

MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT

Saturday 11 May

9:00am – 1:00pm

Sunday 12 May

10:00am – 2:00pm

Decorate a special keyring to take home for your mum or someone special.

Drop-in session – bookings not required.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Bowerbird Blues - Aura Parker

Wednesday 22 May at 11:15am
for an 11:30am start

Join us for a special storytime as we count down the clock and read along with more than one million children from around Australia. We invite you to come dressed in a touch of blue and participate in our bowerbird scavenger hunt around the Library.

Bookings essential.

NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK

13 - 19 May

Pop into the Library and borrow one of our special 'family packs' to celebrate your love of reading and the important role that families play in Australian society.

MEN'S POOL - SOCIAL GROUP

Thursday 2 and 16 May

12:30pm - 1:30pm

For those looking to get out and about and socialise over a game of pool.

Runs fortnightly in conjunction with ac.care Community Connections.

Bookings not required.

WRITERS GROUP MEETINGS

The following groups will meet between 10:00am - 12:30pm, all welcome.

Strong Women Writers Group - Sunday 12 May

All Welcome Mixed Group - Sunday 19 May

IDAHOBIT

Special Storytime

Friday 17 May at 10:00am

Join us for a special storytime hosted in collaboration with Kyra from The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre, as we celebrate diversity and inclusion on the International Day Against LGBTQI+ Discrimination.

Followed by rainbow face painting and a craft activity.

Bookings not required.



LIVE STREAM

Sydney Writers' Festival

Thursday 23 - Sunday 26 May

Join us as we stream live from Sydney Writers' Festival.

DAY 1: Thursday 23 May

9:30am - 4:30pm

Julia Baird, Viet Thanh Nguyen, Suzie Miller, Julian Borger and more.

DAY 2: Friday 24 May

9:30am - 4:30pm

A.C. Grayling, Julian Borger, Abdulrazak Gurnah and more.

DAY 3: Saturday 25 May

9:30am - 12:30pm

Celeste Ng, Trent Dalton and more.

DAY 4: Sunday 26 May

11:00am - 2:00pm

Chloe Dalton, David Graeber and more.

For a full program with session content please collect a program or download via our website.

AUTHOR EVENT - VICTORIA PURMAN 'THE RADIO HOUR'

Wednesday 15 May at 7:00pm

From the bestselling author of The Nurses' War comes this charming, funny and pointed look at the golden years of radio broadcasting in post-war Australia, celebrating the extraordinary unseen women who wrote the radio plays that held a nation captive. For readers of Lessons in Chemistry.

Books available for purchase and signing.

Free event - includes supper. Bookings essential.



AUTHOR EVENT - CATHRYN HEIN 'THE GRAZIER'S SON'

Tuesday 21 May at 7:00pm

When taking up an unexpected inheritance with an unhappy past, newcomer Stirling is daunted to find a town set against him. Except, perhaps, for one sassy, big-hearted woman, who is willing to give him a chance to prove he belongs.

Books available for purchase and signing.

Free event - includes supper. Bookings essential.



HISTORY MONTH

1 - 31 May 2024

May is History Month and we invite you to explore and share our local history with the following events:

Mount Gambier History Group

Who Can It Be Now? -

Photographic Display

On display throughout May.

Family History for Beginners

Thursday 2 May at 2:00pm

Trove - Exploring Australian

Newspapers Online

Tuesday 7 May at 10:00am

CBD Story Walk

Friday 10 May at 10:00am

Art Play - Embroidered Photos

Monday 13 May at 2:00pm

Ian Lewis - Cave Man

Tuesday 28 May at 6:30pm

Nostalgia Nook - Treasures of

the History Collection

Tuesday 21 May at 10:00am

Church Hill Walk

Friday 24 May at 2:00pm

For full details on each event, collect a program of events from the Library or download from our website.

AUTHOR EVENT - HEATHER MORRIS 'SISTERS UNDER THE RISING SUN'

Monday 27 May at 7:00pm

City Hall, The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre

The captivating new novel from the multimillion-copy bestselling author of 'The Tattooist of Auschwitz', 'Cilka's Journey' and 'Three Sisters'. 'Sisters under the Rising Sun' is a story of women in war: a novel of resilience, bravery and friendship in the darkest of circumstances.

Books available for purchase and signing.

Free event - includes supper.

Bookings essential.



LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Wednesday 1 May

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Bring a book you love or one you are currently reading and spend 10 minutes discussing your book. New members welcome.

The Haven Mount Gambier

CRAFT AND CONVERSATION

Macrame for Beginners

Thursday 9 May at 10:00am

Join in with this creative production line to make inspiring gifts for women.

No skills necessary.

Bookings essential.

COFFEE AND A CHAT

Aged Care and Financial

Information Session

Wednesday 29 May

at 10:00am

Join our special guests from Services Australia, Aged Care Specialist Officer and Financial Information Services Officer who will discuss their roles and how they can assist in the community.

Bookings encouraged.

MAKERSPACE ACTIVITIES

3D Design and Print

Tuesday 2:00pm - 5:00pm

No design skills necessary.

