

MEET CALIN FRENCH FOR 'HUG'

1 – 26 March

On display in the Library, this sculpture is made up of many interlocking elements as a symbolic composition expressing care, support and connection. Take a seat on 'Calin' as you reflect and celebrate all unpaid carers.

Provided by Carers SA.

ART PLAY Project Collage

Monday 18 March at 2:00pm

Utilising Bev Speight's book, Project Collage: 50 Projects to Spark Your Creativity, you will be inspired to experiment with a range of techniques to create a striking piece of artwork.

Bookings essential.

BEFORE THE BOUNCE

25 March – 7 April

The City of Mount Gambier will encompass a program of events and activities across the city, in the lead up to the AFL Gather Round.

Local Legends

Thursday 28 March at 10:00am

As the 2024 AFL season kicks off, we reflect on the many local legends and stories from days gone by. Utilising an abundance of historic photographs, newspaper articles, participants are invited to bring in their own memories to share.

Bookings encouraged.

Kids Kick!

Tuesday 2 – Sunday 7 April

Pom Poms Craft Activity – Support your favourite team with making pom poms for the AFL season! Self sufficient activity for families.

Bookings not required.

Find the Football Competition – Find the hidden footballs scattered throughout the library to go to into the draw to win an AFL football.

For the Fans

The Les Hill Photographic collection has an abundance of local team photos that you can access online. However, we are always on the look out for those unique photos to help create history now.

Think the 1971 Glencoe Football Oval sinkhole, or images of crowds and spectators at some of the biggest clashes of the 80's and 90's.

If you have any photos that you would like to see digitised, please bring them in – must have relevant information for cataloguing: When/who/ where etc.

EASTER BASKET CRAFT

Saturday 30, Sunday 31 and

Monday 1 April

Families are invited to create their own 'Easter Bunny' basket. A self-sufficient activity for all ages.

Bookings not required.

EASTER HOURS

29 March - Good Friday:

CLOSED

30 March - Easter Saturday:

9:00am – 1:00pm

31 March - Easter Sunday:

10:00am – 2:00pm

1 April - Easter Monday:

12:00pm – 3:00pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 11 March

Library open 12:00pm - 3:00pm

ADELAIDE WRITERS' WEEK - LIVE STREAMING

Monday 4 – Thursday 7 March

9:30am – 4:45pm

Join us at Mount Gambier Library and The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre as we stream live from the Adelaide Writers' Festival.

DAY 1: Monday 4 March: Wendy Harmer, Anne Enright, William McInnes, Nathan Thrall, Jonathan Rosen and more.

DAY 2: Tuesday 5 March: Ted Chiang, Jane Smiley, Melissa Lucashenko, Lisa Miller, Patrick McGorry and more.

DAY 3: Wednesday 6 March: Pip Williams, David Marr, Kate Grenville, Bryan Washington, Martin Flanagan and more.

DAY 4: Thursday 7 March: Sarah Watling, Catharine Lumby, Polly Toynbee, Illan Pappe, Omar Sakr and more.

Collect a full program from either venue.

Bookings not required.

HARMONY WEEK - EVERYONE BELONGS

Monday 18 – Sunday 24 March.

Children of the World Community Puzzle

This giant puzzle when pieced together will allow children to enjoy learning about different cultures.

Everyone Belongs Tree

Children can draw a family picture or write their name on a handprint template and add to the 'Everyone Belongs Tree'.

Special Storytime

Tuesday 19 March at 10:30am

Join us as we celebrate Australia's cultural diversity with sharing a book that promotes inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Craft activity to follow.

Carers from Multicultural Backgrounds

Information Sessions

Wednesday 20 March

10:00am – 12:00pm or 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Do you assist and help a family member or friend living with a disability, a chronic health condition, mental illness, drug and alcohol dependence or someone who is elderly and frail? Then you are a carer and this event is for you!

Learn how to access free support and services that will help you in your role as a carer.

Free with refreshments provided.

Bookings essential SMS 0455 533 361 (with time session you are attending) or online via QR code.

Presented by Carers SA.



SA YOUTH WEEK

15 – 24 March

City of Mount Gambier will provide a program of events to celebrate young people in our community.

