

# WRITE AROUND THE MURRAY

13–17 Sept 2023

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Breathing  
Stories.

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## Plan.

### Tues 12 Sept

6:30pm–8:30pm **HW**  
W/S: Poetry Slam  
Workshop

### Wed 13 Sept

10.30am–11am **LL**  
WAM4Kids: Yalbilinya  
Wiradjuri Storytime

11am–11.30am **LM**  
Festival Launch:  
Living Breathing Stories

12pm–12.30pm **MAMA**  
Lunchtime Art Talk:  
Esperanto

6pm–6.30pm **ONLINE**  
AlburyCity  
Short Story Awards

6pm–7.30pm **MAMA**  
Radical Book  
Club Open Night

6.30/7pm–9pm **HW**  
WAM Slam at Hyphen

### Thu 14 Sept

10.30am–11am **LM**  
WAM4Kids: Yalbilinya  
Wiradjuri Storytime

10.30am–11.30am **MAMA**  
Creative Writing  
with Art

6pm–7pm **LL**  
Talk: Rising to the  
Challenge

6pm–9pm **LM**  
Dungeons & Dragons

### Fri 15 Sept

10am–11.30am **LL**  
W/S: Legacy Writing

12pm–2.30pm **PH**  
Literary Lunch  
with Shelley Burr

3pm–5pm **LL**  
W/S: World Building

3pm–4pm **LM**  
Tour: Wandering Past

6pm–7.10pm **LM**  
Talk: We Come with  
This Place

7.30pm–8.40pm **LM**  
Talk: Mum's the Word

### Sat 16 Sept

10am–12pm **LM**  
Big book sale

10am–12pm **LM**  
W/S: Deep Immersion

10am–11am **LM**  
Tour: Visual Narratives

10am–11am **LM**  
Roving Poetry

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WAM4Kids:  
Cartoon Creatures

11am–12pm **LM**  
Random acts of Magic

11.15am–12pm **LM**  
WAM4Kids:  
Megabeast Warrior

11.30am–12.30pm **LM**  
Talk: Artificial Realities

12pm–1pm **LM**  
River of Stories Student  
Awards

1pm–3pm **LM**  
W/S: Creative Flow

1pm–2.10pm **LM**  
Talk: Drawing  
inspiration

2.30pm–3.30pm **LM**  
Talk: Deep in the Story

3.45pm–4.30pm **LM**  
Talk: Prudish Nation

7pm–10pm **LM**  
Stereo Stories in Concert

### Sun 17 Sept

10am–1pm **MAMA**  
W/S: Simple book  
making

10am–12pm **LM**  
W/S: Podcast as audio  
art

10am–11.10am **LM**  
Talk: The First Time:  
Publishing

11.30am–12.30pm **LM**  
Talk: Killing It!

1pm–1.45pm **LM**  
Talk: The Hummingbird  
Effect

2pm–2.40pm **LM**  
Talk: Living Breathing  
Poetry

3pm–4pm **LM**  
Talk: The Bookbinder of  
Jericho

HW—Hyphen Wodonga  
LL—Lavington Library  
LM—Library Museum  
MAMA—Murray Art Museum Albury  
PH—Public House

# Discover.

## FESTIVAL LAUNCH

### ***Living Breathing Stories***

Get ready for some 'yarn bombing' as we launch WAM 2023 with a Welcome to Country and poetry from Gamilaroi poet, Luke Patterson.

*Wed 13 Sept, 11am–11.30am*  
*LibraryMuseum, Free*



### ***Lunchtime Art Talk:*** ***Esperanto***

Join us in discussion as we explore our major exhibition, Newell Harry's *Esperanto* and ask if it's possible for language to transform society, or is it the other way round?

*Wed 13 Sept, 12pm–12.30pm*  
*MAMA, Free*

### ***AlburyCity Short*** ***Story Awards***

Kathryn Heyman reflects on this year's entries when she announces the winning stories in an online broadcast.

*Wed 13 Sept, 6pm–6.30pm*  
*WAM website, Free*

### ***Radical Book Club*** ***Open Night***

Read *We Come with This Place* by Debra Dank and join with a cohort of radical readers who reflect each month on books that challenge conventions and norms embedded in society.

*Wed 13 Sept, 6pm–7.30pm*  
*MAMA, Free*  
*Bookings essential*

### ***WAM Slam at Hyphen***

The mic is on for our cross-border slam heat. Poets, this is your call to write revolutions – you've got two minutes to wow your audience and randomly selected judges!

*Wed 13 Sept, 7pm–9pm*  
*Hyphen Wodonga, Free*  
*Performers register 6.30pm*  
*Bar*

### ***Creative Writing with Art***

The current MAMA Collection show, *Home*, conveys comforting, complex and nostalgic interpretations of 'home'. Allow the artworks to stimulate a creative writing response.

*Thu 14 Sept, 10.30am–11.30am*  
*MAMA, Free*

### ***Rising to the Challenge***

Stina Constantine has called Wagga Wagga home for more than 20 years. Despite being raised in Australia and named a City Ambassador, Stina is facing an arduous migration battle to stay here.

