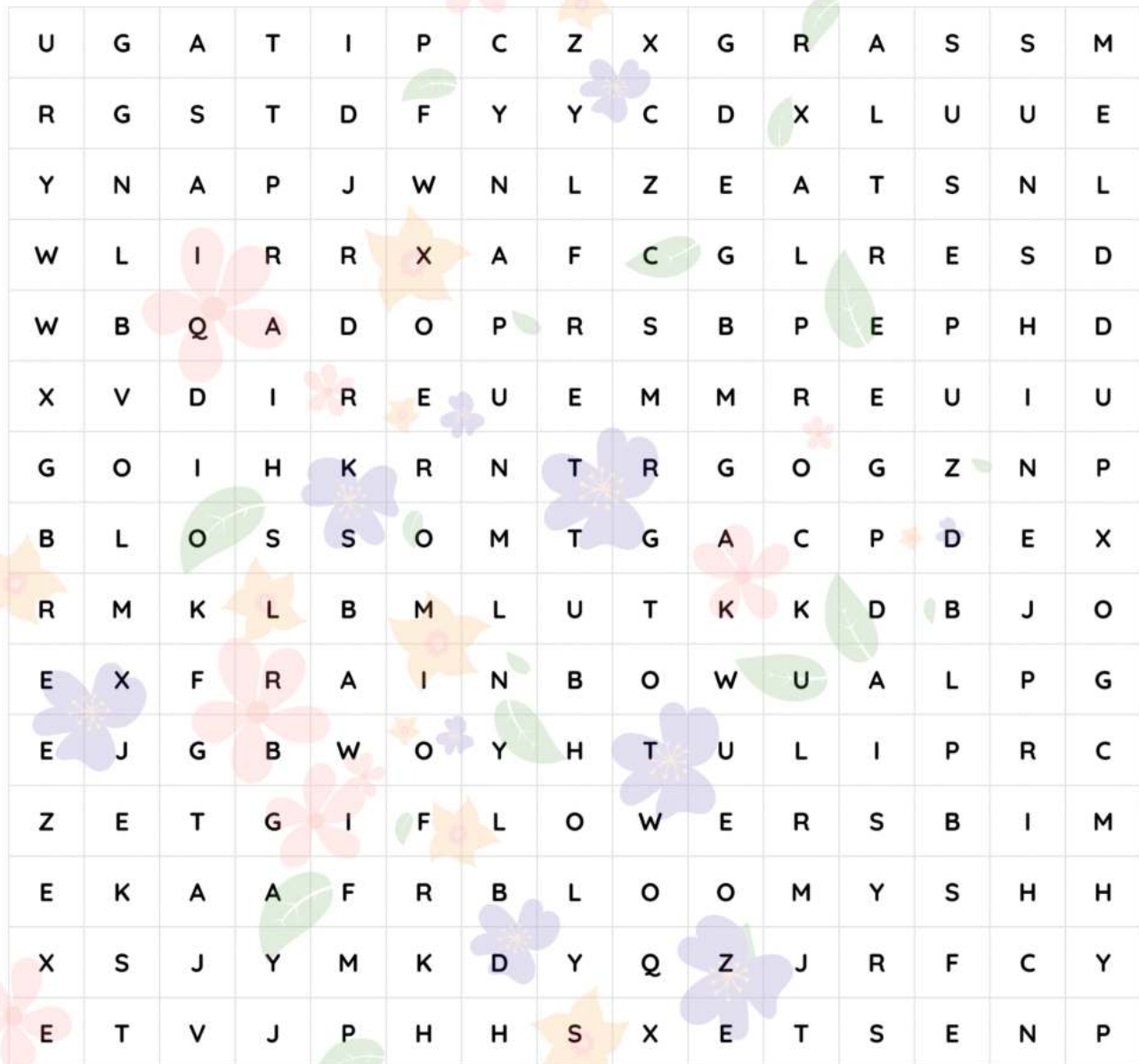
History, Mystery,
& one Fierce
Policewoman.



