

## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: CHILDREN'S & YOUTH EVENTS AT GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARIES**

Geelong Regional Library Corporation (GRLC) is currently seeking expressions of interest to supplement our existing children's and youth programming. This year, we are inviting applications from a range of artists to enhance health and wellbeing outcomes for youth (12-18 years); for example, musicians, performing artists, and creative designers and illustrators. We also welcome applications from other artists if you can show how your workshop or event supports young people. If this is something you can provide, we encourage you to apply!

### **OUR AIM**

GRLC is committed to offering events that are responsive to community needs and that increase literacy, digital confidence, lifelong learning, skill building and social connectedness.

As outlined in our [Connecting and Thriving GRLC Library Plan 2021-2025](#) and our [Youth Engagement Strategy 2021-2025](#), events held within our libraries should contribute to the following strategies:

- Library Plan Strategy - Community
  - address local needs and provide local solutions
  - customise aspects of library programs to support local priorities and events.
- Library Plan Strategy - Places and Spaces
  - actively reflects the unique character, stories and cultural heritage of local places
- Library Plan Strategy - Our People
  - build a culture of inspiring regional leaders
  - maintain our digital literacy and communication skillset, instilling confidence in the delivery of in-house programs across all platforms.
- Library Plan Strategy - Regional Leadership
  - in digital access, learning and creative expression
  - host innovative digital programs and events that connect thought leaders and contemporary ideas, resulting in new regional opportunities.
- Youth Engagement Strategy - Involve
  - strengthen relationships between the GRLC and young people through open communication and creating opportunities for active participation.
- Youth Engagement Strategy - Thrive
  - identify and address systemic barriers for youth in accessing opportunities, resources, services and participating in programming.
- Youth Engagement Strategy - Belonging
  - support young people to develop a sense of social connectedness to community and peers.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

GRLC considers workshops and events which:

1. Engage children and youth on contemporary issues important to them.
2. Promote the library as a place of participation, inclusivity, innovative thinking and discussion.
3. Contribute to our emphasis on lifelong learning and community engagement.
4. Involve considered use of public resources.
5. Adhere to GRLC Child Safety Code of Conduct.

When applying, please also consider the following:

- Relevance for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander and/or CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) people.
- Inclusivity and accessibility, including suitability for people living with disabilities.
- Potential to engage with the community and support the development of a vibrant, culturally connected community within G21.
- Focus on our communities' health and wellbeing.
- Community enthusiasm for the topic/content.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

GRLC accepts applications from creatives at all stages of their career, as well as community groups and not for profit organisations. We encourage local residents to apply; however, this is not necessary for your application to be successful.

Please note, there is often a large response to our expressions of interest, and we are unable to accommodate every request. If your workshop or event cannot be scheduled into our current offering, we will add it to our waiting lists for possible future programs.

### **HIRE FEE**

If you are successful, there is usually no fee to hire an event space. Depending on the details of your request, a contribution towards staffing costs may be required.

Please note, GRLC will not administer sales or facilitate payment for books or any other goods on behalf of an author or presenter.

### **AVAILABLE SPACES FOR IN-PERSON EVENTS AT GLHC AND COMMUNITY LIBRARIES:**

<b>Branch</b>	<b>Max No. of Guests</b>
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre	230 pax
Newcomb Library	100
Corio Library	80
Leopold Library	70
Boronggook Drysdale Library	60
Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Library	60
Waurm Ponds Library	50
Colac Library	50
Queenscliff	50
Torquay Library	50
Bannockburn Library	50
Geelong West Library	30
Belmont Library	30
Lara Library	30
Ocean Grove Library	30
Chilwell Library	20
Apollo Bay Library (whole space)	30

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**Please complete our online [Expression of Interest form](#) and we will respond as soon as possible.  
Incomplete application forms cannot be considered.**