



SYDNEY
WRITERS
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LIVE & LOCAL

22nd - 25th May 2025

Sessions from the
Sydney Writers' Festival Live & Local program
will be streamed live and direct from the stages of
Sydney to your local library.

Check out this program to find out what time
authors are speaking and which libraries are
hosting the sessions.

Book these sessions with your local library
or online via www.gvlibraries.com.au/events

Thursday 22nd May

10:00–11:00AM Markus Zusak: *Three Wild Dogs and the Truth*

Twenty years after his international sensation *The Book Thief*, Markus Zusak turns to non-fiction. Listen as Markus extols on love and human-animal connection in his memoir about his three big pound dogs. In conversation with Richard Glover.

Cobram Library **Euroa Library** **Mooroopna Library**
Nagambie Library **Nathalia Library** **Numurkah Library**
Shepparton Library **Tatura Library**

12:00–1:00PM Gina Chick: *We Are the Stars*

Hear *Alone Australia* winner Gina Chick regale you with stories of her extraordinary life, from her unconventional childhood to deep links with nature as an adult. With host Rosemarie Milsom.

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Yarrowonga Library

2:00–3:00PM David Nicholls: *You Are Here*

Travel the winding road of love through first encounters and second chances with bestselling novelist and screenwriter David Nicholls, in conversation with Jennifer Byrne on his latest love story.

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Tatura Library **Violet Town Library** **Yarrowonga Library**

4:00–5:00PM Past and Future of Indigenous Recognition

Respected Indigenous leader Thomas Mayo and historian Clare Wright reflect on the history of First Nations movements for change in Australia and look at next steps. With Lorena Allam.

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6:00–7:00PM Kaliane Bradley: *The Ministry of Time*

Question what it means to change the world by defying history with Kaliane Bradley's bestselling debut, which blends time travel, romance and spy thriller. With host Melanie Kembrey.

Shepparton Library

8:00-9:00PM State of the Art: The Novel

Join esteemed novelists Rumaan Alam, Robbie Arnott, Samantha Harvey and Torrey Peters as they discuss the state of the novel with host ABC Radio National's Kate Evans (*The Bookshelf*).

Shepparton Library

Friday 23rd May

10:00–11:00AM The Moriarty Sisters

Join the Moriarty sisters, Jaclyn, Liane and Nicola, as they discuss their career beginnings, different publishing paths and many successes with writer and broadcaster Sarah Macdonald.

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12:00–1:00PM Helen Garner: *The Season*

Hear iconic Australian writer Helen Garner's reflections on football and the cycles of life in *The Season*, her first full-length book in a decade.

In conversation with David Leser.

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2:00–3:00PM Alan Hollinghurst: *Our Evenings*

Hear Alan Hollinghurst discuss his seventh novel, a rich and pleasurable account of a lifetime in modern England and the search for identity.

In conversation with Georgina Godwin.

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4:00–5:00PM Colm Tóibín: *From Brooklyn to Long Island*

Hear how Laureate of Irish Fiction Colm Tóibín returned to the Lacey family of international bestseller *Brooklyn* with the long-awaited sequel, set 20 years after Rose's death. With ABC Radio National's Kate Evans.

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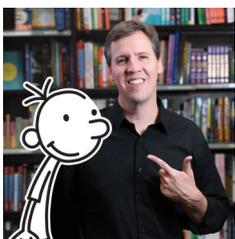
Violet Town Library

6:00–7:00PM Untrue Crime

Novelist Shankari Chandran, investigative journalist Kate McClymont and Diamond Dagger Award winner Ian Rankin discuss the line between fact and fiction in the stories they tell about crime. With host Matthew Condon.

Shepparton Library

(Bookings Essential)



Saturday 24th May

10:00–11:00AM Bakers' Delight

With host Jennifer Wong, get special insight into the art and industry of baking from the queens of Australian pastry, *Flour and Stone's* Nadine Ingram, *Beatrix Bakes'* Natalie Paull and *Lune Croissanterie's* Kate Reid.

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12:00–1:00PM A.C. Grayling on Cancel Culture

Philosopher A.C. Grayling traces 'cancel culture' back to the ancient Greeks and tries to find a middle ground among the incendiary debates flamed by contemporary culture wars.

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2:00–3:00PM Ben Macintyre: *The Siege*

Ben Macintyre discusses his definitive account of the 1980 Iranian embassy siege in London which put the SAS on the world stage. With Richard Fidler.

Euroa Library

Shepparton Library

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4:00-5:00PM Ian Rankin: Master of Crime

Following the latest instalment of the Inspector Rebus series, Ian Rankin reflects on his career as an international bestselling author and the UK's #1 crime writer. With Michael Williams.

Euroa Library

Shepparton Library

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Sunday 25th May

10:00–11:00AM Trumpocalypse Now

Listen in as experts on US politics Peter Beinart, Nick Bryant and Emma Shortis unpack Trump's first months in office and what to expect over the next four years. With host Barrie Cassidy.

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12:00–1:00PM The Hot Mess Show with Jeff Kinney

Join *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* author Jeff Kinney for wild on-stage antics. Celebrate the latest Wimpy Kid book while satisfying your craving for family fun! Rec. ages 7–12.

Euroa Library

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2:00-3:00PM Making a Writer

Prominent writers Colm Tóibín and Charlotte Wood discuss how they became writers and what Ireland and Australia's literary culture means to them.

With host Michael Williams.

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