WHAT'S ON SUMMER 2026

GLEN EIRA LIBRARIES

Dec, Jan and Feb

LEARN



Electric Vehicles: The Future is Now

Tuesday 1 December, 6.30pm–8pm

CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE—BOYD ROOM

Thinking about making the switch to an electric vehicle?

Back again by popular demand, is Bryce Gaton from The Driven and EVchoice, for a free information session exploring the essentials of electric vehicles. Whether you're considering purchasing an EV or simply curious about the technology, this session will help you understand the options available and what EV ownership looks like.

Topics include busting common myths, charging options, running costs, battery technology, driving range, and what to consider when buying new or second-hand.

Suitable for adults. Free event. Bookings essential.

CRAFT



Scrapbooking: Make your own holiday cards!

Sunday 6 December, 2pm–4pm

CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Come along for a fun, hands-on scrapbooking session where you'll design and decorate your own personalised cards for the holiday season!

Bring along your favourite photos to make your cards extra special, or simply turn up and use the materials provided.

This is a lovely creative activity and children aged 12+ are invited to join their accompanying adults and get crafty, too!

Led by artist, teacher, and author Adelle Frittitta.

All materials supplied, but feel free to bring photos to include!

Suitable for ages 12 and up. Tickets $7. Bookings essential.



Thursday 24 December, 10am–1pm

ALL LIBRARY BRANCHES

Jólabókaflóð (Yule Book Flood) is a much-loved Icelandic tradition where books are exchanged on Christmas Eve, followed by a cosy night of reading with hot chocolate in hand.

Glen Eira Libraries is once again bringing the tradition to life! Drop in to pick up a free second-hand book to keep, chat with our friendly team, and enjoy a complimentary barista-made hot chocolate or coffee.

Suitable for all ages. No bookings required — just turn up!

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DISCOVER



Navigating My Aged Care

Friday 12 February, Two sessions: 11am and 1pm

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Navigating My Aged Care can feel overwhelming — knowing where to start, what to expect and what support is available. This practical information session will cover the basics of the My Aged Care process, along with tips for getting the most out of your aged care package.

The session is most suitable for older people who are about to begin their My Aged Care journey or who are currently in the process of applying for an assessment.

Presented by the team from Council on the Ageing (COTA), the peak national not-for-profit organisation representing the rights, interests and wellbeing of Australians aged 50 and older.

Free event. Bookings essential. Tea and coffee provided.



Join. Borrow. Play. Win!

The *BIG Summer Read* is back!

Join *Big Summer Read*, a free reading challenge for children and young people aged 0–18. Running from 1 December to 31 January, the challenge encourages reading for pleasure over the summer holidays. Participants can read, track their progress and discover new stories while connecting with their local library.

Whether reading one book or many, every page helps build confidence, imagination and a lifelong love of reading.

Record your reading by going online or collecting a paper tracker from the library to go into the draw for lots of cool prizes.

Find out more at: **library.gleneira.vic.gov.au/BSR**

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1000 Hearts

Sunday 14 February, 1pm–4pm

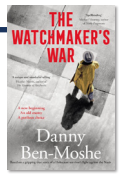
CAULFIELD LIBRARY

It's Library Lovers Day! Join us for a wholesome afternoon of hand-making eco-friendly pocket hearts and offering them where love is needed (it's needed everywhere!).

1000 Hearts exists to make people happier and healthier by sharing kindness in a simple and tangible way; making and sharing pocket hearts that people can hold onto as a reminder that someone cares.

Suitable for ages 16 and up. Free event. No bookings required. Activity may finish early if supplies run out

TALK



Author talk: The Watchmaker's War

Thursday 25 February, 6.30pm-7.30pm

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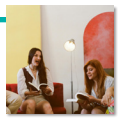
Join Walkley Award-winning documentary filmmaker and author Danny Ben-Moshe to discuss his debut novel, *The Watchmaker's War*. Set in 1950s Melbourne, the book follows Holocaust survivor Yakov Holtzman, a former Lithuanian resistance fighter who discovers that Nazi war criminals have found refuge in Australia. As he confronts his traumatic past and the failure of authorities to act, Yakov faces a difficult question: how far should someone go in the pursuit of justice?

Based on real events, this gripping story sheds light on a little-known chapter of Australian history, exploring the enduring legacy of the Holocaust, the complexities of revenge and the search for justice.

