

2025

Adelaide Hills Council Libraries

What's On

OCTOBER - DECEMBER



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Adult Programs

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

SAPOL Scam Awareness

In this session, hear from the Crime Prevention team at SAPOL who will teach community members how to identify and report scams. Their aim is to inspire behavioural change in every Australian – ensuring we stop and check before acting on suspicious messages and posts. We can all stop scammers in their tracks! Coffee and tea will be provided.

When: Friday 17 October
Time: 10:00am - 11:00am
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential



Scan the QR code to find out more and book.



Adult Polymer Clay

Shape and create one-of-a-kind charms, beads and jewellery with polymer clay. This session is for adults - please see page 15 for a children's polymer clay event.

When: Thursday 23 October
Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential



Scan the QR code to find out more and book.



Image: 'Pickwick Crocus' Stephen C
Adelaide Hills Photography Club member

Adelaide Hills Photography Club Exhibition

The Adelaide Hills Photography Club enjoy all aspects of the creative and artistic endeavor that is photography. Enjoy the splendour of the Adelaide and the Adelaide Hills as seen through their members' lenses at this exhibition.

When: Sat. 11 Oct. - Sat. 25 October
Time: Library opening hours
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings not required

Film Fridays

Join fellow film lovers on the last Friday of the month (one week early in Dec.) for some movie magic in the morning and stay for a cuppa and a chat.

When: 31 Oct., 28 Nov. & 19 Dec.
Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings not required



Adult Programs

Make Your First Lino Print

Join artist Donna Gordge from Stitch Paint Burn Studio for an introduction to lino printing and learn the basics of this block printing technique. Design and carve a lino block and then experiment by printing on different papers, including old book pages. Take home your prints, your finished lino block, and the skills to do more printing at home! Ages 15+.

When: Saturday 1 November

Time: 10:30am - 1:30pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: \$15 | Bookings essential



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find out more and book.

Harp2Harp - A Christmas Celebration

Relax in a magical soundscape of two harps and two female voices in harmony as Emma Horwood and Visnja take you on a journey through Christmas music old and new. With guests Steve Peterka on percussion and Ellie and Liam Peterka on junior vocals, this concert will surprise and delight with songs and pieces spanning medieval, Celtic, jazzy and contemporary. Enjoy sing-along carols and festive family fun.

When: Sunday 14 December

Time: 5:00pm - 6:30pm (with interval)

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Adults \$20 | Concession \$15

Child \$10 | Family \$50

(2 adults + 2 children),

Bookings essential - includes light refreshments



Make Your First Sourdough Bread

Learn how to make delicious sourdough breads from your home kitchen with Kym Ormond. You will leave with a sourdough starter, recipes and the knowledge to start or build on your sourdough baking journey. This is an adult workshop but keen bakers aged 13+ are welcome.

When: Sunday 23 November

Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: \$15 | Bookings essential



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Author events

Meet the Author: Heather Rose

From the Stella Prize winning author of *The Museum of Modern Love*, and bestselling *Bruny*, comes an enthralling tale of legacy, love and the making of champagne. Heather Rose will be in conversation with award-winning author Hannah Kent.

When: Wednesday 22 October
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: \$15 or \$35 for ticket + book
Bookings essential




Scan the QR code to find out more and book.

MEET THE AUTHOR

HEATHER ROSE

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22, 7PM
In conversation with Hannah Kent
COVENTRY LIBRARY
63 Mt Barker Rd Stirling



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Just beautiful books matildabookshop.com.au **MATILDA BOOKSHOP**

Meet the Author: Sofie Laguna

From Miles Franklin winning author of *The Eye of the Sheep*, and best-selling *The Choke*, comes a mesmerising novel that will break your heart – then mend it – many times over. Sofie Laguna will be in conversation with author and Matilda Bookshop's manager, Molly Murn.

When: Wednesday 12 November
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: \$15 or \$35 for ticket + book
Bookings essential