*Thu 14 Sept, 6pm–7pm*  
*Lavington Library, Free*  
*Bookings essential*

### ***Dungeons & Dragons:*** ***The Almond Prince Part 2***

In the sequel to last year's riveting one-shot event, Tim Napper and the team return for more collaborative, seat-of-the-pants storytelling.

*Thur 14 Sept, 6pm–9pm*  
*LibraryMuseum,*  
*\$10 full/\$5 conc*  
*Bar*



### **Literary Lunch with Shelley Burr**

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Hot on the heels of her success with *Wake*, award-winning author Shelley Burr talks about her hot-off-the-press crime thriller, *Ripper*, and how farm life and fiction writing work side-by-side.

*Fri 15 Sept, 12pm–2.30pm*  
*Public House, \$50 inc 2 courses*  
*+ glass of wine*  
*Bookings close 4pm, Tues 12 Sept*

### **Big Book Sale**

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Snap up a bargain at the Friends of the Libraries & Museum sale of pre-loved books.

*Sat 16 Sept, 10am–12pm*  
*LibraryMuseum*

### **Roving Poetry**

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Don't be alarmed by sudden outbursts of poetry as Joel McKerrow wanders the library, spilling words as he goes, or offering something personal just for you.

*Sat 16 Sept, 10am–11am*  
*LibraryMuseum, Free*

### **Random acts of Magic**

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Artful and spellbinding, Dane Certificate has mastered his own brand of weird and wonderful magic. Catch his random acts of magic during WAM4Kids.

*Sat 16 Sept, 11am–12pm*  
*LibraryMuseum, Free*

### **Stereo Stories in Concert**

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A memorable night of storytelling inspired by iconic songs, this unique collaboration between writers and musicians is an audience fave. Featuring Paul Dalgarno, Irma Gold, Debra Dank and Rijn Collins. Kicking off with canapes, poetry and magic.

*Sat 16 Sept, 7pm–10pm*  
*LibraryMuseum,*  
*\$60 inc. canapes + wine on arrival*  
*Bookings close 4pm, Tues 12 Sept*

### **Living Breathing Poetry**

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Join Joel McKerrow and surprise guests for a soulful Sunday afternoon of poetic performance as we round out five days of Living Breathing Stories.

*Sun 17 Sept, 2pm–2.40pm*  
*LibraryMuseum, Free*

### **Walking Tours —**

#### **Wandering Past**

Take a guided walking tour of central Albury and learn some of the rich history of our evolving city.

*Fri 15 Sept, 3pm–4pm*  
*Begins at the LibraryMuseum,*  
*Free, Bookings essential*

#### **Visual Narratives**

Explore narratives and hidden meanings behind murals and sculptures in Albury's CBD.

*Sat 16 Sept, 10am–11am*  
*Begins at the LibraryMuseum,*  
*Free, Bookings essential*

### **Exhibitions—**

#### **Book and Specimen**

*Now until 22 October,*  
*LibraryMuseum*

#### **Reflections on River Red Gum**

*Now until 17 September,*  
*LibraryMuseum*

#### **Newell Harry: Esperanto**

*Now until 26 November, MAMA*

#### **Blaze: Working Women, Public Leaders**

*Now until 14 October,*  
*Lavington Library*

#### **The Love Letters Podcast**

*1–17 September, LibraryMuseum*



# Discuss.

## **Panels—**

### ***We Come with This Place***

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Debra Dank's award-winning memoir reaches deep into the living body of her country and ancestors. She speaks with Michelle Evans about what it means to come with this place, so-called Australia.

*Fri 15 Sept, 6pm–7.10pm  
LibraryMuseum,  
\$10 full/\$5 conc, Bar*

### ***Mum's the Word***

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Paul Dalgarno, Rijn Collins and Gina Perry talk to author and podcaster, Irma Gold, about their latest novels and themes of love, loss, beauty, grief...and family secrets.

*Fri 15 Sept, 7.30pm–8.40pm  
LibraryMuseum,  
\$10 full/\$5 conc, Bar*

### ***Artificial Realities***

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Through the lens of their recent novels, Grace Chan and T.R. Napper discuss artificial intelligence, virtual reality and what it means to be human in an increasingly digitised world, with Kate Mildenhall.

*Sat 16 Sept, 11.30am–12.30pm, LibraryMuseum,  
\$10 full/\$5 conc*

### ***Drawing inspiration***

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Sher Rill Ng, Jordan Gould and Richard Pritchard talk to Karen Ginnane about the superpowers they both draw, and draw upon, to create powerful stories.

*Sat 16 Sept, 1pm–2.10pm  
LibraryMuseum, \$10 full/\$5 conc*

### ***Deep in the Story***

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Gina Perry talks to debut author Debra Dank and longtime writer Kathryn Heyman about narrative craft and the journey of telling their personal stories.

