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WHAT'S ON



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



HEALTH & WELLBEING



GARDEN CHAT: HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

book now

Monday 16 September & Monday 14 October,
10:30am-11:30am | Bannockburn Library

Have some gardening tips or a picture of your latest bloom? Connect with other garden enthusiasts to discuss flowers, produce and share ideas at this casual monthly session.

FAMILY YOGA SESSION

book now

Thursday 10 October, 4:00pm-5:00pm
Torquay Library

A playful, fun, and creative family yoga session. Learn how to move your body and connect to your breath to help calm a busy mind.



HERITAGE

LOCAL HISTORY OF LEOPOLD

book now

Friday 20 September & Friday 25 October
10:00am-11:00am | Leopold Library

Local historian Bryan Marra researches the Leopold area and covers a different topic monthly in this local history roundup.





MAKE & CREATE

COLLAGE WORKSHOP: FLOWERS

book now

Wednesday 4 September, 10:30am-12:00noon
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

Celebrate spring by creating a collage inspired by flowers! Play with layers of colours and textures to create unique artwork made from recycled materials.

CRAFT CORNER

Friday 13 September & Friday 11 October
2:00pm-3:30pm | Lara Library

Make paper seasonal decorations for your home – the perfect opportunity for adults to try various craft activities in a fun and friendly environment.



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PAINT-BY-NUMBERS WORKSHOP

book now

Tuesday 15 October & Tuesday 29 October
10:00am-12:00noon | Wearn Ponds Library

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH EVENT

Embrace your inner artist and create something beautiful to take home. Come along and enjoy this relaxing workshop.



SPRINGTIME WITH THE SEED LIBRARY!

Celebrate spring with our Seed Library events! Get started with veggie gardening, seeds and saving tips, hear from local gardening and food sustainability experts, and kids can get creative with our sensational school holiday activities.



JOB & LIFESKILLS



EMPLOYMENT ADVICE WITH THE GORDON SKILLS & JOBS CENTRE

Every Wednesday in September & October,
11:00am-1:00pm | Corio Library



Free career and employment advice for everyone in Geelong. Get help with your resume, cover letters, interview skills, and more.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CAFÉ

Every Monday and Friday in
September & October, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre
& Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Library

Join a supportive group of adults to practice speaking English in a relaxed environment at your library. Improve your skills, meet new people, and learn from others!

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now



MOVIES, MUSIC & PERFORMANCE

VINYL CLUB

Wednesday 25 September &
Wednesday 30 October
4:00pm-5:00pm | Colac Library

Spin some discs, enjoy nibbles and chat about music you love with other music lovers at this monthly session.



Explore more events:
www.grlc.vic.gov.au/whats-on

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

book
now

23 September - 4 October
Various locations



Celebrate our 'Sensational Spring' themed programs including: Springtime Origami, Spring Science Spectacular, Sounds of Spring and much more. Sessions range from literacy, STEM, social connections and creative exploration.

STORY DOGS RETURN!

book
now

24 September & 3 October,
Torquay Library

26 September & 1 October,
Newcomb Library



The beloved Story Dogs are back at Torquay and Newcomb during the school holidays. Bookings essential.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT STORYTIME

Throughout October, Various locations

Join us for our special storytime sessions as part of Mental Health Month where we will explore themes of feelings, emotions, mental health and overall wellbeing.



REGISTER FOR AN EVENT

Bookings for events are free unless otherwise indicated.

YOU CAN BOOK:

Online – find and register for an event on the library website:
www.grlc.vic.gov.au/whats-on

In person – staff at your local library can book on your behalf.

By phone – (03) 4201 0600

Cover: Multi-ARIA award-winning country music icon Kasey Chambers appears at Geelong Library & Heritage Centre to discuss her new memoir. Wednesday 9 October 6:00pm-7:00pm. *Presented in partnership with The Wheeler Centre*

WHERE YOU SEE THIS SYMBOL

book now

Bookings are essential



Event is online



Book sales & author book signings at events



Paid tickets. Full details on our website



Refreshments

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SEPTEMBER

12 Thursday 12 September, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Leopold Library



ROSS MCMULLIN – LIFE SO FULL OF PROMISE

Winner of the 2024 Age Book of the Year Prize for Nonfiction, acclaimed historian and biographer Ross McMullin combines research and narrative flair in this multi-biography about Australia's lost generation of WWI, with a collection of interwoven stories set in that defining era.