6:00 pm
Thursday 16 October
GAWLER CIVIC CENTRE



SPRING WORD SEARCH



Blossom

Grass

Flowers

Warm

Bird

Sunshine

Puddle

Butterfly

Tulip

Bloom

Breeze

Chirp

Green

Rainbow

Tree

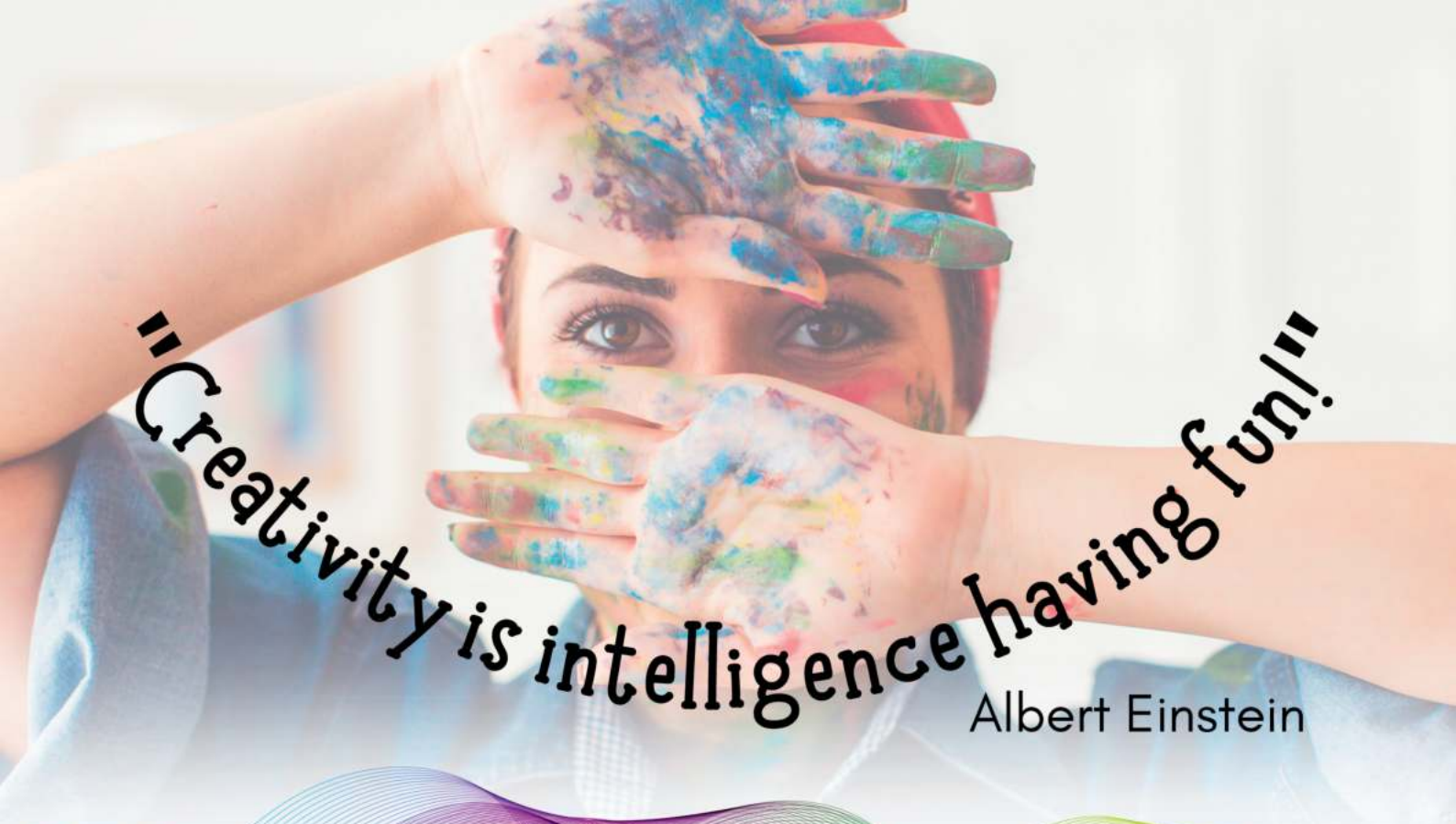
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Garden

