WHAT'S ON SUMMER 2026

GLEN EIRA LIBRARIES

HOLIDAY MANIA

HOLIDAY MANIA SUMMER

Bookings open 9am on Monday 14 December.

No refunds for *Holiday Mania* events. If you have booked into an event and can no longer attend, please let us know by emailing libraryevents@gleneira.vic.gov.au

CRAFT



Craft: Crafternoon at Caulfield Library

Friday 8 January, 1pm–5pm
Friday 15 January, 1pm–5pm
Friday 22 January, 1pm–5pm

CAULFIELD LIBRARY

Head down to Caulfield Library for some super fun craft!

Get creative, make something fabulous and enjoy some crafty fun at the library. There's plenty of fun to be had, so bring your imagination and get making!

Suitable for the whole family. Bookings not required. Wait times may apply. Parental or caregiver supervision required.

WATCH



Movie: A Minecraft Movie

Tuesday 12 January, 4pm

BENTLEIGH LIBRARY AND YOUTH HUB

Four misfits find themselves struggling with ordinary problems when they are suddenly pulled through a mysterious portal into the Overworld: a bizarre, cubic wonderland that thrives on imagination. To get back home, they'll have to master this world while embarking on a magical quest with an unexpected, expert crafter, Steve.

Rated PG. Run time: 101 minutes. Recommended for ages 9 and up with parental guidance. It contains mild themes, and language. Free event. No bookings required.

CRAFT



Craft: Make a jellyfish wand!

Tuesday 12 January, 1pm–4pm

CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Are you ready to make these jellyfish soar through the air instead of the sea?

Come along and make your own magic marine life wand, decorating with lots of fun embellishments!

Suitable for ages 3 and up with parental or caregiver supervision. Free session. No bookings required. Wait times may apply. Activity may finish early if supplies run out.

PLAY



The Science of Toys

Wednesday 13 January, 11am–12pm

CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Get hands-on and explore the science behind gravity and motion by making your very own fidget spinners and poppers!

Over the hour, Fizz Kids will guide children through these exciting activities, exploring fundamental concepts of gravity, push and pull through play and creativity.

Strictly for ages 5–12. Tickets $10. Bookings essential. Adults do not require a ticket, but children must not be left unattended.

READ



Big Summer Read: Reading Party!

Wednesday 13 January, 1pm–4pm

ELSTERNWICK LIBRARY

Come and join us for a reading party at the library!

Drop in, get comfy and spend some time getting stuck into a good book. Stay for 20 minutes, an hour or as long as you'd like!

Bring along your current book, or chat to our team and let them help you find your next read. Whether you're looking for a graphic novel, a story about dragons and magic, a mystery, something funny or something completely different, our librarians have plenty of recommendations to get you going.

We'll have popcorn and juice to enjoy while you read, so grab a snack, find a comfy spot and settle in for the afternoon!

Suitable for all ages. No bookings required.

Access Glen Eira Libraries 24/7

Glen Eira Libraries has a great range of online products you can access from home via tablet, PC or smartphone.

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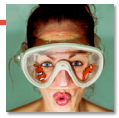
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FUN



From Sea to Story: Weird Nature, Real Science with Sheree Marris

Thursday 14 January, 11am–12pm

BENTLEIGH LIBRARY AND YOUTH HUB

Get ready for a wild dive into the weird and wonderful! In this fun and interactive session, award-winning author and marine biologist Sheree Marris brings the ocean to you, with jaw-dropping videos, hilarious marine moments and outrageous animal facts (like creatures with mouths in their armpits or deadly gloops of water with 4 backsides!).

Sheree gives kids an inside look at how wild ideas turn into published pages, and then it's their turn! Through hands-on activities, kids will plan, write or illustrate their own nature-inspired story featuring what they've learned.

Suitable for ages 7–12. Tickets $7. Bookings essential. Adults do not require a ticket, but children must not be left unattended.

WATCH



Movie: The Cat in the Hat

Thursday 14 January, 2.30pm

CAULFIELD LIBRARY

During a rainy day, and while their mother is out, Conrad and Sally, and their pet fish, are visited by the mischievous Cat in the Hat. Fun soon turns to mayhem, and the siblings must figure out how to rid themselves of the maniacal Cat. Based on the classic children's book by Dr. Seuss

Rated G. Run time: 104 minutes. Recommended for ages 7 and up with parental guidance. It contains mild themes, and some scary scenes. Free event. No bookings required.

