

What's on

February+
March
2018



**Lake Mac
Libraries**

Expand your world



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Find us at

BELMONT

P: 4921 0731

19 Ernest Street

Monday 9am–7pm

Tuesday 9am–6pm

Wednesday–Friday 9am–5pm

Saturday 9am–noon

CARDIFF

P: 4921 0775

Ground Flr, Cardiff Marketplace
Cnr Main Rd and Macquarie Rd

Monday, Thursday 9am–6pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and

Friday 9am–5pm

Saturday 9am–noon

CHARLESTOWN

P: 4921 0792

Cnr Smith and Ridley streets

Monday–Wednesday 9am–8pm

Thursday–Friday 9am–7pm

Saturday 9am–3pm

EDGEWORTH

P: 4921 0785

Minmi Road

Monday, Wednesday,

Thursday and Friday

9am–1pm and 2pm–5pm

Tuesday 9am–1pm

and 2pm–6pm

Saturday 9am–noon

COMMUNITY HISTORY

P: 4921 0541

139 Main Road, Speers Point

Monday–Wednesday 9am–6pm

Thursday–Friday 9am–5pm

Saturday 9am–noon

MOBILE SERVICES AND HOME LIBRARY

P: 4921 0263

139 Main Road, Speers Point

MORISSET

P: 4921 0573

39 Yambo Street

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

and Friday 9am–5pm

Wednesday 9am–6pm

Saturday 9am–noon

SPEERS POINT

P: 4921 0493

139 Main Road

Monday–Wednesday 9am–6pm

Thursday–Friday 9am–5pm

Saturday 9am–3pm

SWANSEA

P: 4921 0780

228 Pacific Highway

Monday, Thursday 9am–6pm

Tuesday, Wednesday

and Friday 9am–5pm

Saturday 9am–noon

TORONTO

P: 4921 0641

Cnr Brighton Avenue
and Pemell Street

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

and Friday 9am–6pm

Thursday 9am–7pm

Saturday 9am–noon

WANGI WANGI

P: 4921 0643

295 Watkins Road

Monday 10am–1pm

and 2pm–5pm

Tuesday, Thursday and

Friday 2pm–5pm

Wednesday

10am–1pm and 2pm–6pm

Saturday 9am–noon

WINDALE

P: 4921 0736

20 Lake Street

Monday, Wednesday and

Friday 10am–1pm

and 2pm–5pm

Tuesday, Thursday 10am–1pm

Saturday 9am–noon



Your free library card lets you...

borrow and return at any Lake Mac Libraries branch

place reserves on items from the Lake Mac collection for free

download eBooks and audiobooks, access eResources and online databases

use the public PCs

use the photocopiers

use the free wifi at all libraries

access your account online to renew and reserve items

Your loans

are for four weeks, or two weeks for popular items such as new titles, magazines, DVDs and CDs

can be renewed once, providing the items are not reserved or overdue

overdue items incur a late fee of 20c per day per item

Remember to keep your contact details with the library up-to-date so we can notify you when your items are due.

Keep up-to-date with library events and programs by subscribing to our newsletter at library.lakemac.com.au or find us on Facebook.

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Special events **adults**



HSC success: Writing for a purpose

Get the tools you need to interpret HSC exam questions, and communicate your understanding of a specific subject in a well-structured manner.

Discover the tips and tricks to writing essays and extended responses, summarising, organising data and planning what you write, before you sit the exam.

Bookings are essential.

When: Tuesday 6 February, 7pm
Where: Charlestown Library
Phone: 4921 0792
Cost: Free



HSC success: Science

This workshop is suitable for anyone studying HSC biology, chemistry, environmental and earth science, physics, and senior science.

Get an insight into the HSC marking process, with tips to help improve your answers to maximise your exam marks.

Bookings are essential.

When: Tuesday 13 March, 7pm
Where: Charlestown Library
Phone: 4921 0792
Cost: Free

Gardening with local native plants

Find out how to create a garden alive with colour, birdsong and even bush foods with local native plants. Leave the city behind as you come home and relax with the peaceful sounds of nature.

Bookings are essential.

When: Friday
23 February,
10am-noon
Where: Toronto Library
Phone: 4921 0641
Cost: Free

When: Monday
12 March, 1-3pm
Where: Swansea Library
Phone: 4921 0780
Cost: Free

The Rover

Lake Mac Libraries' mobile service, The Rover, will be visiting new stops around the Lake including Cameron Park, Wyee, Murrays Beach, Mount Hutton and Rathmines.

