

what's on

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Adelaide Hills Council
Libraries



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programs

Adelaide Hills Council Libraries provide a range of adult programs, with something for everyone!

film

Join fellow film lovers on the last Friday of the month for some movie magic in the morning & stay for a cuppa & chat.

When: May 30 & June 27
Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Contact: 8408 0400 for titles | ratings
Bookings: Free | No bookings required
ADULTS

watercolour workshop

A calming and creative workshop with artist Zinia King exploring the art of watercolour. Come and try your hand at painting flowers and leaves in pen and wash.

When: Thursday 10 April
Time: 11:30am - 12:30pm
Where: Woodside Library
Bookings: Free | Bookings essential
ADULTS



traditional basket weaving

Come and try a relaxing hands-on workshop with artists from Marra Dreaming during National Reconciliation Week. Learn the traditional Aboriginal craft of basket weaving and create something to take home. All materials are supplied.

When: Saturday 31 May
Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: FREE | Bookings essential
ADULTS | FAMILY - ages 8+



programs

writing engaging local and family history

Join best-selling author and community historian Liz Harfull in this two hour workshop exploring techniques to help you write engaging history, whether it's about your family or local community. Develop writing skills that will bring your stories to life and be inspired to make your project happen.

Liz Harfull is passionate about history and telling the stories of the extraordinary everyday people who make up our communities. She has written ten books, including the extraordinary story behind the foundation of the Country Women's Association, award-winning celebrations of country shows and cooking traditions, and an in-depth history about her favourite seaside town of Robe. Liz juggles a busy writing career with volunteer work as a community historian. She is also editor of the National Trust of SA magazine, Heritage Living.



When: Tuesday 27 May
Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: \$5 | Bookings essential
ADULTS



vintage radio & magnetic recording pop-up exhibition

Step back in time and tune into the past during the month of May as part of SA's History Festival. Explore a collection of vintage radios from the 1950s and 1960s, including Australian designed radios manufactured by Astor, Kreisler and Philips/Mullard and the Ferry Sound Industries collection of reel to reels, turntables and tuner/speakers designed and manufactured in a garage factory in Lower Mitcham during the 1950s.

When: May 1 -24
Time: Library opening hours
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: FREE | All ages

Part of the South Australia's History Festival 2025.

South
Australia's

1-31 May
2025

History Festival

digital literacy

Develop your skills and confidence to connect with today's digital world.

tech help one-on-one

Get free, one-on-one help with your smartphone, laptop or tablet in a relaxed, jargon-free session tailored just for you.

Sessions run for 60 minutes and are tailored to your level of experience. Beginners are absolutely welcome, and you can make follow-up visits as often as you need.

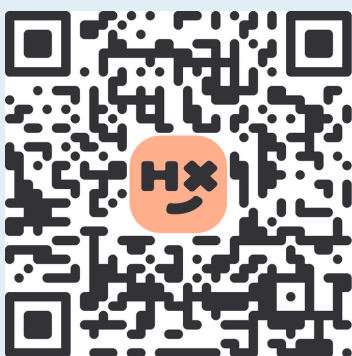
When: Mondays & Fridays
Time: 11:00am & 2:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free | Bookings essential

When: Alternate Wednesdays
Time: 10:00am
Where: Woodside Library
Bookings: Free | Bookings essential

When: Alternate Tuesdays
Time: 3:00pm
Where: Gumeracha Library
Bookings: Free | Bookings essential



**FREE | SCAN QR TO
BOOK ANY SESSION**



android help one-on-one

When: April 2, 9 & 23,
May 7, 14 & 28
June 11 & 25
Time: 10:00am & 11:00am
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free | Bookings essential

family history: getting started

An introductory session in a small group to get you started researching your family history.

When: Selected Fridays
Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free | Bookings essential

family history: one-on-one research help

Receive one-on-one support to explore your family history further. Get tips on where to look, how to interpret findings & find out more about what DNA tracing can offer.

When: Selected Fridays
Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free | Bookings essential

Mount Lofty Districts Historical Society events

Uncovering Memories from Upper Sturt Soldiers Memorial Hall

Guest presenters Dr John Halsey & Judith Lydeamore

When: Thursday 10 April

Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling Community Room

Anzac Eve Service with Police Brass Quintet and Community Gathering

When: Thursday 24 April

Time: 6:00pm onwards

Where: Upper Sturt Soldiers Memorial Hall - 173 Upper Sturt Road

Light meal to follow.

Dawn Service and Wreath Laying

with Stirling Sub-Branch RSL

Anzac address by Dr John Halsey

When: Friday 25 April

Time: 6:00am

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling lawns and War Memorial

Memories of WW1 Badge/Button Map

A collection of fund-raising buttons presented to the Upper Sturt community at the end of WW1 - on loan from the State Library of South Australia.

On display at the Coventry Library, Stirling History Centre from 1 April - 1 May.