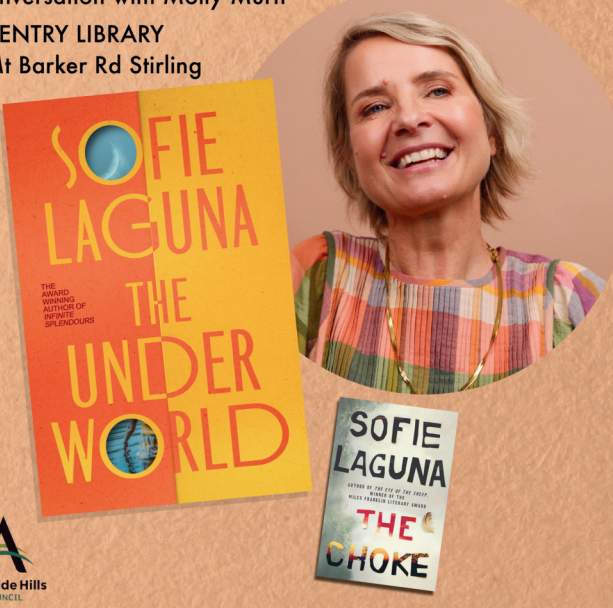


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MEET THE AUTHOR

SOFIE LAGUNA

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 7PM
In conversation with Molly Murn
COVENTRY LIBRARY
63 Mt Barker Rd Stirling



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For the whole family

Find something to enjoy together.

Brave & Able Storytime and Workshop

Explore big feelings and emotional regulation with Brave and Able. Author Zara McDonald, psychologist Dr Lauren Moulds, and author and illustrator of neuroaffirming children's stories Nell Harris will share stories and further learning about regulation tools, strategies and activities that can be recreated at home or school. This session is aimed at kindy and early junior primary aged children and their parents/caregivers.

When: Saturday 18 October
Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings not required

Family Christmas Activities

See page 17 of this guide for details.



Library Scavenger Hunt

See page 16 of this guide for details.



MENTAL
HEALTH
MONTH
OCTOBER 2025



Scan the QR code to
find out more and book.

Family Summer Reading Challenge

See page 12 of this guide for details.



Grandparents' Day Morning Tea

See page 8 of this guide for details.



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: 8 & 22 Oct., 5 & 12 Nov., 10 & 17 Dec.
Time: 10:00am & 11:00am
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential



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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

Woodside Book Club



**3rd TUESDAY OF
THE MONTH
1.30PM-2.30PM**

Woodside Book Club are looking for new members

Our group explores a variety of genres — from biographies and crime to contemporary fiction, romance, and more. Come make new friends, discover books you may never have picked up on your own, and enjoy thoughtful chats in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

Whether you're a lifelong reader or just getting back into books, there's a seat for you at the table.

To join our sessions at Woodside Library and for more information, please contact Taish 8408 0536 tshaw@ahc.sa.gov.au.



Grandparents' Day



**THURSDAY 30TH
OCTOBER**



Join us for a special morning...

to celebrate grandparents, grandchildren, and the special people in our little ones' lives. We will share morning tea and enjoy doing activities together on Thursday 30th October. Festivities begin from 11.15am but you may wish to join us at 10am for storytime beforehand.

All families welcome. Please note there will be no Baby Bounce and Rhyme on this day.



When: Thursday 30 October
Time: 11:15am - 12.00pm
Where: Stirling Library
Bookings: Free, bookings not required

Local History Events

The Adelaide Hills is full of history. Find out what local history events by the Mount Lofty Districts Historical Society are happening near you.

Making Television History - featured on ABC TV's 'Restoration Australia'

Join Kirsty and Mark Nield and explore the inside stories of preserving a valuable slice of SA history with the heritage restoration of Pise Cottage in Stirling, built in the 1850's and home to settler Samuel Knight.

When: Thursday 23 October
Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Where: Community Room
Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: \$10 incl. refreshments
Contact Ann 0419 816 490



Remembering Aboriginal South Australian Soldiers in World War

With researcher Dr. Melanie Clark.

When: Friday 7 November
Time: Doors open 6:30pm
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: \$10 incl. refreshments
Contact Ann 0419 816 490



'Beyond Mount Lofty' Book Launch and Christmas Celebration

Join author Robert Martin for the launch of 'Beyond Mount Lofty' - a contemporary history of the Adelaide Hills Council region from amalgamation of four regional councils to the present. A significant publication by the Mount Lofty Districts Historical Society. Meet the author and secure a signed first edition.

When: Friday 28 November
Time: Doors open 6:30pm
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: \$10 incl. refreshments
Contact Ann 0419 816 490





Junk Journaling with Calamity Tash

Learn how to 'junk journal' and express your identity and uniqueness through collage with crafting extraordinaire Calamity Tash. Ages 12-18.

When: Wed 5 November

Time: 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Free, bookings essential

Scan the QR code to find out more and book.



Design Your Own Book Tote

See pages 13 & 15 of this guide for details.