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PLAY



Bubble Bonanza

Friday 15 January, 11am–12pm

CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Discover the magic of bubbles in this hands-on workshop!

Kids will mix their own bubble juice, learning how to make extra-strong, long-lasting bubbles, then design and create their own bubble wands. But the fun doesn't stop there! After testing out their creations, each child will have the chance to step inside a gigantic, shimmering bubble, surrounding them in a magical, soapy world before it pops

Join us for this hands-on workshop full of creativity, experimentation and bubbly magic

Tickets $10. Bookings essential. Strictly for ages 5 to 12. Adults do not require a ticket, but children must not be left unattended.

CREATE



Top Secret Confessions and Creative Chaos

Monday 18 January, 2pm–3pm

BENTLEIGH LIBRARY AND YOUTH HUB

Join author, comedian and actor Fiona Harris, author of *The Embarrassing Confessions of Gracie Sparks, Sleepover BFFs, Kicking Goals* and *Diary of a Netball Star,* for a fun and creative writing workshop inspired by the hilarious world of Gracie Sparks.

Participants will turn schoolyard adventures, friendship dramas, sporting triumphs and awkward moments into their own brilliant stories. They'll write a Top-Secret Confession, build a character using Fiona's "Tween Seesaw" method of human + heart, and share their funniest ideas in a supportive group setting.

Suitable for ages 8-10. Tickets $7. Adults do not require a ticket, but children must not be left unattended.

THEATRE



Once Upon a Time!

Tuesday 19 January

Show one: 11am

Show two: 1pm

CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Once upon a time, fairytale characters needed a little help!

Cinderella has blisters, the Dragon has a sore throat and the Big Bad Wolf has burnt his bottom. Enter Humpty Dumpty M.D., who is on a mission to get everyone back on their feet!

Join Carp Productions for this hilarious theatrical adventure featuring much-loved fairytale characters, comedy, music, dancing and plenty of audience participation

Suitable for ages 4 and up. Free event. Bookings required. Adults require a ticket too.
As places are limited, please only reserve tickets you plan to use.



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FUN



Australian Reptiles

Wednesday 20 January, 11am–12pm

CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Ever been up close with a snake? Turtle? Shingleback lizard? Come along and meet some Australian Reptiles and discover their amazing features and personalities, plus learn all about their weird and wonderful characteristics.

Strictly for ages 6-10. Tickets $10. Adults do not require a ticket, but children must not be left unattended.

CRAFT



Craft: Dinosaur Suncatchers

Wednesday 20 January, 1pm–4pm

ELSTERNWICK LIBRARY

These colourful creatures are ready to step into the light!

Use the special painting pens to colour in these dinos, and when they're ready, hang them on a window and watch them catch the light!

Suitable for ages 3 and up with parental or caregiver supervision. Free session. No bookings required. Wait times may apply. Activity may finish early if supplies run out.

WATCH



Movie: Christopher Robin

Thursday 21 January, 2pm

ELSTERNWICK LIBRARY

An adult Christopher Robin, now caught up in the demands of work and family life, is unexpectedly reunited with his childhood friend, Winnie the Pooh. Together, they return to the Hundred Acre Wood, where Christopher is reminded of the importance of friendship, imagination and rediscovering the magic of childhood.

Rated G. Run time: 104 minutes. Recommended for ages 6 and up with parental guidance. Free event. No bookings required.

CRAFT



Learn to Crochet a Bracelet!

Thursday 21 January

Session one: 11am–12.30pm

Session two: 2pm–3.30pm

BENTLEIGH LIBRARY AND YOUTH HUB

These beginner-friendly kids' crochet sessions are perfect for curious hands and creative minds. Participants will learn the basics of crocheting and make their very own crochet bracelet to take home!

All materials are provided, and children can take home their crochet hooks so they can keep practising.

Suitable for ages 8-12. Tickets $20. Adults do not require a ticket, but children must not be left unattended.

CRAFT



Craft: Design your own pencil case

Friday 22 January, 11am–2pm

BENTLEIGH LIBRARY AND YOUTH HUB

Get back to school ready and express your unique style in this fun and creative craft session! Use stencils and fabric markers to design a one-of-a-kind pencil case that's as special as you are. Perfect for keeping your school essentials organised or storing little treasures and special keepsakes at home.

Suitable for ages 4 and up with parental or caregiver supervision. Free event. No bookings required. Wait times may apply. Activity may finish early if supplies run out.



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