High Octane History

High Octane History: From Gypsy Caravans to Motor Homes with Dr John Halsey at the reins and wheel!

When: Friday 2 May

Time: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start - 9:00pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

For all enquiries please contact Chris on 0448 657 593 or Ann on 0419 816 490

African soul drumming



Join Bortier for a joyous high energy African drumming workshop.

When: Saturday 12 April

Time: 10:30am - 11:30am

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling lawns

Bookings: FAMILY | For all ages

FREE | Bookings essential



MEET THE AUTHOR

GRANTLEE KIEZA

WEDNESDAY APRIL 30 7PM

COVENTRY LIBRARY

63 Mt. Barker Rd, Stirling



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MATILDA
BOOKSHOP

It is our pleasure to be presenting Grantlee Kieza for the launch of *Annette Kellerman, Australian Mermaid*, by the bestselling author of *Sister Viv*, *Mrs Kelly*, *Hudson Fysh*, *Banks and Banjo*. Award-winning journalist Grantlee Kieza will be talking about this extraordinary tale of the adventurous life of our first Hollywood superstar, as well as champion swimmer, and trailblazer, Annette Kellerman, at the Coventry Library, Stirling.

BOOKING DETAILS

WHERE

COVENTRY LIBRARY Stirling 63 Mt Barker Rd, Stirling South Australia 5152

WHEN

Wednesday April 30 7pm

COST

Ticket Only: \$12 (+booking fee) Ticket + Book: \$36 (book RRP \$36) Book Only: \$36

CONTACT

Matilda Bookshop 8339 3931 or books@matildabookshop.com.au

BOOK

Book via Trybooking:
trybooking.com/events/landing/1371544



JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY KNITTING!

Worldwide Knit in Public Day



Come together to knit, share tips, and make new friends.
All welcome - beginners, experienced, curious to learn!

Saturday 14 June 1 - 3pm

Coventry Library, Stirling

Afternoon tea provided



SYDNEY WRITERS FESTIVAL

LIVE & LOCAL

Join us for Live & Local 2025, streamed live by Sydney Writers' Festival, bringing the best of the Festival direct to you at the Stirling Library. One of Australia's most loved forums for literature, ideas and storytelling, Sydney Writers' Festival will livestream its headline events from Sydney to Stirling Library on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 May. Prepare to be invigorated and engaged by conversations, debates and discussions featuring some of the world's finest writers and thinkers.

SYDNEY



WRITERS' FESTIVAL

THURSDAY 22 MAY

9.30–10.30AM

MARKUS ZUSAK:

THREE WILD DOGS AND THE TRUTH

Twenty years after his international sensation *The Book Thief*, Markus Zusak turns to non-fiction. Listen as Markus extols on love and human-animal connection in his memoir about his three big pound dogs. In conversation with Richard Glover.

11.30AM–12.30PM

GINA CHICK: *WE ARE THE STARS*

Hear *Alone Australia* winner Gina Chick regale you with stories of her extraordinary life, from her unconventional childhood to deep links with nature as an adult. With Rosemarie Milsom.

1.30–2.30PM

DAVID NICHOLLS: *YOU ARE HERE*

Travel the winding road of love through first encounters and second chances with bestselling novelist and screenwriter David Nicholls, in conversation with Jennifer Byrne on his latest love story.

3.30–4.30PM

PAST AND FUTURE OF INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION

Respected Indigenous leader Thomas Mayo and historian Clare Wright reflect on the history of First Nations movements for change in Australia and look at next steps. With Lorena Allam.

5.30–6.30PM

KALIANE BRADLEY: *THE MINISTRY OF TIME*

Question what it means to change the world by defying history with Kalliane Bradley's bestselling debut, which blends time travel, romance and spy thriller. With host Melanie Kembrey.

9.30–10.30AM

THE MORIARTY SISTERS

Join the Moriarty sisters, Jaclyn, Liane and Nicola, as they discuss their career beginnings, different publishing paths and many successes with writer and broadcaster Sarah Macdonald.

11.30AM–12.30PM

HELEN GARNER: *THE SEASON*

Hear iconic Australian writer Helen Garner's reflections on football and the cycles of life in *The Season*, her first full-length book in a decade. In conversation with David Leser.

1.30–2.30PM

ALAN HOLLINGHURST: *OUR EVENINGS*

Hear Alan Hollinghurst discuss his seventh novel, a rich and pleasurable account of a lifetime in modern England and the search for identity. In conversation with Georgina Godwin.

3.30–4.30PM

COLM TÓIBÍN: FROM *BROOKLYN* TO *LONG ISLAND*

Hear how Laureate of Irish Fiction Colm Tóibín returned to the Lacey family of international bestseller *Brooklyn* with the long-awaited sequel, set 20 years after Rose's death. With ABC Radio National's Kate Evans (*The Bookshelf*).