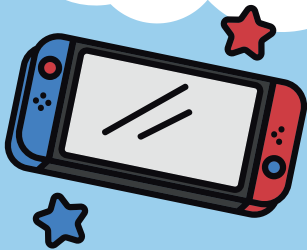


Junk Journaling with Calamity Tash is presented in collaboration with Pride of The Hills.

Teen corner

Mario Kart Party & Epic Robot Battle

See page 14 of this guide for details including age limits.



Big Summer Read Teen Book Club

Come and chat about the best books you've read all summer and get recommendations for your next read! Snacks provided.

Scan the QR code to find out more.



Drop-In Study Sesh

Whether you're studying for SACE or uni exams or prepping your major assignments these are the study sessions for you. A cosy, calm, friendly space will be provided for you to work and be motivated by others attending. Coffee, tea, and study packs provided.

When: Mon. 27 Oct. & Mon. 3 Nov.

Time: 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Free, bookings not required

Scan the QR code to find out more.



Children's Programs

Find something to keep the kids entertained this season.

Ready Steady Progress Program

Ready, Set, Progress will be visiting several of our Early Childhood Programs this October to offer free developmental checks for children aged 12 months to 4 years. Completing a check also gives parents and caregivers the chance to increase their understanding of their child's skills as well as learning ways to further their child's development.

Available on selected dates and programs throughout October 2025



Maths Meets Storytime

AHC Libraries are excited to collaborate with Adelaide University to offer six numeracy-focussed Storytimes for preschoolers with picture books providing a springboard for mathematical ideas and play and offering parents practical ideas to support their child's numeracy development. All numeracy Storytimes can be attended as a single session or can be built upon by attending multiple sessions.

11, 18 & 25 September &
16, 23 & 30 October at 10am

Speechie Library Talk at Storytime

Speech pathologists work with children and families to help build the foundations on which literacy skills develop and help support a healthy transition into literacy. Meet your local speech pathologist and enjoy a reading of one of Speech Pathology Australia's Book of the Year 2025 winning books. Find out more about how you can support your child's language and literacy development at home.

Thursday 13 November at 10am

Scan the QR code to
find out more.



BIG SUMMER READ

at AHC Libraries

1 December 2025 - 31 January 2026

We are excited to invite children and their families to take part in the biggest public library supported reading challenge in Australia! We will have...

events

book clubs

prizes

activities

challenges

reading time



Scan this QR code for more information and to view our Big Summer Read programs - available late November

School Holidays

Find a family friendly and fun activity for the kids this school holidays!

Design Your Own Book Tote at Stirling Library

Drop-in to this workshop at Stirling Library to design your own tote-style book bag! Ages 8+.

When: Monday 29 September

Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Free, bookings not required



Scan the QR code to find out more.



Nature Clay Play Drop-In

Get your hands messy and your creative side buzzing at this clay drop-in nature craft session. Mould, shape, smooth, and carve designs into air-dry clay and create weird and wonderful creatures with seed pods, feathers, leaves, and more! Ages 4+.

When: Wednesday 1 October

Time: 10:00am - 11:30am

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Free, bookings not required



Scan the QR code to find out more.

Create Your Own Characters with artist George Rex

Learn how to draw your own fabulous, funky, and unique characters with cartoonist and author George Rex. Ages 8-12.

When: Tuesday 30 September

Time: 10:30am - 12:00pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Free, bookings essential



Scan the QR code to find out more and book.



Comics Workshop with Artist George Rex

Learn how to create your own comics with cartoonist and author George Rex. Ages 8-12.

When: Tuesday 30 September

Time: 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Where: Woodside Library

Bookings: Free, bookings essential



Scan the QR code to find out more and book.

School Holidays

Find a family friendly and fun activity for the kids this school holidays!

Mario Kart Party

Race each other virtually in Mario Kart, make Mario Kart themed crafts, and eat delicious snacks. Ages 7-14.

When: Wednesday 1 October
Time: 2:00pm - 3:30pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential



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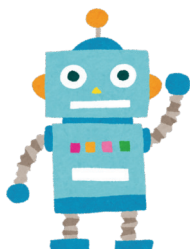
Epic Robot Battle at Stirling Library

Program a robot and then put them to the test in battle with the awesome Robogals Adelaide team. Ages 8-15.

When: Friday 3 October
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential



Scan the QR code to find out more.



Interactive Nature Play Storytime: From Small to Tall on the Forest Floor

Join us for an interactive storytime where kids will explore the beauty of forest plants and trees through books, play, and imagination. Ages 4-7.