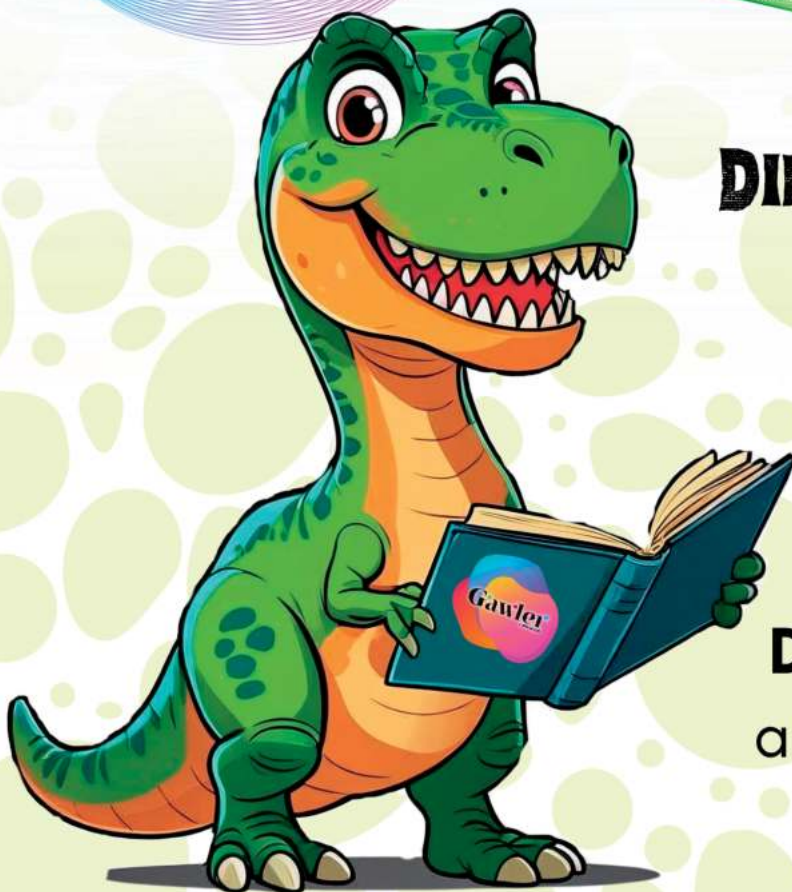
Sprout

A person with their hands and face covered in colorful paint, looking directly at the camera.

"Creativity is intelligence having fun!"

Albert Einstein

LIBRARY QUOTES



**DINOSAURS DIDN'T READ
AND NOW THEY'RE
EXTINCT.**

Be like
Dugg the Readasaurus
and get into a good book
everyday!

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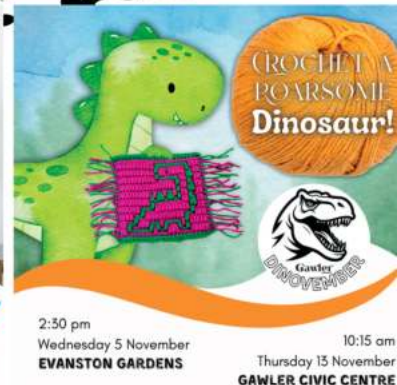
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Tuesday 4 November
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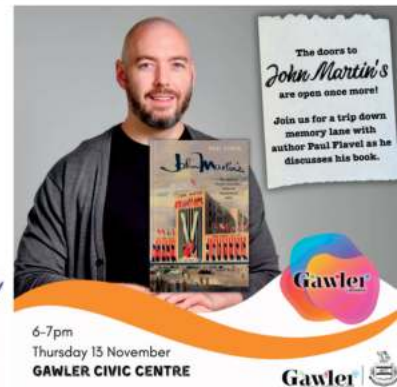
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10:00 am
Saturday 15 November
GAWLER CIVIC CENTRE