Hosted by author and journalist, Rachelle Unreich.

Suitable for ages 15 and up. Free event. Bookings essential.

READ



The Reading Room

Saturday 27 February, 1pm–4pm

BENTLEIGH LIBRARY AND YOUTH HUB

Start the year by making time for reading at our relaxed, drop-in reading session!

Come for an hour, stay for all three, or just drop by whenever suits you. Bring along whatever you're reading, whether it's a physical book, ebook or audiobook. Not sure what to read next? Our team will have a selection of popular titles across a range of genres available to browse and borrow on the day.

Come join us, bring your friends, and settle in with a book and a free cuppa or cool drink. All welcome!

Suitable for ages 15 and up. Free event. No bookings required.

CRAFT



Scrapbooking club

Fourth Sunday of every month, 2pm–4pm
No December session
Sunday 24 January
Sunday 28 February

CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE — TRAINING ROOM

Scrapbooking is a rewarding hands-on craft that inspires imagination and thoughtful making. Whether you're just getting started or have years of experience, our welcoming Scrapbooking Club offers a relaxed space to explore new ideas, work on personal projects and connect with others. Basic scrapbooking materials are provided, but you're welcome to bring your own papers, photos, embellishments and other supplies. BYO scrapbook.

No bookings required but places are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Free event.

CRAFT



The Sewing Circle

Second Saturday of the month, 11am—2pm
Saturday 13 December
No January session
Saturday 13 February

CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Love to sew, but don't have space for a machine? Pull up a chair at our sewing circle and make use of our public sewing machines to work on your own projects in a shared creative space. This is not a beginner class—participants should have basic sewing skills and be able to work independently, though an experienced facilitator will be on hand to offer tips and guidance.

For ages 18 and up. Free sessions. Bookings not required. First-time attendees will be required to sign a waiver form before using public sewing machines and equipment.

Limited capacity and wait times may apply. Time limits apply during busy periods.

LEARN



Compare and save on energy bills

Every Tuesday by appointment 10.30pm–12.30pm

CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Would you like help saving money on energy bills? Head down to Carnegie Library and Community Centre and chat with a trained volunteer from Community Information and Support Glen Eira. They can help you with free and independent assistance to find, compare and switch energy offers. Just bring along some recent bills to start the conversation.

Bookings required in advance. Contact CISGlen Eira on **9571 7644** or **info@cisgleneira.org.au** for more information and to make an appointment.

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Like a Yarn

Wednesdays, 2pm–3pm
BENTLEIGH LIBRARY AND YOUTH HUB

Thursdays, 11am–12pm
CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Enjoy knitting, crochet or needlework and like to meet people with similar interests? Well, gather your yarns and threads and come along to our groups. No need to register. All welcome.

DISCOVER



Your Family Tree

Thursdays, 1pm–3pm
CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Keen to trace your family history and not sure where to start? Or have you made a start, but then hit a roadblock? Luckily, we have lots of great resources to help you out. Head along to our Family History sessions for some helpful tips and guidance to grow your family tree. Limited numbers apply so get in quick.

Bookings essential. Book online at **library.gleneira.vic.gov.au/family** or call **9524 3700**.

PLAY



Mind Games

Do you like chess, scrabble, backgammon or other board games? Use our games to challenge your friend/s at any branch during opening hours. No bookings required.

CHAT

Chatty Café

Every Thursday, 10.30am–12pm
BENTLEIGH LIBRARY AND YOUTH HUB

Chatty Café is a global movement that brings people together to reduce loneliness, social isolation and build connections. The movement is based on the simple concept of coming together over a free cuppa to chat and share stories in a safe, inclusive space for everyone in our communities.

Join us — we'd love to see you there! No need to register. Please note, *Chatty Café* does not run on public holidays.

BOOK CLUB



Book Chats

First Wednesday of every month, 2pm–3pm
No December or January session
Wednesday 4 February
CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Want to join a reading group, but worry that the book of the month might not be your cup of tea? Then *Book Chats* is for you. With no set theme or topic, *Book Chats* is a relaxed and informal chat about books and reading, and a great way to meet people in your area. Come along, sit back and enjoy the discussion.

Head to **library.gleneira.vic.gov.au/bookchats** to find out more.