The Rover will also be available to visit community groups on request.

The Rover offers access to new technology, books and unexpected events.

To find out when The Rover is visiting a suburb near you, head to **library.lakemac.com.au**



Meet the illustrator: Fern Martins

Meet Fern Martins, an indigenous illustrator of children's picture books.

Popular titles that Fern has illustrated include *The Spotty Dotty Lady*, *Bubbay: A Christmas Adventure*, *The Toast Tree* and her latest project *Big Fella Rain*.

Fern will discuss her work, collaborating and art in general.

Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Bookings are essential.

When: Wednesday 28
March, 11am-noon
Where: Swansea Library
Phone: 4921 0780
Cost: Free

Fern Martins will be displaying originals of her illustrations for *Big Fella Rain* at Swansea Library from Thursday 1 March – Wednesday 28 March.



Planting for pollinators

Build your knowledge of Australian birds, bees, butterflies and other pollinators to enhance your vegetable garden and create opportunities to discover nature. Be a key link in a community built wildlife corridor connecting bushland habitat, protecting our unique wildlife, and bringing birds, butterflies and bees back.

Bookings are essential.

When: Wednesday
28 February,
10am-noon
Where: Morisset Library
Phone: 4921 0573
Cost: Free

When: Monday
5 March,
5.30-7.30pm
Where: Charlestown
Library
Phone: 4921 0792
Cost: Free

Regular programs **adults**



Book clubs

Belmont

Books 4 Blokes

Tuesday 13 February;
13 March, 5pm

Belmont

Monday 19 February;
19 March, 6pm

Charlestown

Monday 5 February;
5 March, 6.30pm

Charlestown

Friday 2 February;
2 March, 10am

Charlestown

Tuesday 27 February;
27 March, 6pm

Edgeworth

Thursday 8 February;
8 March, 2pm

Edgeworth

Tuesday 27 February;
27 March, 5pm

Morrisset

Wednesday 21 February;
21 March, 10am



Speers Point

Tuesday 6 February;
6 March, 12.30pm

Speers Point

Wednesday 7 February;
7 March, 5pm

Swansea

Movie book club

Thursday 1 February;
1 March, 6pm

Toronto

Monday 5 February;
5 March, 11am

Toronto

Monday 26 February;
26 March, 11am

Toronto

Wednesday 21 February;
21 March, 10am



Book chat

Casual group to discuss
whatever you are reading

Belmont

Tuesday 27 February;
27 March, 11am

Cardiff

Wednesday 7 February;
7 March, 10.30am

Charlestown

Wednesday 28 February;
28 March, 10am

Swansea

Crime club

Tuesday 6 February;
6 March, 11am

Wangi Wangi

Friday 23 February, 2.30pm

Windale

Monday 5 February;
5 March, 11.30am





Relax

Cardiff

Games club

Friday 9 February; 9 March,
10.30am

Swansea

Canasta club

Every Thursday, 10.30am

Swansea

Mahjong club

Every Monday and Thursday,
11am

Wangi Wangi

Mahjong club

Every Monday, 2pm
(except school holidays)

Swansea

Meditation in the library

Every Saturday, 10am

Belmont

Scrabble club

Every Monday, 1.30pm

Edgeworth

Scrabble club

Every Wednesday, 10am

Morrisset

Scrabble club

Thursday 1 and 15 February;
1 and 15 March, 10am



Create

Cardiff

Craft club

Friday 2 February;
2 March, 10.30am

Morrisset

Craft club

Tuesday 6 and 20 February;
6 and 20 March, 10am

Morrisset

Drawing club

Every Monday, 10am

Toronto

Craft club

Every Friday, 10am

Belmont

Knitting club

Every Tuesday, 10am

Wangi Wangi

Knitting club

Every Wednesday, 10am



Speers Point

Memoir writing

Thursday 15 February;
15 March, 10am

Morrisset

Poetry club

Tuesday 27 February;
27 March, 9.45am

Morrisset

Soapbox

Wednesday 21 February;
21 March, 9.15am



Babies into Books (BIBS)

Help develop your baby's language and pre-reading skills at our six-week program for parents and babies under one year.

Learn songs, finger plays and rhymes you can continue to share together at home.

Bookings are essential.