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Thursday 20 November
GAWLER AQUATIC CENTRE

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Friday 21 November
EVANSTON GARDENS

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Once a month
GAWLER CIVIC CENTRE & EVANSTON GARDENS LIBRARIES

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10:00 am
Monday 24 November
EVANSTON GARDENS LIBRARY

Gawler



4:00 pm
Thursday 27 November
GAWLER CIVIC CENTRE



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HOW GOOD ARE LIBRARIES.

BELINDA'S TRIVIA TIME

Do you
love trivia?

We have fun questions for you to solve covering our different themes held in the library during Spring. If you'd like to get your hands on some general knowledge books, head to our catalogue to check out what we have on offer. *For the answers to these trivia questions head to the middle page.*

SPRING

1. Where is the largest spring flower festival in the Southern Hemisphere held?
2. The first day of Spring celebrates what Australian floral emblem?
3. Why do some species of birds, particularly magpies, swoop people during Spring?

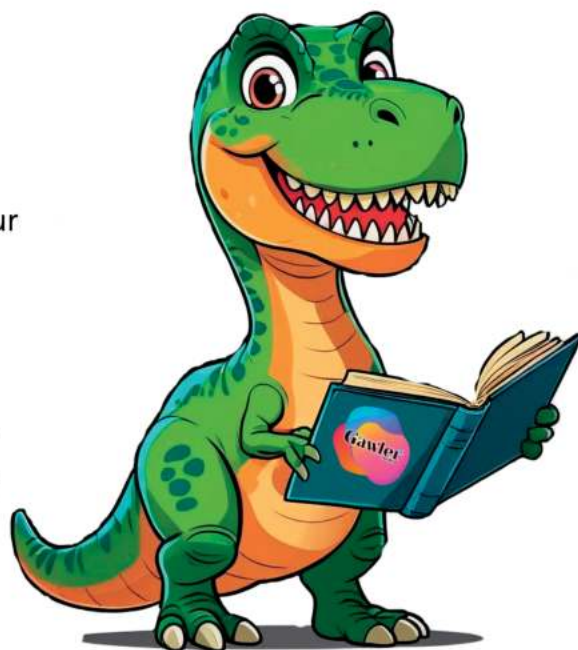


HALLOWEEN

1. What is the fear of Halloween called?
2. Before pumpkins, what vegetable was used to carve jack-o-lanterns?
3. In "The nightmare before Christmas", what is the name of the Pumpkin King who rules Halloween?

DINOVEMBER

1. On which continent have the most dinosaur fossils been found?
2. Australotitan is one of the 10 largest dinosaurs ever found. How long is it?
3. What were the names of the five dinosaur friends in the movie The Land Before Time?



WELCOME TO DINOVENMBER

**FOR ALL
AGES!**

Dino
SCULPTURES

SNOW
DINO
GLOBES

DINO
CARDBOARD
CREATIONS

**DINO-RANGER
KIM**

CROCHET A
ROARSOME
Dinosaur!

AND MANY
MORE FUN
ACTIVITIES IN
THE LIBRARIES!



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All November
**GAWLER CIVIC CENTRE &
EVANSTON GARDENS LIBRARIES**



JJ CARPENTER
In Conversation with Allen Tiller



Belly Dancing
WORKSHOP



Paint & Sip
with a twist!