Events include D&D night, photography competition, mocktail night, VR gaming and more.

Collect a full program of events for full details.

CHILDREN'S BOOK LAUNCH

Banjo Frog's Concert

Spectacular

With Kirstin Martin and Bianca Richardson

Sunday 17 March at 11:00am

Easter Bilby is excited to join his friends for Banjo Frog's Concert Spectacular. But something's wrong! Can Easter Bilby help his friends and save the concert? Meet the author and illustrator with book reading, craft activity and refreshments at this family friendly event.

Bookings essential.

The Haven Mount Gambier

LET'S FIDGET TOGETHER; FIDDLE BLANKETS, MUFFS AND SCARVES WORKSHOP Supporting those with dementia

Tuesday 19 March at 10:00am

If you know anyone with dementia, or you are a carer of someone with dementia please join us to complete the fiddle items. The fiddle blankets, muffs and scarves will be donated to Dementia Australia and distributed to dementia patients.

Bookings encouraged.

COFFEE AND A CHAT Aged Care and Financial Information Session

**Wednesday 27 March
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.

WRITERS GROUP MEETINGS

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

Pathways to Publication - Sunday 3 March

Strong Women Writers Group - Sunday 10 March

All Welcome Mixed Group - Sunday 17 March

Writers of Children and Young Adult Books - Sunday 24 March

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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

Microsoft Excel Basics

6 March at 10:00am

Exploring Your iPad/iPhone Settings

13 March at 10:00am

Recommended iPhone/iPad Apps

20 March at 10:00am

Exploring Your Android Settings

27 March at 10:00am

**For more details on each lesson
collect a flyer from the Library.**

Free - bookings essential.

NOSTALGIA NOOK

I Do: Weddings

Tuesday 19 March at 10:00am

This month we welcome the Mount Gambier History Group as they showcase a few pieces from their extensive wedding dress collection along with other memorabilia. Participants are welcome to bring their own photos to share with the group.

**All welcome – bookings
encouraged.**

NEW TO THE LIBRARY SHELF

Random in Death
J.D. Robb
CRIME

Yellowface
Rebecca F. Kuang
GENERAL FICTION

The Last Word
Elly Griffiths
CRIME

MEN'S POOL - SOCIAL GROUP

Thursday 7 and 21 March
1:00pm - 2:00pm

For those looking to get out and about and socialise over a game of pool.
Runs fortnightly. All welcome with refreshments provided.
In conjunction with ac.care Community Connections.
Bookings not required.

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Wednesday 6 March
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.

LIBRARY PODCAST

Don't Overdue It
Season 4 Episode 3 -
A Hard Day's Work

With time comes change. One of the biggest changes over recent times is how we work. There are many factors which have contributed to the changes to our workday including the advancement in technology. For this episode we are joined by Mount Gambier locals who share the memories and stories of how a hard day's work looked like in years gone by.
Free to download from most podcasting apps.

CURRENTLY READING...

The Other Bridget by Rachael Johns

Romance

Librarian Bridget is a hopeless romantic, who believes that anyone who doesn't like reading just hasn't met the right book yet, and that connecting books to their readers is her superpower. If only her love life was that easy.

When handsome Italian barista Fabio progresses from flirting with love hearts on her coffee foam to joining the book club she runs at her library, Bridget prays her romance 'curse' won't ruin things. But it's the attention of her cranky neighbour Sully that seems to be the major obstacle in her life. Why is he going to so much effort to get under her skin? With the help of her friends and the colourful characters who frequent her library she soon discovers there might be a happily ever after ending ...



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.

Wacom Digital Tablets

Tuesday 2:00pm - 5:00pm
For drawing, sketching, writing and comic creation.

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.

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

STEAM Club: Tuesday 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Table Top Games Club: Wednesday 4:00pm - 5:00pm

LEGO Fan Club Technics and Classics:

Thursday 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Friday Afternoon Pool: Friday 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 MARCH 2024

Mount Gambier Library



CHILDREN'S AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR EVENT

Kristin Martin & Bianca Richardson

Sunday 17 March at 11:00am

