

2025

Adelaide Hills Council Libraries

What's On

JULY - SEPTEMBER



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Adult Programs

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

Make Your First Sourdough Bread **SOLD OUT**

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 event is proudly part of LibrariesSA's Firstival.

When: Sunday 13 July
Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: \$15 | bookings essential

Make Your First Lino Print **SOLD OUT**

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!

This event is proudly part of LibrariesSA's Firstival.

When: Saturday 19 July
Time: 10:30am - 1:30pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: \$15 | bookings essential



Uncork and Indulge: Wine and Chocolate Tasting

Join us for a special evening celebrating some of the best from the Adelaide Hills with wines from Howard Vineyard paired with local artisan chocolates from Red Cacao Chocolatier. Indulge in a curated tasting experience, discover the stories behind these passionate local producers, and learn how to pair wine and chocolate like a pro - no experience needed! This event is proudly part of LibrariesSA's Firstival.

When: Wednesday 23 July
Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: \$10 | bookings essential
Adults 18+



Adult Programs

Film

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

When: 25 July, 29 Aug., 26 Sept.

Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Free, no need to book

Brain Gym®

Find out how to live and learn more effectively with Brain Gym®. This session will introduce you to Brain Gym®, an educational, movement-based program that focuses on the use of simple movements to improve the coordination of the mind and body and make learning and retaining new knowledge easier. You will be shown how you can include these simple movements into your daily life to actively relax your body, reduce stress and learn effectively. This event is proudly part of LibrariesSA's Festival.

When: Monday 28 July

Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Free, bookings essential



Life Stories: Writing to Remember

Life Stories is a workshop for adults designed to foster memoir writing and biography. Kathryn Pentacost will provide practical in-class exercises for participants with immediate feedback.

When: Sunday 29 June

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: \$10 | bookings essential

Home as Habitat: Nature Poems That Explore the Ecosystems in our own Backyards

In this workshop with Rachael Mead you will combine ecology and your observations of life in the hills, to craft nature poems that intertwine the human and non-human worlds. Using writing exercises and poetry prompts, this workshop will show how our unique ecology can infuse and deepen your poetry

When: Sunday 17 August

Time: 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: \$10 | bookings essential

When was the
last time you did
something for the
first time?

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Firstival  July 1 - 31 

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: 2 & 23 July, 6 Aug., 3, 10 & 24 Sept.
Time: 10:00am & 11:00am
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential



Scan the QR code to find out more and book.



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

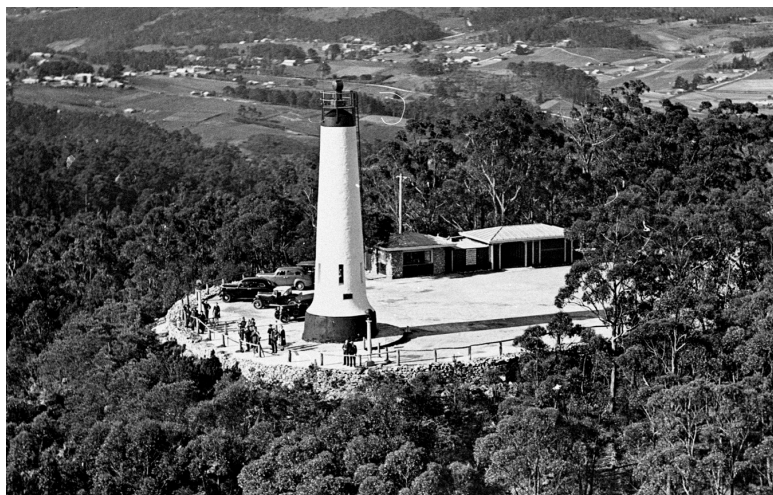
Local History Events

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

Beyond Mount Lofty Online Launch

Glimpses across the Ranges and the valleys with author Robert Martin.

When: Thursday 24 July
Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling Community Room
Bookings: \$10 includes refreshments
Contact Ann on 0419 816 490



Hurren Memorial Presentation with author Dr Lainie Anderson

Re-presenting a pioneering policewoman – Kate Cocks.