Rebecca Prince
Drawing
WORKSHOP

WINTER FUN IN THE LIBRARIES



Nostalgic Baking
OLD FAVOURITES REVISITED



Giant Bubble Wagon

DANCE AROUND THE WORLD

DIGITAL LIBRARY



Did you know you can access a free version of Ancestry at the library?

Researching your family history is not only fascinating but it can also be incredibly addictive and fun as you uncover stories and connections from your past.

The library edition of Ancestry offers a treasure trove of resources that can help you as you search for your elusive relatives and build your family tree.

You will find:

- Downloadable charts: Print ready ancestral charts, family group sheets and more to help organise your findings.
- Helpful research tips: Learn how to get started, use immigration and military records and navigate historical documents.
- Vital records access: Search Birth, Death and Marriage records, census data and even explore other members family trees for clues.

So come into the library and begin your search. You will find a shortcut to Ancestry in the search bar on the browsers of the library PCs. Ask a staff member on duty to show you next time you visit.

To find out more about the digital library, check out Libraries SA online
libraries.sa.gov.au



9:30 am
**GAWLER
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**Tech Chat**

Friday
7
Nov



Tuesday
25
Nov

**Gawler
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Workshops**

Messaging...

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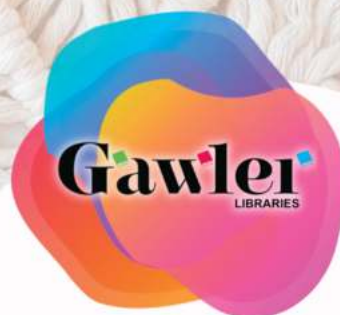


Keep your cool
and your hat
this summer!

Join us for a fun and relaxed
adult craft session where you'll
create your very own macramé
hat minder – the stylish and
practical accessory you never
knew you needed!

Macrame Hat Minder

10:00 am
Saturday 15 November
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10:00 am
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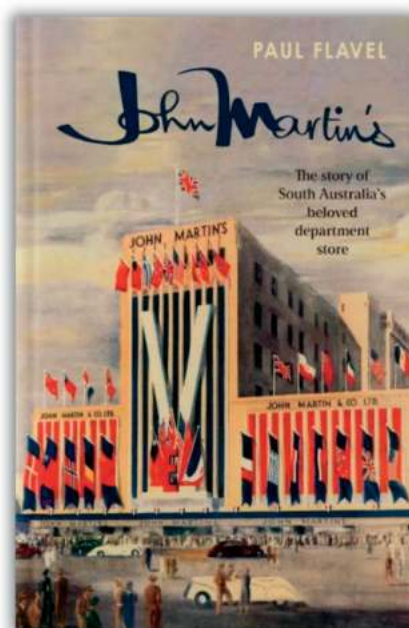
GAWLER CULTURAL HERITAGE COLLECTION



The doors to
John Martin's
are open once more!
Join us for a trip down
memory lane with author
Paul Flavel
as he discusses his book.

6-7pm
Thursday 13
November

**GAWLER
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RESEARCH CENTRE - LOWER GROUND FLOOR GAWLER CIVIC CENTRE

Monday 1:00 - 4:00pm

Wednesday 10:00am - 12:00pm

Thursday 1:00 - 5:00pm

& 1:00 - 4:00pm

HERITAGE GALLERY - GROUND FLOOR GAWLER CIVIC CENTRE

Monday - Wednesday 9:00am - 5:00pm

Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

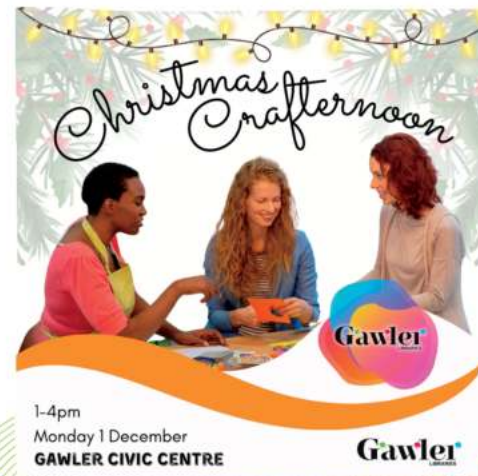
Thursday 9:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Please direct all enquiries and bookings to Jacinta Weiss