When: Starts Wednesday
7 February, 10am
Where: Toronto Library
Phone: 4921 0641
Cost: Free

When: Starts Tuesday
13 February, 11am
Where: Morisset Library
Phone: 4921 0573
Cost: Free

When: Starts Wednesday
14 February, 9.30am
Where: Cardiff Library
Phone: 4921 0775
Cost: Free

When: Starts Thursday
15 February, 11am
Where: Swansea Library
Phone: 4921 0780
Cost: Free



Code club

Code club teaches children how to program by showing them how to make computer games and animations. Code Club is about fun, creativity and learning through exploring. Sessions will be held after school for an hour a week over four weeks, covering one project a week.

Suitable for ages 8-11 years.

Bookings are essential.

When: Monday
19 and 26 February,
5 and 12 March,
4-5pm

Where: Speers Point Library
Phone: 4921 0493
Cost: Free



Eat It To Beat It

Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables can help protect children against some diseases, including cancer as they grow into adulthood?

This free workshop run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- save time and money making healthy meals;
- learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters;
- get great ideas on how to pack a healthy lunch box your kids will love; plus
- you'll receive a free magazine and recipe book, simply by attending.

Bookings are essential.

When: Tuesday 27 February,
1.15-2.30pm

Where: Charlestown Library
Phone: 4921 0792
Cost: Free





Easter Bunny Books and Babies

Come along and join us for some Easter fun with your 0-1 year old.

Bookings are essential.

When: Tuesday
27 March, 11am
Where: Morisset Library
Phone: 4921 0573
Cost: Free



Easter Egg-stravaganza storytime and craft

Hop along and join us for a special storytime and craft.

Suitable for ages 2-5 years.

Bookings are essential.

When: Thursday
29 March, 10-10.45am
Where: Morisset Library
Phone: 4921 0573
Cost: Free



BaRK (Building Reading Confidence for Kids)

BaRK is a free eight-week program run during school terms, that allows children to practice reading on a one-to-one basis to a trained therapy dog. BaRK dogs are great listeners! BaRK assists children who are struggling with their reading, or are too self-conscious or shy to read aloud, to grow reading confidence and motivation, improve reading skills, and discover reading enjoyment.

BaRK makes reading fun! BaRK is available at Belmont, Cardiff, Edgeworth and Toronto Libraries.

Contact participating libraries for more details or to book.



Regular programs **children**



**Birth
to 1yr**

Books and Babies

Continuing from our Babies into Books program, share stories and rhymes with your baby and nurture an early love of reading. Enjoy time with your baby and meet other parents.

Belmont

Every Tuesday, 10.30am

Charlestown

Every Thursday, 10.30am
(except school holidays)



**1 to
3yrs**

Read and Rhyme Time

Move and groove with stories, songs and musical instruments for toddlers. Encourage imagination, build language skills and have fun.

Belmont

Every Thursday, 10.30am

Cardiff

Every Monday, 11am (except school holidays)

Charlestown

Every Tuesday, 10.30am
(except school holidays)

Edgeworth

Every Tuesday, 9.30am
(except school holidays)

Morrisset

Every Thursday, 10am
(except school holidays)

Speers Point

Every Friday, 9.30am
(except school holidays)

Swansea

Every Wednesday, 10.30am (except school holidays)

Toronto

Every Tuesday, 10.30am
(except school holidays)



3 to
5yrs

Storytime

Listen to stories, sing songs and create something crafty with your pre-schooler. Prepare for school and encourage a love of reading, imagination and social interaction with other children.

Morisset

Saturday 3 February;
3 March, 10am

Speers Point

Wednesday 7 February;
7 March, 9.30am

Swansea

Every Friday, 9.30am
(except school holidays)

Toronto

Thursday
8 and 22 February, 11am
Thursday
8 and 22 March, 11am



8 to
12yrs

Children's book clubs

Play word games around books and author facts and discuss our book of the month.

Bookings are essential.

Cardiff

Monday 5 February;
5 March, 4pm

Morisset

Tuesday 20 February;
20 March, 4pm



and more...

Morisset

After school maker creator

Wednesday 7 February;
7 March, 4pm
Bookings are essential.

Toronto

LEGO Builders

Thursday 15 February;
15 March, 4pm

Toronto

Stories from the Big Blue Chair.

To encourage reading, staff will choose a story weekly to read out loud from the Big Blue Chair.