When: Friday 1 August
Time: Doors open 6:30pm
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: \$10 includes refreshments
Contact Ann on 0419 816 490



NAIDOC Week Display

The local Friends of Reconciliation Adelaide Hills in conjunction with the Mount Lofty Districts Historical Society will have a display in the Stirling Library during NAIDOC Week. The display will feature artwork, ceramics, traditional tools, cultural artefacts and historic material from many national Indigenous communities with a focus on the local Peramangk people. Members of FoRAH will be available to talk about the display and provide information on joining the local FoRAH group.

When: 6-13 July
Time: Library opening hours
Where: History Centre at the Coventry Library, Stirling



NAIDOC Week Poster Display



The 2025 National NAIDOC Poster incorporating the Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag (licensed by the Torres Strait Island Council)

NAIDOC Week posters from 1972 to the present will be on display from 6-13 July at the Coventry Library, Stirling.

Children's Special Storytimes

Musical storytime

A fun and interactive musical storytime in the school holidays with Tanya exploring the magic of music with storytelling, songs, movement and playing musical instruments with a craft to finish. For ages 3-8.

Thursday 10 July



Signing storytime

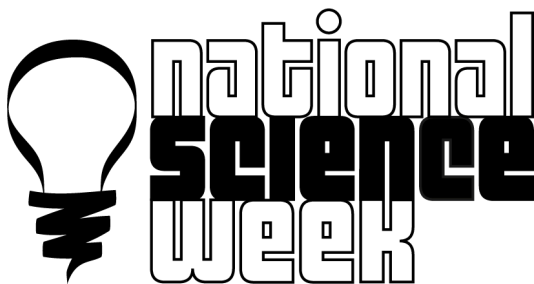
A special storytime in the school holidays with Linda who will be signing our stories and teaching us some AUSLAN signs as we sing and read stories together with a craft to finish. For ages 3-8.

Thursday 17 July

Maths Meets Storytime: Fun in Every Tale!

AHC Libraries are excited to collaborate with UniSA 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.

**11, 18 & 25 September and
16, 23 & 30 October**



Science Week storytime

Join us for a special science-themed storytime to celebrate National Science Week with fun, facts and discovery!

Thursday 14 August

Book Week storytime

Book an adventure and celebrate 80 years of Children's Book Week with us at our Book Week storytime where we will share some of the children's picture books by Australian authors and illustrators on the shortlist.

Thursday 21 August

Indigenous Literacy Day storytime

Drew and Llesl from Walking together with Kurna will be sharing Dreaming stories, songs and games.

Thursday 4 September

**Storytimes at the Coventry Library, Stirling on Thursdays
10:00am - 11:00am for preschoolers 3-5 years**

Science Week Performance



Dr Quark's Scientific Circus

In this high energy show Dr Quark explores the science and forces behind the circus tricks we all love. While performing feats of unicycling, juggling, rolla bolla and plate spinning, Dr Quark demonstrates the effects of gravity, momentum, friction, air pressure, energy transfer and push and pull forces. He then applies those same concepts and more to his favourite science demonstrations. Yes! That means wacky water rockets, groovy gyroscopes, leaf blower levitations, voracious vacuums and the incredible ostrich egg squeeze!

When: Sunday 10 August
Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: FREE, bookings essential
FAMILY | For ages 4-12



Scan the QR code to
find out more and book.

Book Week Performance



Children's Book Week
16–23 August 2025

BOOK AN
Adventure



Mr Badger tells the story of 'The Wind in the Willows'

Join Mr Badger for a captivating traditional storytelling performance of 'The Wind in the Willows', a classic tale celebrating the joys of nature and friendship.

When: Sunday 17 August
Time: 2:00pm - 2:45pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: FREE, bookings essential
FAMILY | For ages 5-95



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School Holidays

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

Make a Fairy or Elf Door at Gumeracha Library

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!

For ages 7+

When: Monday 7 July

Time: 10:00am - 11:30am

Where: Gumeracha Library

Bookings: Free, bookings essential

Pop Up Dream Room Designers

Design the room of your dreams with Ruby from Ruby Chew Studio - no limits, no parents, just pure pop-up imagination! A jungle bedroom? A disco kitchen? A cloud-filled reading nook with a slide? Yes please. Using drawing, collages and crafty bits, we'll build mini room creations bursting with personality, colour and fun.

For ages 6+

When: Tuesday 8 July

Time: 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Free, bookings essential



Aboriginal Children's Games, Songs and Stories

Join Drew and Liesl from Walking Together with Kurna to learn more about Kurna Culture and Country through sharing songs, stories and cultural artefacts and playing Aboriginal children's games.