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





COMING SOON



ANSWERS

SPRING

1. Canberra
2. Golden Wattle, the national floral emblem of Australia
3. To protect their eggs

HALLOWEEN

1. Samhainophobia
2. Turnips
3. Jack Skellington

DINOSAURS

1. North America
2. 30 meters
3. Littlefoot, Cera, Ducky, Petrie and Spike



WORD SEARCH

SPRING

U	G	A	T	I	P	C	Z	X	G	R	A	S	S	M
R	G	S	T	D	F	Y	Y	C	D	X	L	U	U	E
Y	N	A	P	J	W	N	L	Z	E	A	T	S	N	L
W	L	I	R	R	X	A	F	C	G	L	R	E	S	D
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X	V	D	I	R	E	U	E	M	M	R	E	U	I	U
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R	M	K	L	B	M	L	U	T	K	K	D	B	J	O
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E	J	G	B	W	O	Y	H	T	U	L	I	P	R	C
Z	E	T	G	I	F	L	O	W	E	R	S	B	I	M
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X	S	J	Y	M	K	D	Y	Q	Z	J	R	F	C	Y
E	T	V	J	P	H	H	S	X	E	T	S	E	N	P

READ IT. MAKE IT. DO IT.

After exploring the world of dinosaurs through one (or more) of our children's books, young palaeontologists can bring the Jurassic era to life by crafting their own dinosaur bones out of salt dough! It's a perfect mix of literacy, science, and sensory play that makes learning about dinosaurs unforgettable.

SALT DOUGH RECIPE

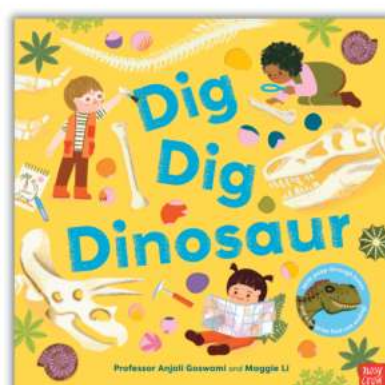
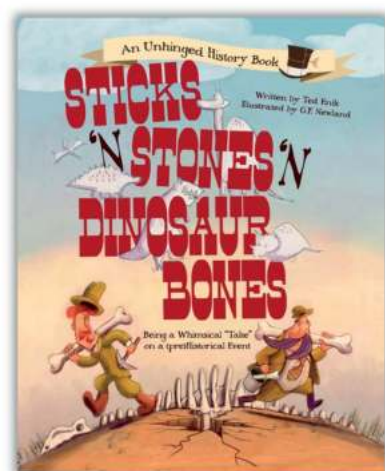
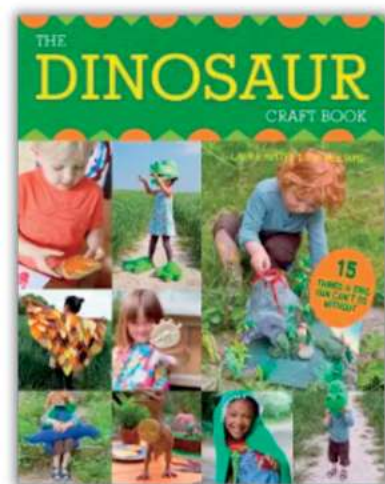
INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups Flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup salt
- $\frac{3}{4}$ Cup of warm water



INSTRUCTIONS:

- Mix the dry ingredients in a bowl
- Add water to the dry ingredients a little at a time while mixing it. Continue until the mixture starts to form a ball
- Knead the dough with your hands for about 5 minutes or until it is nice and smooth. If it is too dry add a little bit of water at a time until the texture is good. If it is too sticky add a little flour.
- Take small portions to shape and create your dinosaur bones.
- Your creations can be placed on a flat surface to dry out. Depending on the size and thickness this could take anywhere from 24-48 hours.
- If you don't use all your dough, place it in a zip lock bag to stop it drying out and you can make more bones another day!