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BOOK CLUB



Cover 2 Cover

Love reading and talking about books? Then come along to our free book club — a small, friendly discussion group, with numbers limited to 10. Meet like-minded folk once a month to discuss selected books.

Head to **library.gleneira.vic.gov.au/cover2cover** to find out more.

TECH



Drop-in tech support

Third Monday of every month
10.30am–12.30pm
Monday 21 December
Monday 18 January
Monday 15 February
CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Got a question about the settings on your phone? Need help setting up an email account? Head down to Carnegie Library and Community Centre and spend up to 15 minutes with a technology trainer.

Registration upon arrival as no pre-bookings are available. Limited capacity per session. More information at **library.gleneira.vic.gov.au/techhelp**

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FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

FUN



Big Summer Read Launch Party!

Thursday 10 December, 4pm–6pm

BENTLEIGH LIBRARY AND YOUTH HUB

Kick off the *Big Summer Read* at Bentleigh Library and Youth Hub!

The Big Summer Read is Public Libraries Victoria's annual reading challenge for children and young people aged 0–18. Keep your reading skills sharp over the summer holidays, discover new favourite books and enjoy the fun of tracking your reading, earning badges and going in the draw to win some great prizes!

Join us for a fun afternoon of craft, games and book recommendations. You can sign up for the challenge on the spot, grab your sigh-up prize, and kick start your summer of reading!

Suitable for all ages. No bookings required. Wait times may apply.

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MOVE



YogaTime

Second Wednesday of every month, 11am—11.45am
Wednesday 9 December
Wednesday 9 February

BENTLEIGH LIBRARY AND YOUTH HUB

A growing body of research has shown that yoga can improve focus, memory, and self-esteem, and even reduce anxiety and stress in children. It is also fun! Join Claire from Young Yogis for our monthly session for pre-schoolers and their special person.

Sessions are free and bookings recommended. Limited walk-ups available.

Please note: *YogaTime* will not run in January.

CRAFT



Crafternoons at Caulfield

Fridays, 3pm–5pm

CAULFIELD LIBRARY

Head down to Caulfield Library for some super fun craft! Suitable for ages three and up. No bookings required. Wait times may apply

CRAFT



Crafternoons at Elsternwick

Sundays, 2pm–4pm

ELSTERNWICK LIBRARY

Pop down to Elsternwick for some crafty fun to keep the little ones busy! Suitable for the whole family. No bookings required. Wait times may apply.

CELEBRATE



Lunar New Year

Sunday 7 February,
Craft: 12pm–4.30pm
Storytime: 2pm

BENTLEIGH LIBRARY AND YOUTH HUB

Join us for all-day, hands-on crafts celebrating the Year of the Goat, plus a special bilingual Storytime with A Little Chinese Adventure!

Perfect for all ages. No bookings needed. Wait times may apply. Find out more at: **library.gleneira.vic.gov.au/lunar**



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LEARN



STEAM Club

Last Tuesday of every month, 4pm—5pm
CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Last Wednesday of every month, 4pm—5pm
BENTLEIGH LIBRARY AND YOUTH HUB

Last Thursday of every month, 4pm—5pm
ELSTERNWICK LIBRARY

First Tuesday of every month, 4pm—5pm
CAULFIELD LIBRARY

Join us for our monthly guided drop-in encouraging creative exploration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Maths (STEAM). From popsicle stick catapults to slime and stop motion, to Scratch iPad coding and LEGO, every month we will explore different topics by getting hands-on and trying new things. Learning has never been more fun!

Suitable for ages 5 to 12. No bookings required. Wait times may apply. Children under 12 require parental or caregiver supervision.

Head to **library.gleneira.vic.gov.au/STEAM** for more information and a full list of dates.

Please note: STEAM club will not run during December

PLAY



Lego Club

Wednesdays, 4pm–6pm
CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Love creating with Lego? Head along to our weekly club for children in Prep to Grade 6 and let your imagination run wild.

Session are free. No bookings required

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FUN



Kids Club

Thursdays, 4pm–6pm
BENTLEIGH LIBRARY AND YOUTH HUB

Mondays, 4pm–6pm
CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Thursdays, 4pm–6pm
CAULFIELD LIBRARY

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 4pm–6pm
ELSTERNWICK LIBRARY

Come along and play board games, try your hand at a puzzle, build a Lego masterpiece, or simply read a book.

