

Hawkesbury Library Service

What's On

October 2026 – January 2027



Positively

PENRITH

Write Out West

Western Sydney
Libraries and
Literature Festival



Five days of literary
fun for all ages!

Wednesday 25 November -

Sunday 29 November 2026

Author Events

Panel Discussions

Workshops

Family Fun

Tickets on sale and available at
hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com



AUTHOR EVENTS

AUTHOR TALK: BARRY CORR

Saturday 14 November, 10am – 11:30am

First Nations historian Barry Corr discusses the gaps and silences in the colonial records, and the way history is remembered, or not remembered.

Bookings essential

WRITE OUT WEST EVENTS

AUTHOR TALK: TESSA MORRISON

Thursday 26 November, 11am – 12:30pm

Join author and artist, Tessa Morrison for a discussion about her latest book *Beading Wicked Women* and the handmade jewellery designs that tell its story.

Bookings essential

AUTHOR TALK: JELENA CURIC

Saturday 28 November, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Author Jelena Curic discusses her debut novel *Sing to Me*, exploring how we reclaim life and rediscover the soul's song.

Bookings essential



FROM MANUSCRIPT TO MARKETPLACE: HOW TO GET PUBLISHED

Saturday 31 October, 10am – 12pm | \$20

Join Keith Whelan to discover the knowledge, tools, and confidence to navigate the publishing process from idea development to seeing your work in print or online.

Bookings essential

BOOK TICKETS



For more information and to book, scan the QR code or visit: hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com

SPECIAL EVENTS



NEW

MONDAY BOOK MUNCH

**Monday 19 October,
16 November & 18 January,
11am – 1pm**

A new book club! Chat and eat while discussing your current read. No set book, discuss what you are currently reading.

Bookings essential

BOOK TICKETS



INTRO TO THE DIGITISATION STUDIO

**Tuesday 13 October,
10:30am – 11:30am & 6 – 7pm**
Learn how to convert your analogue materials into digital formats.

Bookings essential

INTRO TO PODCASTING & VOICE RECORDING

**Wednesday 18 November,
10:30am – 11:30am & 6 – 7pm**
Learn the basics of setting up microphones, recording clear audio, and producing content for podcasts, voice-overs, and more.

Bookings essential

PLANT SALE

**Wednesday 21 October,
11am – 1pm**
The Macquarie Towns Garden Centre plant sale returns to Hawkesbury Central Library!



CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING

**Saturday 7 November,
10am – 12pm | \$10**
Get into the festive spirit while learning new techniques and create your own handmade Christmas cards. Suitable for adults and teenagers 12 +

Bookings essential

**Unless stated, activities are held
at Hawkesbury Central Library, Windsor.**

SPECIAL EVENTS

BIRDWATCHING WORKSHOP

**Tuesday 19 January,
9am – 10:30am**

Gain a beginners guide to birding with helpful tips on how to get started and things to observe such as habitat types, field guide use, and listening to calls. Perfect for kids and families.

Bookings essential



HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

**Second Wednesday of the month,
10 – 11:15am | FREE**

Interested in family and local history? Come along to one of our monthly Hawkesbury Family History Group meetings. Available in-person and online (bookings required for online attendance).



14 October | The Earl's of Richmond

Jonathan Auld shares the story of the Earl family of Richmond. Earl was a convict who was dead by 1807. Discover what resources used to track down the story.

11 November | Show & Tell

View an array of family treasures, mementos and resources and delve into their hidden stories.

**Please note there will be no
HFHG meeting in December
or January.**

BOOK TICKETS



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CHILDRENS EVENTS



HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Saturday 24 October, 10am - 12pm

Witches, wizards, and little monsters are invited to a family friendly spooktacular Halloween adventure at the library! Join in fun themed activities and come dressed in your best Halloween costume.

Bookings essential

SANTA STORYTIME

**Friday 11 December,
5pm - 7pm**

Enjoy festive fun at the Library with a special visit from Santa Claus! Santa will sing songs, tell a story and sit for photos. Suitable for children 7 years and under and their families.

Bookings essential



BOOK TICKETS



SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

January 2027

Keep the kids busy over the summer with a range of affordable activities at the Library, Museum and Gallery.

Program announcement and launch of online bookings from early December.



Summer Reading Rewards



SUMMER READING REWARDS

1 December 2026

- 31 January 2027

Be Rewarded for reading over summer!

Children collect coupons for books read between 1 December 2026 and 31 January 2027. Then redeem them for great prizes at the Summer Reading Rewards shop in February.

Details coming soon. Follow us on social media for more details.

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Our Services

Scan QR to visit our website and learn more



- **JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SERVICE**
Windsor: Tuesday – Thursday, 10am – 12pm
Richmond: Mondays & Fridays, 10am – 12pm
- **TECH HELP**
Mondays, 11am – 12pm **Bookings required**
- **DIGITAL MENTORING**
(with the Digital Literacy Foundation)
Windsor: second Wednesday of the month, 10am – 12pm
Richmond: third Wednesday of the month, 10am – 12pm
Contact the Digital Literacy Foundation on 02 9090 4141 or email hello@dlf.org.au to book.
- **FREE LEGAL CLINIC**
(with Western Sydney Community Legal Centre)
First Wednesday of the month, 10am – 3pm

Note:

Programs and services have adjusted hours over December and January. Please visit our website for more information.

Our Programs

- **THIRD TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB**
Third Tuesday of the month, 6:30 – 8:30pm
- **BOOK CHAT**
Last Wednesday of the month, 10am – 12pm
- **CHECKMATE** **NEW!**
Wednesdays, 10am – 12pm
- **BOOK BANTER** **NEW!**
First Thursday of the month, 6:30 – 8pm
Bookings encouraged
- **KNIT WITH FRIENDS**
Last Friday of the month, 10am – 12pm

Unless stated, all events are drop-in.

- = Central Library, Windsor ONLY
- = Windsor & Richmond Libraries

Childrens Programs

Children's programs run during school term dates:

Term 4: 13 October – 10 December

Term 1: Starting 1 February 2027

RHYMETIME

Windsor: Mondays, 10 – 10:45am
Lots of fun with stories and songs for babies, toddlers and their sibilnbg.
Suitable for 18mths – 3 years

STORYTIME

Windsor: Tuesdays, 11am – 12pm
Richmond: Thursdays, 11am – 12pm
Enjoy entertaining stories and craft activities for pre-schoolers.
Suitable for 3 – 5 years

PUPPY-DOG TALES

Windsor: Thursdays, 3:30 – 4:30pm
Improve your child's literacy skills with the support of a specialised reading dog. Suitable for Primary School ages
Bookings required

DISPLAYS



WICKED WOMEN

6 October – 26 November

View 14 handmade pieces of jewellery by artist and author Tessa Morrison, and discover stories of the 'wicked women' behind them.

BIN BUNCH COLOURING IN COMPETITION

9 November – 31 March 2027

Check out the amazing entries for the Bin Bunch Colouring-in Competition.

Our Libraries

Hawkesbury Central Library

300 George Street
Windsor NSW 2756
(02) 4560 4460

Monday – Friday: 9am – 7pm

Saturday: 9am – 1pm

Sunday: 2pm – 5pm

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Richmond Branch Library

29 West Market Street
Richmond NSW 2753
(02) 4560 4270

Monday – Friday: 9:30am – 6pm

Saturday: 9am – 1pm

CLOSED SUNDAY

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

**For December and January holiday operating hours,
please visit our website or contact us.**



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