Spring

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

@ Gawler
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MONSTER
Sock Puppet Workshop

10:30 AM
TUESDAY
30 SEPTEMBER
GAWLER CIVIC CENTRE



2:30 PM
TUESDAY
7 OCTOBER
EVANSTON GARDENS

10:00 AM
FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER
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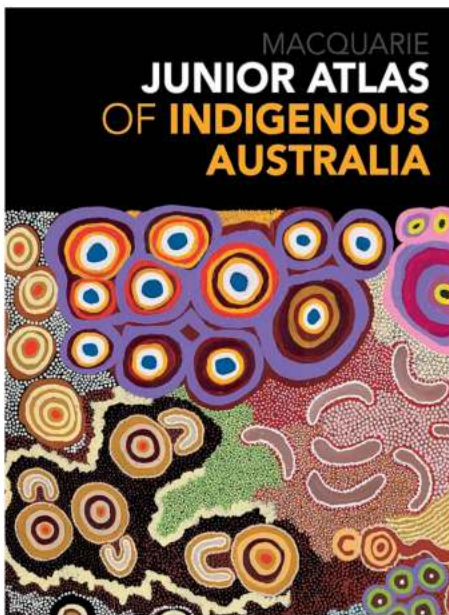
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9:30am-12:00pm
Friday 17 October
APEX PARK GAWLER

FAMILY READING

Sharing Non-Fiction Books

Reading with your children doesn't always have to be about picture books and fiction. It can be just as much fun with a non-fiction book. Children's minds are naturally curious, and it is fed with knowledge – the kind of knowledge found in nonfiction books. Nonfiction books give children a chance to learn new concepts and vocabulary. Here are some ways you can promote non-fiction reading in your home from towardwellbeing.com:

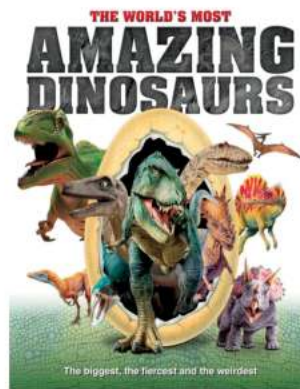


1. Observation

Your child learns a lot from simply observing and imitating...so what kinds of books do you read? Let them see you reading a wide range of books.

2. Encourage independent learning

If your child has a question, instead of simply answering it you can help develop their thirst for knowledge and skills to wade through the "fiction" to find the "fact". You can do this by getting them to ask the question and figure out topics or subtopics and then find some age-appropriate books on the subject for them to read.

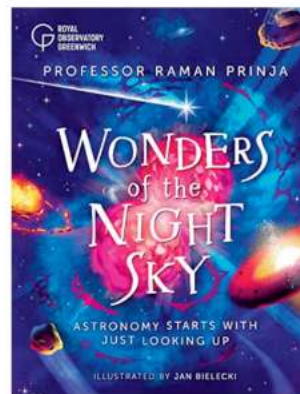


3. Diversity

Give them a choice of books to select from at home, school and library. If a range of books are available, then they have more of an opportunity to explore non-fiction without any pressure.

4. Make it relatable

If your child is into mermaids...great! Find them some non-fiction books on the ocean, or history of pirates. Your child loves space? Wonderful! Get them some books on planets, space travel or astronauts.



5. Connect it to their real life

Does your family celebrate certain traditions, or have they heard a friend talk about a certain religious holiday? That's a perfect opportunity to do a little fact finding and explore a new subject.



