



## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST- CHILDREN'S & YOUTH EVENTS AT GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARIES**

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Geelong Regional Library Corporation is seeking expressions of interest to complement our existing children's and youth programming. We are inviting a diverse selection of workshops and programs from artists such as, street artists, designers, musicians, local authors, STEM programming and community groups and organisations to support innovation, education and inclusion in our community libraries.

### **OUR AIM**

The Geelong Regional Library Corporation (GRLC) is committed to offering events that are responsive to the community and aim to increase reading, information and digital literacies, lifelong learning, building skills, enhance social connectedness and enable the sharing of knowledge.

As outlined in our ***Connecting and Thriving GRLC Library Plan 2021-2025*** and our ***Youth Engagement Strategy 2021-2025***, events, programs and activities held within our libraries should contribute to the following strategies:

- Community- address local needs and provide local solutions - customise aspects of library collections and programs to support local priorities and events.
- Places and Spaces - actively reflect the unique character, stories and cultural heritage of local places through library programs, collections and spaces.
- Our People - build a culture of inspiring regional leaders - maintain our digital literacy and communication skillset, instilling confidence in the delivery of in-house and outreach programs across all platforms.
- Regional Leadership - in digital access, learning and creative expression - host innovative digital programs and events that connect thought leaders and contemporary ideas, resulting in new regional opportunities.
- Involve - Strengthen relationships between the GRLC and young people through open communication and by creating opportunities for active participation.
- Thrive - Identify and address systemic barriers for youth in accessing opportunities, resources, services and participating in programming.
- Belonging - Support young people to develop a sense of social connectedness to community and peers.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

The GRLC considers events which:

1. Engage children and youth on contemporary issues important to them.
2. Promote the library as a place of participation, inclusivity, innovative thinking and robust discussion.
3. Contribute to our emphasis on lifelong learning and community engagement.
4. Involve prudent use of public resources.
5. Adhere to GRLC Child Safety Code of Conduct.

Of particular consideration should be:

- Relevance of the event for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander and/or culturally and linguistically diverse people.
- Aspects of inclusivity and accessibility, including suitability for people living with disabilities.
- Potential to engage with the community and support the development of a vibrant, culturally connected community within G21.

- Focus on our communities' health and wellbeing.
- Community enthusiasm for the event topic/content.

## ELIGIBILITY

The GRLC accepts applications from creatives at all stages of their career including young people, as well as community groups and not for profit organisations. Whilst we are pleased to encourage local artists, you do not need to live in the G21 region to apply.

Please note, we receive a large number of event proposals, and we are unable to accommodate every request. If your event cannot be scheduled into our current program, we will add it to our waiting lists for possible future programs.

## HIRE FEE

If your event is selected to be presented as part of our Events Program, there is usually no fee to hire event space. Depending on the details of your event request, a contribution towards staffing costs may be required.

Event presenters are responsible for all external costs associated with their event and for any launch expenses relating to catering/refreshments. Please note, there are catering restrictions at Geelong Library & Heritage Centre, please email [events@grlc.vic.gov.au](mailto:events@grlc.vic.gov.au) for more information.

Please note, the GRLC will not administer sales or facilitate payment for books or any other goods on behalf of the author or presenter.

## AVAILABLE SPACES FOR IN-PERSON EVENTS AT GLHC AND COMMUNITY LIBRARIES:

Branch	Max No. of Guests
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre	230 pax
Newcomb Library	100
Corio Library	80
Leopold Library	70
Boronggook Drysdale Library	60
Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Library	60
Waurm Ponds Library	50
Colac Library	50
Queenscliff	50
Torquay Library	50
Bannockburn Library	50
Geelong West Library	30
Belmont Library	30
Lara Library	30
Ocean Grove Library	30
Chilwell Library	20
Apollo Bay Library (whole space)	30

Please see <https://www.grlc.vic.gov.au/services/venue-hire> for more information.

**Our Social Media Links are:**

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**Please submit an [online Expression of Interest 2024 form](#) and we will respond as soon as possible.  
Incomplete application forms cannot be considered.**