Ages 5-9 years

Every Tuesday, 3.30pm
(except school holidays)

Special events over 55s



Over 55s yoga

Over 55s yoga classes are a specially adapted and modified yoga to suit all individuals. Participants are encouraged to work to their own capability, comfortably and with ease. The teachers will provide guidance, instructions and support to ensure each participant gets the most benefit out of the class, regardless of their health condition.

Bookings are essential.

When: Monday 5, 12, 19
and 26 February,
11.45am-12.30pm

Where: Swansea Centre

Phone: 4921 0430

Cost: Free



Facebook workshop

A hands-on session to show you how to join Facebook, post status updates and share photos, websites and links. You will also learn about sending messages and security. You can bring your own device.

Bookings are essential.

When: Monday
12 February,
10-11am

Where: Edgeworth Library

Phone: 4921 0785

Cost: Free



On the Road 65plus

Road safety for older road users

This workshop is fun and interactive and covers health issues, statistics, older driver licence conditions, the driver assessment and driving test, retiring from driving, pedestrian safety issues and facilities and use and purchase of motorised wheelchairs and scooters. Presented by NSW Roads and Maritime Services.

Bookings are essential.

When: Friday 16 February,
10.30-11.30am

Where: Swansea Centre

Phone: 4921 0430

Cost: Free





The best of Lake Mac Community History

Interesting and intriguing events and characters from Lake Macquarie's past, revealed by Lake Mac Libraries' Community History team.

Bookings are essential.

When: Tuesday
20 February, 1-2pm
Where: Charlestown Library
Phone: 4921 0792
Cost: Free



Strata living

Find out what you need to know if you rent or own a strata property. Learn about common issues and understand how a strata scheme works including the roles, rights and responsibilities of owners, tenants and strata professionals. Presented by Fair Trading.

Bookings are essential.

When: Wednesday
21 February,
11am-noon
Where: Cardiff Library
Phone: 4921 0775
Cost: Free



Gardening with local native plants

Discover plants that are local to our area, including bush tucker species, and where they will thrive to recreate native habitat.

Bookings are essential.

When: Friday 23 February,
10am-noon
Where: Toronto Library
Phone: 4921 0641
Cost: Free

Special events over 55s



Beryl Mullard – Author visit

Come along and join us for an author talk with local history author, Beryl Mullard. Beryl will discuss her latest photographic publication, *Way Back Then: A Pictorial History of Morisset and District including Wangi Wangi and Rathmines*, as well as chatting about her previous works and writing experiences.

Bookings are essential.

When: Wednesday
7 March, 10-11.30am
Where: Morisset Library
Phone: 4921 0573
Cost: Free



Getting ready for winter

Banish sore throats, coughs and colds this winter!

Join naturopath Cody Kennedy, as she discusses practical ways to stay healthy during the autumn and winter months. She will suggest the best foods for building a robust immune system and supplements, which may assist in preventing colds and flus. Cody will also give proven tips to help reduce the duration and severity of a cold, cough or sore throat so you can recover quickly. Handouts provided.

Bookings are essential.

When: Tuesday
13 March, 10-11am
Where: Swansea Centre
Phone: 4921 0430
Cost: Free



Are you emergency ready?

Our seasons are changing and in an emergency, resources can be stretched. Now is the time to get your household prepared. Come along and learn tips on how you can prepare and protect your family, property and neighbours.

Bookings are essential.

When: Wednesday
14 March, 10-11am
Where: Morisset Library
Phone: 4921 0573
Cost: Free



Caring for an ageing parent or family member

Are you someone that cares for, or may soon be taking on the caring role of a family member? The session will give you an overview of caring for an older person, issues that may arise and navigating support services and the aged care system. Presented by Carers NSW.

Bookings are essential.

When: Wednesday
21 March,
9.30-10.30am
Where: Toronto Library
Phone: 4921 0641
Cost: Free

When: Wednesday
21 March, 1-2pm
Where: Belmont Library
Phone: 4921 0731
Cost: Free



Your Brain Matters

Your Brain Matters is a program that teaches you how to look after your brain health. It is based on scientific evidence that shows a number of health and lifestyle factors are associated with brain function and the risk of developing dementia. This session will show you how to live a brain-healthy life in five simple steps.

Bookings are essential.

When: Tuesday
20 March, 1-2pm
Where: Swansea Library
Phone: 4921 0780
Cost: Free



Lake Mac Libraries now has an Instagram account. We will be sharing awesome books, events and activities. Follow us at [instagram.com/lakemaclibraries](https://www.instagram.com/lakemaclibraries)

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