10:30 am
Friday 5 September
EVANSTON GARDENS

Spring!

Pirru Explorers is a social session with a range of educational activities suitable for children approximately 2-7 years and their carers.

Each month we explore a new theme, discover something new and make friends playing along the way.

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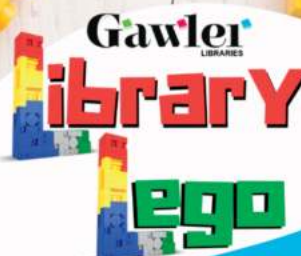
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4:00 pm
Friday 31 October
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HALLOWEEN STARTS HERE!

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WORDS GROW MINDS

TALK
PLAY
READ
SING

Did you know that *Words, Grow Minds* has its own podcast?

Hosted by Kate Ellis and Amelia Mulcahy, you can listen along as they chat with childhood experts and break down the science that will help you nurture your child's development in the early years of their lives.

Launching in April of this year the podcast has 10 episodes so far, full of great content and guests such as Dr Emma Watkins (Yes you may know her as Emma Memma) and Dr Justin Coulson.



A great tool to find helpful information and listen to some expert advice. As they say on their podcast introduction, "No pressure, no judgment, just tips and fun conversations to give your child the best start in life."

Check it out by using
the link QR code below
wordsgrowminds.org.au/podcast/



<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 did the dinosaur call
her shirt-making business?



Try Sarah's Tops!

What has a spiked tail,
plates on its back,
and 16 wheels?



A stegosaurus on roller skates!

What do you call a group of dinosaurs who sing?



A tyranno-chorus!



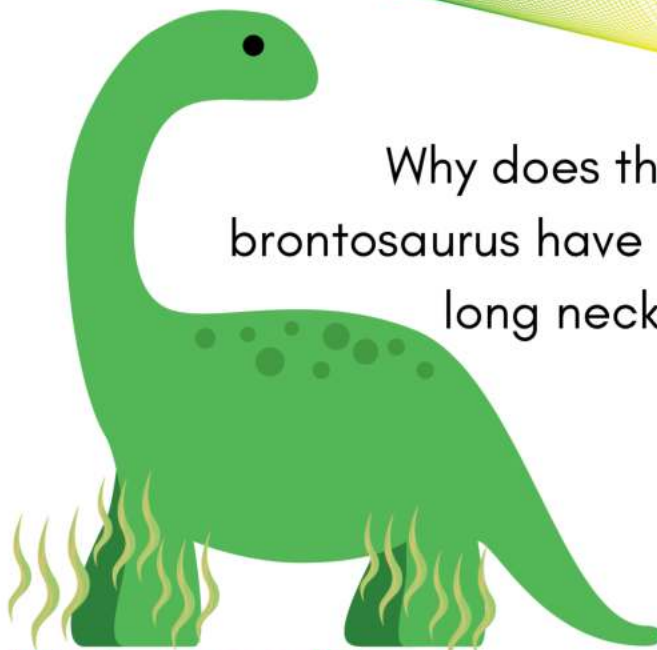
SUE'S Dinosaur LIBRARY LAUGHS

What do you
get when a
dinosaur walks
through the
strawberry
patch?



**Strawberry
Jam!**

Why does the
brontosaurus have a
long neck?



His feet smell!!

What does a dinosaur
use to cut wood?



A dino-saw!

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Magical Gifts

SEP 30

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12-25

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Your Own
BOOK
COVER

BRICKS
INTO
BOOKS



WITH
JESS MCCALL

OCT 1

FOR AGES
12-25

SFX
WORKSHOP



with Mad Hatterz
Parties

OCT 2

FOR AGES
16-25

AIRBRUSH
TATTOOS
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Parties

OCT 7

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12-25

FREE
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AND TOYS
GIVEAWAY



OCT 7

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TRAINING



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