When: Thursday 2 October
Time: 10:00am - 11:15am
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings not required



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School Holidays

STEM Challenge at Gumeracha Library

Ready, set, SCIENCE! Join us for a super fun STEM challenge where you race to complete a series of mini challenges. Ages 7-12.

When: Tuesday 7 Oct.
Time: 12:30pm - 1:30pm
Where: Gumeracha Library
Bookings: Free, bookings essential



Scan the QR code to find out more and book.

Play with Polymer Clay

Come along to this hands-on workshop and sculpt, shape and create your one-of-a-kind charms with polymer clay. Ages 6-14.

When: Wednesday 8 October
Time: 11.30am - 12:30pm
Where: Gumeracha Library
Bookings: Free, bookings essential



Scan the QR code to find out more and book.



Design Your Own Book Tote at Woodside Library

Drop-in to this workshop at Woodside Library to design your own tote-style book bag! Ages 8+.

When: Wednesday 8 October
Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Where: Woodside Library
Bookings: Free, bookings not required



Scan the QR code to find out more.

Interactive Nature Play Storytime: Up in the Air They Ride

Fly, glide, and soar with Australia's amazing flying animals in this STEM-powered nature play storytime! Ages 4-7.

When: Thursday 9 October
Time: 10:00am - 11:15am
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings not required



Scan the QR code to find out more and book.

School Holidays

LEGO Imagination Station

Calling all LEGO builders - come and enjoy the challenge of creating, designing and building! Ages 7-10.

When: Wednesday 8 Oct.

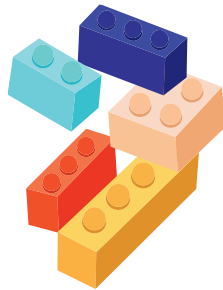
Time: 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Free, bookings essential



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DIY Craft Table & LEGO Drop-Ins

Through the school holidays we will have craft tables (both weeks) and LEGO stations (first week only) set up at Stirling Library, Woodside Library, and Gumeracha Library. Drop past at any time during library opening hours to craft or build something fabulous!

Recommended for ages 5+.



Movie and Munch (PG)

Relax and chill with our school holiday Munch and Movie session! Make a delicious snack then kick back and enjoy watching a brand-new swashbuckling adventure of friendship and bravery atop dragons. Rated PG. Ages 7+.

When: Friday 10 October

Time: 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Free, bookings essential



Scan the QR code to find out more and book.



Scavenger hunt

Are you a puzzle master? An I-Spy extraordinaire? This is the self-guided scavenger hunt for you! This is a great activity to complete (or compete) with the family. Visit the front desk to collect your instructions and get scavenging around our branches.



Harp2Harp Twilight Concert

See page 4 of this guide for details.



Kids' Christmas Craft Drop-In

Drop-in to enjoy some Christmas-y craft and maybe even make a gift for yourself or a loved one!

When: Wednesday 17 December
Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings not required

Christmas Family Sing-Along

Let's spread some joy and sing some carols with our littlest friends! Best suited for families with babies and pre-schoolers (0-5).

When: Friday 19 December
Time: 10:00am - 10:45am
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings not required



Feel free to dress Christmasy!

Give the Gift of Reading

Adelaide Hills Council is proud to support the Gift of Reading donation drive. We are accepting donations that will be collected and distributed by Anglicare SA.



How can you support?

1. Purchase a new *unwrapped* book suitable for a child up to 12 years old. (Matilda Bookshop are offering a 10% discount for Gift of Reading Purchases).
2. Drop your purchased book to a Council staff member at any Council Service Centre or Mobile Library.
3. Your generous donation will then be distributed to children in need in the community.

Final date for donations - 1 December 2025



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

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

WEDNESDAY

Gumeracha

Bounce and Rhyme

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

PLEASE
NOTE

These sessions run during term time. There is no BBR on Oct. 30th - Grandparents' Day activities running instead.

Adelaide Hills Council Libraries

Coventry Library

63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling

- Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 10am - 6pm
- Thu: 10am - 7pm
- Sat: 10am - 4pm
- Sun: 1pm - 4pm
- Public holidays: Closed

Gumeracha Library

45 Albert Street, Gumeracha

- Mon: 9am - 2pm
- Tue, Thu: 12pm - 5pm
- Wed: Self service 9am - 2pm
- Fri, Sun: Closed
- Sat: 11am - 2pm
- Public holidays: Closed

Woodside Library

26 Onkaparinga Valley Road, Woodside

- Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 9am - 5pm
- Thu: 11am - 7pm
- Sat: 10am - 1pm
- Sun: Closed
- Public holidays: Closed



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