12 Thursday 12 September, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



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MARKUS ZUSAK – THREE WILD DOGS AND THE TRUTH

Join Markus, bestselling author of *The Book Thief*, in conversation with Elizabeth McCarthy, program director of the Queenscliff Literary Festival. Discover his tender memoir about welcoming three wild dogs into his family home, revealing the beauty and chaos they bring.

WRITERS' WORKSHOP

13 Friday 13 September, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



SHOW, DON'T TELL: WRITERS WORKSHOP

Learn to master the art of "show, don't tell" in your writing. Engage readers emotionally by crafting scenes. Join this workshop to help your descriptive skills and bring your stories to life.

SPECIAL EVENT

14 Saturday 14 September, 10:30am-2:30pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



SPRING FLING DAY

Join us for a celebration of community and sustainability! Swap garden goodies, learn from local growers, and explore our Seed Library. Perfect for gardeners of all levels. Remember to bring your surplus garden goodies to share.

21 Saturday 21 September
1:00pm-4:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



CONFIDENCE 2 BOOK LAUNCH – FINDING NEW VOICES

Discover new stories and voices with this anthology launch by Minds Shine Bright, featuring forty standout writers from their competition. With live readings by local authors – Helen Booth, Kym Tyzack, Caitlin Mahony, Shoshanna Rockman and Leone Gabrielle. Get involved with the open mic session. *In partnership with Minds Shine Bright.*



26 Thursday 26 September, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



VIRGINIA TRIOLI – A BIT ON THE SIDE

Virginia Trioli knows that enduring joy is often found not in the big moments but in the small. And as a dedicated, almost obsessive, foodie, believes that food gives us the perfect metaphor for how to seek, recognise and devour the real flavour of life. Virginia will be in conversation with fellow ABC Melbourne Radio alumni, Jacinta Parsons.

OCTOBER

09 Wednesday 9 October, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



KASEY CHAMBERS IN CONVERSATION: JUST DON'T BE A D**CKHEAD

Multi-ARIA Award-winning country music icon Kasey Chambers is in town for a night of whirlwind stories and rock-solid life lessons. *In partnership with The Wheeler Centre.*

12 Saturday 12 October, 10:30am-12:30pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



BUILDING RESILIENCE: SUSTAINABLE HOMES & GARDENS

Discover practical tips for creating sustainable homes and gardens with insights from industry experts. Learn about MOTIVES, permaculture, and wildlife-friendly gardens to enhance your property's resilience and biodiversity. *In partnership with Geelong Sustainability. Tickets \$10/\$5 concession.*

AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS



WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

17 Thursday 17 October, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Online



THE TEMPEST: A CLOSER LOOK

Brave the maelstrom of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* with this online presentation. Discover the magic and mystery of a masterpiece and gain a deeper appreciation for the timeless nature of his work.

MOVIES, MUSIC & PERFORMANCE

19 Saturday 19 October
12:00noon-12:30pm & 1:30pm-2:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



ORCHESTRA GEELONG CONCERTS

Join us for either of the two wonderful concert sessions with Geelong's longest running and much-loved community orchestra. The 40+ musicians, conducted by Hayden Dinse, will present concerts of classical fun and favourites!

24 Thursday 24 October, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



TIM WINTON – JUICE

An epic novel of determination, survival, and the limits of the human spirit. This is Tim Winton as you've never read him before. **THIS EVENT IS NOW FULLY BOOKED, WAITLIST AVAILABLE.**

SPECIAL EVENT

26 Saturday 26 October, 9:30am-11:30am
Queenscliff Library



QUEENSCLIFF LITERARY WALK – BROCHURE LAUNCH AND GUIDED WALK

Explore the rich literary connections with our new Queenscliff Literary Walk brochure! To help us launch, join us for a guided walk around the intriguing literary landmarks, followed by morning tea in the library. *In partnership with Queenscliffe Literary Festival.*



26 Saturday 26 October, 4:00pm-5:00pm
Monaghan Centre, Queenscliff



XAVIER FOWLER – THE FOOTBALL WAR

Footy, anyone? Join footy historian Xavier and footy tragic Francis Leach for a passionate exchange about the history of football and explore *The Football War: The VFL & VFA's Battle for Supremacy*. *In partnership with Queenscliffe Literary Festival.*



OCTOBER IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Join us at your local library for a range of free events during Mental Health Month. Be part of conversations about mental health and share lived experience stories to improve well-being.