SYDNEY
WRITERS
FESTIVAL

LIVE & LOCAL

school holidays

Find a family friendly and fun activity for the kids!

tabletop escape room game

A tabletop escape room game where players will work together in a group of six to follow clues, solve puzzles and unlock all the boxes to complete the game mission while racing against the clock.

Tickets are required for each participating child. Ages 8-10

When: Monday 14 April

Time: 9:30am - 10:30am

Where: Woodside Library

Bookings: Free | Bookings essential

autumn STEAM

A hands-on STEAM session where you will explore activities like leaf chromatography and other seasonal challenges that spark creativity and critical thinking. Ages 6-9

When: Tuesday 15 April

Time: 11:00am - 12:30pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Free | Bookings essential

bunny portraits & Easter rocks

Drop in to create bunny portraits from cardboard egg cartons and beautiful coloured Easter rocks. Ages 5+.



When: Wednesday 16 April

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Free | Drop in

game on

Drop in to the library to play a game - lots of big and board games to try! Ages 4+

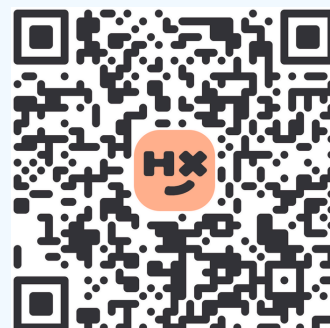
When: Thursday 17 April

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Free | Drop in

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



school holidays

make a fairy or elf door

Be inspired and create your own miniature organic fairy door to place at the base of a tree, log, tree stump or even inside your house. Get creative with craft supplies and materials gathered from nature. What's beyond the tree or wall? Maybe you'll find a little home behind the door or maybe the door opens to another world where magical creatures live. Whatever journey your imagination takes you on, you'll need a fairy door to get you started! Ages 7+

When: Tuesday 22 April
Time: 1:30pm - 3:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free | Bookings essential

foam printing

Make your own print using paint and rollers and a scratch foam block printing technique. Ages 5+

When: Tuesday 22 April
Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Where: Gumeracha Library
Bookings: Free | Bookings essential

a-z adventure play day

The A-Z Adventure Play Day is an opportunity to talk, play, read and sing through the alphabet with your littlest people!

This Play Day celebrates and showcases an exhibition by young artists.

Play activities will be provided by the [Hills Community Toy Library](#), the [Mt Lofty Kindergym](#), and the [Adelaide Hills Council Library Service](#). Special guest animals from [Warrawong Sanctuary](#) will also be there for children to meet.

This is a chance to share time with other families in your community, connect with your child through play, and use those amazing early literacy skills.

BRING: Hats, sunscreen, dancing shoes, play clothes, a morning tea picnic and a rug!

When: Wednesday 23 April
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Where: Uraidla Show hall & grounds
Bookings: Free | Bookings essential
FAMILIES - Ages 0-5

movie

A movie featuring a small bear from Peru with a love for marmalade and a knack for finding trouble! Rated PG.

When: Thursday 24 April
Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free | Bookings essential



WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL

URAILDA SHOW HALL + GROUNDS

10AM-12PM

A-Z ADVENTURE PLAY DAY!

**ALPHABET
KIDS ART
EXHIBITION!**

**MOBILE
LIBRARY!**

**WARRAWONG
ANIMALS
& PLAY
ACTIVITIES!**

FREE!
(BOOKING
ESSENTIAL)



An Initiative of:
Mt Lofty Kindergym
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GROW
MINDS**



Children's Programs

MONDAY

Woodside

Baby Bounce

- Birth - 18 months
- 10 am - 10:30 am

Action Rhymes

- 18 months - 3 years
- 11 am - 11:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Gumeracha

Bounce and Rhyme

- Birth - 3 years
- 10 am - 10:30 am

TUESDAY

Stirling Coventry

Baby Bounce

- Birth - 18 months
- 10:15 am - 10:45 am

Action Rhymes

- 18 months - 3 years
- 11:15 am - 11:45 am

THURSDAY

Stirling Coventry

StoryTime

- 3 - 5 years
- 10:00 am - 10:45 am

Baby Bounce

- Birth - 18 months
- 11:15 am - 11:45 am

Adelaide Hills Council Libraries

Coventry Library

63 Mt Barker Road, Stirling

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 10.00am - 6.00pm

Thurs: 10.00am - 7.00pm

Sat: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Sun: 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Public holidays: closed

Woodside Library

26 Onkaparinga Valley Road, Woodside

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 9.00am - 5.00pm

Thurs: 11.00am - 7.00pm

Sat: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Sun: closed

Public holidays: closed

Gumeracha Library

45 Albert Street, Gumeracha

Mon 9.00am - 2.00pm

Tues, Thurs: 12.00pm - 5.00pm

Wed: Self service 9.00am - 2.00pm

Fri & Sun: closed

Sat: 11.00am - 2.00pm

Public holidays: closed

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