LEARN

Tech. Games. Fun. Play

The Lab

Tuesdays during school term, 4.30pm–6.30pm
CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Lab is a social and technology club for young people who identify as being on the autism spectrum.

Supported by experienced mentors, the program provides opportunities for young people to build their gaming and computer skills, socialise and have fun.

Spaces are limited and bookings essential at **register.thelab.org.au**

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Tales with Tails

Tuesdays during school terms 4pm–5.20pm
CAULFIELD LIBRARY

Tales with Tails is a weekly program where children read aloud to trained therapy dogs Harvey and Denver in a calm, welcoming and supportive environment. Each session encourages children to enjoy books at their own pace, free from pressure or judgement.

Whether your child loves reading, is building confidence reading aloud, or simply enjoys spending time with animals, *Tales with Tails* offers a unique opportunity to develop a positive connection with books, strengthen communication skills and feel at home in the library.

Suitable for ages 5 and up. Bookings essential. Sessions run for 20 minutes each. Late arrivals may forfeit their session so we can remain on schedule. A limited number of walk-up sessions may be available, subject to availability.

To book head to **library.gleneira.vic.gov.au/taleswithtails**

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STORYTIME



A Bilingual Adventure

Third Friday of every month, 11am
Friday 18 December
No January session
Friday 19 February

CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Experience stories, songs, and rhymes in Mandarin and English with A Little Chinese Adventure. All welcome. No bookings required.

STORYTIME

Auslan StoryTime

Third Thursday of every month, 11am
Thursday 17 December
No January session
Thursday 18 February

BENTLEIGH LIBRARY AND YOUTH HUB

Experience visual language where storytellers read and sign stories and rhymes. All welcome. No bookings required.

STORYTIME



Chanukah StoryTimes

Tuesday 1 December, 11am
CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Thursday 3 December, 11am
BENTLEIGH LIBRARY AND YOUTH HUB

STORYTIME



Under three: BabyTime

Mondays, 2pm
Fridays, 11am
BENTLEIGH LIBRARY AND YOUTH HUB

Mondays, 11am
Thursdays, 2pm
CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Wednesdays, 11am
CAULFIELD LIBRARY

Tuesdays, 2pm
ELSTERNWICK LIBRARY

Take the first steps in your child's learning journey with songs, rhymes, puppets and mini stories. BabyTime enhances your baby's senses, promotes word association, introduces the rhythm of language — and is fun!

No need to register. All sessions are free.

STORYTIME



One to three: ToddlerTime

Tuesday, 11am
BENTLEIGH LIBRARY AND YOUTH HUB

Friday 11am
CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Thursday, 11am
ELSTERNWICK LIBRARY

For children aged 18 months to 3 years. as their language, communication and socials skills develop. No need to register. All sessions are free.

STORYTIME



Three to five: StoryTime

Thursdays, 11am
Sundays, 2pm
BENTLEIGH LIBRARY AND YOUTH HUB

Tuesdays, 11am
Saturdays, 2pm
CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Wednesdays, 2pm
CAULFIELD LIBRARY

Fridays, 11am
ELSTERNWICK LIBRARY

StoryTime gives you a wonderful opportunity to introduce your pre-schooler to the joy of reading, using their imagination and mixing with other children.

No need to register. All sessions are free.

STORYTIME



Christmas StoryTimes

Tuesday 15 December, 11am
CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Wednesday 16 December, 2pm
CAULFIELD LIBRARY

Thursday 17 December, 11am
BENTLEIGH LIBRARY AND YOUTH HUB

Auslan Storytime

Friday 18 December, 11am
ELSTERNWICK LIBRARY

NOTE **Our regular *StoryTime*, *BabyTime* and *ToddlerTime* sessions will take a break from Monday 21 December. Regular programming resumes from Monday 1 February 2027.**

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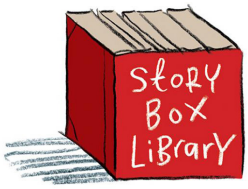
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StoryBox Library

An ever-growing library of chilldren's stories, read aloud by favourite storytellers from around Australia.

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Digital newsstand featuring more than 7,000 of the world's most popular newspapers and magazines, including newly added News Corp publications.

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