



# Wimmera Libraries Newsletter

April 2026

## Librarian's Message

It's Easter time so you know what that means. Time to hop on down to the library! (Pun fully intended)  
We've got some exciting activities for school holidays, including bringing you the craft activities you've been asking for. Our librarians will also be having some time-off (woo-hoo) for the public holidays in April. Next time you see us, we'll have chocolate on our faces and full bellies.  
With another set of school holidays comes a new timetable for our early years programs. Be sure to check out what days we'll be having our programs for your babies, toddlers and young readers.  
As always, see you at the library!

## Latest News



### Premier's Reading Challenge books have arrived!

We've distributed some new PRC books across our five libraries, ready to inspire young readers to dive into new stories and adventures. It is completely free to [join the challenge online](#) with lots of prizes up for grabs!

### Public Holiday Closures: Easter & ANZAC Day

All of our libraries will be closed over the Easter weekend from Friday, April 3 to Monday, April 6. We will reopen again on Tuesday, April 7 and resume regular operations. We will also be closed on Saturday, April 25 for ANZAC Day.

During this time, we encourage you to use our after-hours book chute to return your items and check out our online services for more reading!





### Upcoming Events

#### EDENHOPE: Intergenerational Day for Seniors

**March 30 11.30AM**

Edenhope Library is hosting a special Intergenerational Day, bringing together local college students & senior residents for a relaxed, friendly & enjoyable day of learning & conversation.



#### EDENHOPE: Monthly Writing Group

**April 1 5PM**

Whether you're a seasoned storyteller or just beginning your writing journey, Edenhope Library writing group is the perfect place to spark creativity and connect with others. Come along and share ideas in a relaxed, welcoming space for all kinds of writers.



#### HORSHAM: Minecraft Trial Chamber

**April 10 3PM**

We're bringing back our Minecraft challenges with a brand new activity added to the line-up!

In **Manhunt**, you and your opponents will have five minutes to buff yourself with armour, a home base, and weapons. The last one standing is the winner! In **Brickmaster**, our host will give you a creative or absurd building prompt. You'll have full use of Creative Mode and the best build wins!



#### HORSHAM: Cranes For Peace

**April 14 11AM**

In our Cranes For Peace activity, we'll teach you how to fold paper cranes as part of our community-wide project and explore other origami projects too. (Did you know you can make bouquets of flowers, or dinosaurs, out of just paper?)





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#### EDENHOPE: Nature and Us by Olaf Breuning

**April 15      11.30AM & 2PM**

Taking inspiration from contemporary artist Olaf Breuning, an artist known for his playful work, children will be guided through a series of drawing activities that celebrate nature, animals, and landscapes. This relaxed and inclusive activity invites children to look at the world around them, express their ideas through art.



#### HORSHAM: Wiggle & Rave

**April 16      10.30AM**

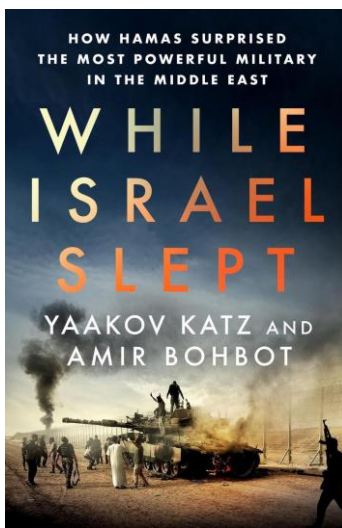
Hosted on the grassy lawn of the Horsham Botanical Park, by the Rose Gazebo, our librarians will tell excitable and active stories, guaranteed to get your toddlers wiggling.

Our librarians will bring out the best activities we've got, our favourite stories to share and engage, and the most earworm nursery rhymes we know for a morning of fun.