Volunteers will help you design and print in 3D.

Gold coin for completed prints.

Bookings not required.

Wacom Digital Tablets

Tuesday 2:00pm - 5:00pm

For drawing, sketching, writing and comic creation.

Bookings not required.

Crochet and Chat

Friday 10:00am - 12:00pm

Local crochet group with new members welcome.

Bookings not required.

Learn a Language: Mandarin

Saturday 11:00am - 12:30pm

Learn basic conversational Mandarin - for beginners or those looking to brush up on their language skills.

Bookings encouraged.

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ONE-ON-ONE IT HELP

Tuesdays 9:00am - 12:00pm

Fridays 9:00am - 12:00pm

Half hour sessions

Assisting with all enquiries such as setting up an email account, navigating your new device and internet safety.

Free - bookings essential.

FREE COMPUTER LESSONS

Avoiding Identity Theft

1 May at 10:00am

Basic Computing for Beginners

8 May at 10:00am

Introduction to Windows 11

15 May at 10:00am

Social Media Basics - Facebook

22 May at 10:00am

Social Media Basics - Instagram

29 May at 10:00am

For more details on each lesson collect a flyer from the Library. Free - bookings essential.

3D GIFT MAKING

Tuesday 7 May 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Looking for a unique gift idea for Mother's Day? Join our special 3D print session where you can make customised items such as a book mark or gift box. Staff will help guide you to design - all you need to do is wrap the gift!

Suitable for ages 3 to 100!

Free event - bookings not required.

YOUTH D&D CLUB

First Friday of every month

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Suitable for ages 15 - 25

Join us for a monthly Dungeons and Dragons club.

No experience necessary.

Limited spaces - bookings essential.

NEW TO THE LIBRARY SHELF

Devil's Kitchen
Candice Fox
CRIME

The Long and Winding Road
Lesley Pearce
LIFE STORIES

The Wrong Sister
Claire Douglas
CRIME

The Great Divide
Cristine Henriquez
GENERAL FICTION

Cheater
Karen Rose
CRIME

Looking Out
Fiona McCallum
GENERAL FICTION

Good Half Gone
Tarryn Fisher
CRIME

Looking Out
Fiona McCallum
GENERAL FICTION

LIBRARY PODCAST Don't Overdue It Season 4 Episode 5 - Words Grow Minds

Join us on an insightful journey as we delve into the profound influence of the Words Grow Minds program. This initiative aims at fostering early childhood development and literacy through talking, reading, playing and singing with your child from birth. In this episode, we discuss the role the Mount Gambier Library has played in the program and uncover the transformative power of language and literacy in shaping young minds.

Free to download from most podcasting apps.

CURRENTLY READING... The Winter Palace by Paul Morgan

Historical Fiction

In 1939, Anton, a captain in the Polish army, says goodbye to his wife, Elisabeth. He is leaving to defend their homeland against the invasion by Nazi Germany and Russia. They make a vow that – whatever happens, however much time passes – they'll meet again at the Winter Palace, their stately home in the Polish countryside. The winds of war draw them far apart. Anton is captured and sent to Siberia as a POW. He eventually joins a lost army that battles through snowstorms and scorching deserts in Central Asia to find freedom. Anton survives, driven by his determination to join Elisabeth again. She, meanwhile, is forced to be the 'mistress' of a Nazi officer before escaping to join the Polish resistance.

As the war ends, Anton and Elisabeth are at the opposite ends of the world. Anton is in Australia. Elisabeth is in Poland, awaiting his return for months and then years. Will they ever meet again at the Winter Palace?

From 1930s Europe to present-day Australia, this is a sweeping story of love that cannot be broken by time, distance, war or even death.



MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Drawn Friday 10 May

Friends of the Library Mount Gambier are hosting a Mother's Day raffle!
\$2.00 a ticket gives you the chance to win a beautiful hamper full of goodies.
All proceeds go towards Library programs, resources, materials and events.

Under 5 Sessions

Baby Bounce: Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00am
Storytime: Tuesday at 10:30am
Move & Groove: Thursday at 10:30am

Cave Club: Passport incentive for children attending Storytime and Move & Groove sessions.

After School Clubs

During school term only
STEAM Club: Tuesday 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Table Top Games: Thursday 4:00pm - 5:00pm

JP Service

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
12:00pm - 2:00pm

Local & Family History Help

Wednesday: 2:00pm - 5:00pm

What Can I Borrow?

100 items in total.
4 week limit: books, audio books, graphic novels, jigsaws.
2 week limit 20 items: music CDs, DVDs.
Reserve up to 30 items at one time.
eResources: eAudio, eBooks, eMagazines.

Library Services

Children, youth and adult events, school holiday activities, historical photographs, free internet, home delivery service, computer lessons, local and family history help, free wi-fi, MakerSpace activities, room hire.

Opening Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:30pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am - 2:00pm
Open public holidays: 12:00pm - 3:00pm
(except Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day and Good Friday).

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WHAT'S ON MAY 2024

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HISTORY MONTH 2024 1 - 31 May 2024