This a free family event for ages 5+.

When: Wednesday 9 July

Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Free, bookings essential

Musical Storytime - see page 9

Play with Polymer Clay

Come along and experiment with polymer clay in this hands-on workshop. Using polymer clay, sculpt and shape your one-of-a-kind charms - sculpt mini foods, cute animals, beads, the initial of your name or a mini sculpture - while learning shaping, texturing and finishing techniques. Take home a care sheet with baking instructions to protect your artwork.

For ages 8+

When: Thursday 10 July

Time: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Where: Coventry Library, Stirling

Bookings: Free, bookings essential

School Holidays

Stem Challenge

Ready, set, SCIENCE! Join us for a super fun STEM challenge where you race to complete a series of mini challenges. From building the tallest tower to ziplining baskets, it's all about experimenting, exploring and fun.

When: Monday 14 July
Time: 10:00am - 11:00am | Ages 5-8
11:30am-12:30pm | Ages 8-12
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential

Yarn-a-rama

Drop into the library for a woolly-good time with winter wool craft. Try your hand at making bracelets, God's Eyes, finger knitted snakes and more!

For ages 5+

When: Tuesday 15 July
Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential

Play with Polymer Clay at Woodside Library

Come along and experiment with polymer clay in this hands-on workshop. Using polymer clay, sculpt and shape your one-of-a-kind charms - sculpt mini foods, cute animals, beads, the initial of your name or a mini sculpture - while learning shaping, texturing and finishing techniques. Take home a care sheet with baking instructions to protect your artwork.

For ages 8+

When: Wednesday 16 July
Time: 10:00am - 11:00am
Where: Woodside Library
Bookings: Free, bookings essential

Flapping Creatures

Get your wings flapping in this playful workshop where art takes flight! Design your own unique creatures including dragons, moths, or butterflies using drawing and collage. Make them magical, fierce, or totally fantastical, then bring it to life with flapping wings. For ages 6+

When: Wednesday 16 July
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential

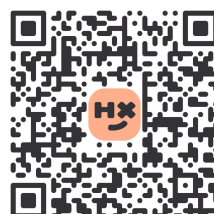


Signing Storytime - see page 9

Movie & Mug Cake

Relax and chill with our school holiday movie starring a part dog, part man. all hero. We will be making delicious mug cakes and popping popcorn to enjoy with the film. For ages 5+

When: Friday 18 July
Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: Free, bookings essential



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Author event

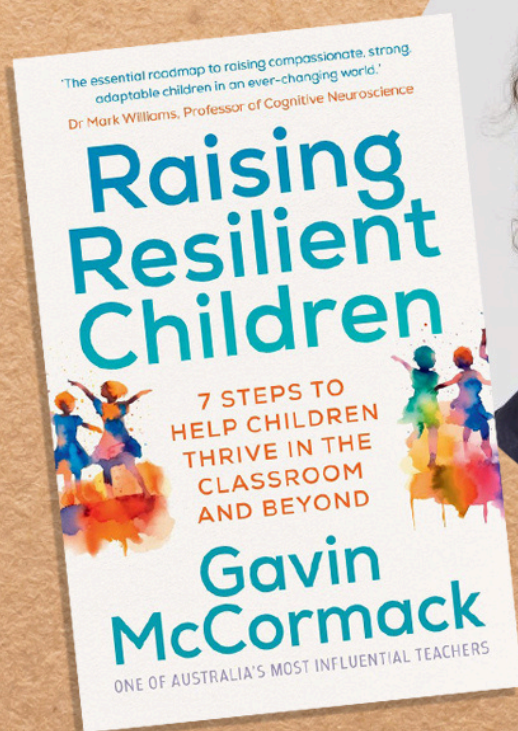
MEET THE AUTHOR

GAVIN McCORMACK

TUESDAY AUGUST 12, 7PM

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'Raising Resilient Children' is the book that all parents with school-aged children will need to read in 2025. This book will help parents, carers and teachers not just survive the developmental years, but thrive in developing children that are confident, happy and resilient.

When: Tuesday 12 August
Time: 7:00pm
Where: Coventry Library, Stirling
Bookings: \$15 or \$37 for ticket + book



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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

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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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