### Newest Additions

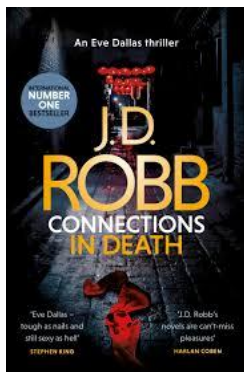
#### While Israel Slept by Yaakov Katz and Amir Bohbot



While Israel Slept tells the gripping inside story of how Hamas, Israel's weakest enemy, succeeded in launching a surprise attack on one of the world's most powerful militaries. Through a detailed examination of the events leading up to October 7, 2023, the book exposes the intelligence and strategic failures that enabled this devastating invasion. It takes readers back in time, showing how years of complacency, mistaken intelligence analysis, and a misguided policy of containment enabled Hamas to prepare for an assault that Israel did not believe was possible and that would change the Middle East. The book unveils the dramatic events of the night before the attack, highlighting the cracks in Israel's military and political leadership. It provides unprecedented details on how key warnings were missed, and how Israel ignored the growing threat from Hamas, believing that the group was weak and deterred. By exposing these failures, While Israel Slept offers a stark, sobering account of how overconfidence and complacency paved the way for disaster, while underscoring the critical lessons Israel must embrace to safeguard its future.

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### Connections in Death by J. D. Robb



When recovering drug addict Lyle Pickering is found dead of an overdose, it looks like a tragic accident. But his sister Rochelle knows better, and so does Lieutenant Eve Dallas. Lyle was murdered, and the evidence points directly to his old street gang.

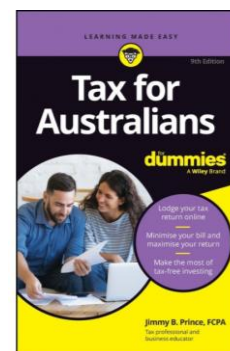
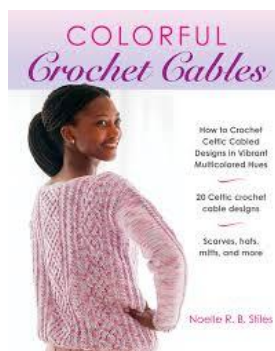
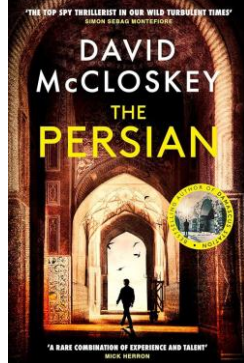
As Eve and husband Roarke track the killer through the city's dive bars, drug dens and strip joints, another body is discovered. With connections growing between the living and the dead, and the body count on the rise, Eve knows she needs to close this case fast, before the killer's lust for power turns the city's streets into a bloodbath.

### The Start of Something Wonderful by Jane Lambert



Emily Forsyth has a high-flying job (literally), a hunky boyfriend (soon to be fiancé?) and a life of luxury. But then, out of the blue, her boyfriend dumps her for a younger woman, and Emily comes crashing down to earth. Suddenly, she's single and homeless, and the prospect of staying in the same job as her cheating ex is unbearable. So, at forty years not-so-young, she quits steady employment and decides to chase her lifelong dream of becoming an actress. But with eccentric acting teachers, unreliable agents, and some decidedly unglamorous roles on offer, has she made a huge mistake? Or is this the start of something wonderful?

### More Titles



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**Early Years Programs Calendar**  
Term 2

- BB

**Horsham Baby Bounce**  
Bi-Weekly Tuesdays  
10.30am
- WR

**Horsham Wriggle & Read**  
Bi-Weekly Wednesdays  
10.30am
- ST

**Horsham Super Sonic Storytime**  
Every Thursday  
10.30am
- EWR

**Edenhope Wriggle & Read**  
Third Tuesday  
11am
- PS

**Horsham Pool Storytime**  
First Wednesday  
11.30am

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
April	20	21 EWR	22	23	24
	27	28	29 WR	30 ST	1
May	4	5 BB	6 PS	7 ST	8
	11	12	13 WR	14 ST	15
	18	19	18	21 ST	22
	25	26	27 WR	28 ST	29
June	1	2 BB	6 PS	4 ST	5
	8	9	10 WR	11 ST	12
	15	16	17	18 ST	19
	22	23	24 WR	25 ST	26
TERM BREAK					



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