

# what's on

april may june 2025

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 for 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 its 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 1950's and 1960's Australian designed and 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 1950's.

**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



## 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



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



# mount lofty districts historical society events

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## Uncovering Memories of World War 1

Guest presenters Professor John Halsey & Judith Lydeamore

**When:** Thursday 10 April  
**Time:** 2:00pm - 4:00pm  
**Where:** Coventry Library, Stirling Community Room

## Anzac Service and Community Gathering

**When:** Thursday 24 April  
**Time:** From 6:00pm onwards  
**Where:** Upper Sturt Soldiers Memorial Hall

*Light refreshments provided.*

## Dawn Service and Wreath Laying

*with Stirling Sub-Branch RSL*

Anzac address by Professor 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 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*

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# African soul drumming

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**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**



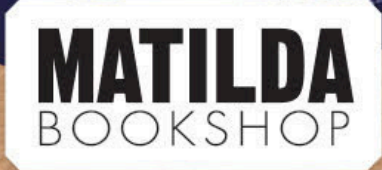
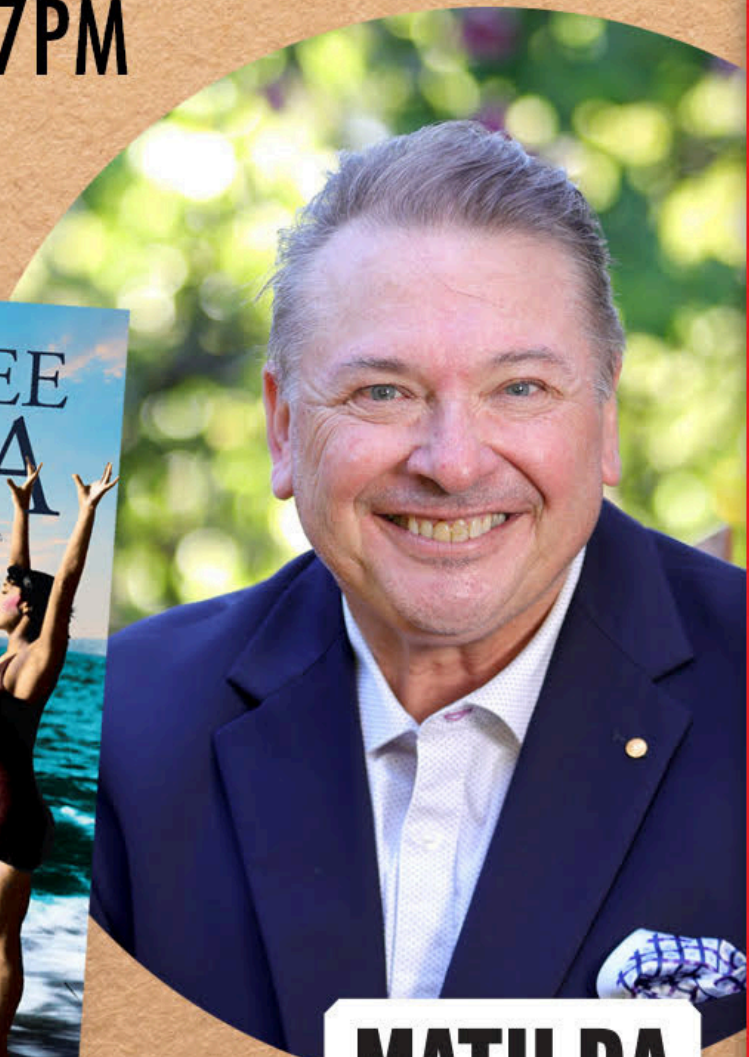
MEET THE AUTHOR

# GRANTLEE KIEZA

WEDNESDAY APRIL 30 7PM

COVENTRY LIBRARY

63 Mt. Barker Rd, Stirling



Just beautiful books | [matildabookshop.com.au](http://matildabookshop.com.au)

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](mailto:books@matildabookshop.com.au)

### BOOK

Book via Trybooking: [trybooking.com/events/landing/1371544](http://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

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## 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 & race 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

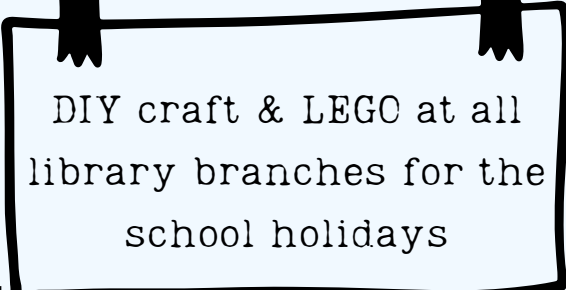
## autumn STEAM

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:** Wednesday 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+

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DIY craft & LEGO at all library branches for the school holidays



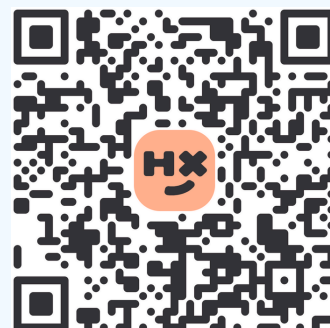
**When:** Wednesday 16 April  
**Time:** 10:00am - 12:00pm  
**Where:** Coventry Library, Stirling  
**Bookings:** Free | Drop in

## 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

SCAN QR CODE FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



# school holidays

## make a fairy or elf door

Be inspired and create your own miniature organic fairy door with materials from nature and craft supplies to place at the base of a tree, log, tree stump or even inside your house. What's beyond the tree or the 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 foam, 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  
Hills Community Toy Library  
Adelaide Hills Council Library Service  
Words Grow Minds

**Thank you to:**  
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AF Parker and Sons Fruit





# Children's Programs

## MONDAY

### Woodside

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#### Baby Bounce

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

#### Action Rhymes

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

## WEDNESDAY

### Gumeracha

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#### Bounce and Rhyme

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

## TUESDAY

### Stirling Coventry

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#### 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

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#### 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

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## 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

T: 08 8408 0400

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