*Sat 16 Sept, 2.30pm–3.30pm  
LibraryMuseum, \$10 full/\$5 conc*

## **Author panels package**

*Attend all ten author conversations \$55 full/\$30 conc*

### ***Prudish Nation***

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Paul Dalgarno draws on social history and first-hand accounts from over 30 authors and thinkers to ask what it means to have 'unconventional' relationships in Australia. He talks to Liz Duck-Chong.

*Sat 16 Sept, 3.45pm–4.30pm  
LibraryMuseum,  
\$10 full/\$5 conc*

### ***The First Time: Publishing***

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Author and podcaster, Kate Mildenhall, talks to authors Kathryn Heyman, T.R. Napper and Irma Gold about their experiences on the path to publishing, from the first time and beyond.

*Sun 17 Sept, 10am–11.10am  
LibraryMuseum, \$10 full/\$5 conc*

### ***Killing It!***

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Jason Steger talks to local authors, Shelley Burr and Margaret Hickey, about their love of rural life and the appeal of rural settings to spawn morbid storylines and bestselling novels.

*Sun 17 Sept, 11.30am–12.30pm  
LibraryMuseum, \$10 full/\$5 conc*

### ***The Hummingbird Effect***

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Kate Mildenhall chats with Paul Dalgarno about the inspiration for her new novel, combining historical and speculative fiction, use of AI, and how her fears and hopes for the future informed the story.

*Sun 17 Sept, 1pm–1.45pm  
LibraryMuseum,  
\$10 full/\$5 conc*

### ***Book of the Festival: The Bookbinder of Jericho***

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Pip Williams has created another evocative and subversive story that looks at knowledge – who gets to make it, who gets to access it, and what is lost when it is withheld. In-conversation with Jason Steger.

*Sun 17 Sept, 3pm–4pm  
LibraryMuseum,  
\$10 full/\$5 conc*

# Create.

## Workshops—

### Poetry Wordshop

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Explore new ways of expressing your creative ideas using live performance, writing techniques and video examples with poet and slam host Megan J Riedl.

*Tues 12 Sept, 6.30pm–8.30pm*  
*Hyphen Wodonga, Free*  
*Bookings essential*

### Legacy Writing

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Learn how to record memories and milestones that your family and friends will want to read and treasure, with Andrea Rowe.

*Fri 15 Sept, 10am–11.30am*  
*Lavington Library,*  
*\$25 full /\$20 conc*

### World Building with T.R. Napper

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Award-winning science fiction author T. R. Napper shares the fundamentals of building an engaging and internally-consistent story-world, guiding participants through several writing exercises.

*Fri 15 Sept, 3pm–5pm*  
*Lavington Library,*  
*\$30 full /\$25 conc*

### YA workshop: Story Steps for 12 – 16 year olds

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Andrea Rowe unpacks what makes a good short story, what judges look for, and lays out a step-by-step planning guide to entering short story competitions.

*Sat 16 Sept, 10.15am–11.45am*  
*MAMA, Free*  
*Bookings essential*

### Creative Flow

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Whether you write poetry, prose, lyrics or letters, Joel McKerrow can help you find your personal creative flow within the rhythm and pulse of words.

*Sat 16 Sept, 1pm–3pm*  
*LibraryMuseum,*  
*\$30 full /\$25 conc*

### Deep Immersion

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Dr Kathryn Heyman leads a series of techniques developed over two decades, to help you find ease and depth in your writing, while bringing more life and nuance to your words.

*Sat 16 Sept, 10am–12pm*  
*LibraryMuseum,*  
*\$30 full /\$25 conc*

### Simple book making

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Play with constructing visual narratives as you create your own concertina and chap books and explore a variety of binding techniques with artist Donna Caffrey.

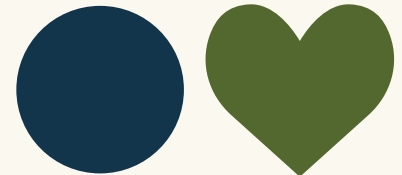
*Sun 17 Sept, 10am–1pm*  
*MAMA,*  
*\$40 full /\$30 conc*

### Podcast as audio art

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Experiment, explore and tell stories in a workshop that approaches podcasting as a medium for creating audio art.

*Sun 17 Sept, 10am–12pm*  
*LibraryMuseum,*  
*\$30 full /\$25 conc*



# Wonder.

WAM4Kids—

## ***Yalbilinya Wiradjuri: Storytime***

Enjoy a Wiradjuri storytime with Ruth Davys sharing Wiradjuri songs and stories, including *Magic Boomerang* and *Walk Walk Walk*.  
Ages 3+, 10.30am–11am, Free  
Wed 13 Sept, Lavington Library  
Thur 14 Sept, LibraryMuseum

## ***Storytime Drawing***

Author-illustrator Sher Rill Ng reads her latest picture book, *Be Careful, Xiao Xin!* written by Alice Pung, followed by a drawing demo that kids can draw along with.  
Sat 16 Sept, 10am–10.30am  
LibraryMuseum, Free

## ***Wildlife Stories***

Join Irma Gold and a cast of animal characters for a family-time reading and a super fun interactive talk with her two latest picture books, *Seree's Story* and *Where the Heart Is*.  
Sat 16 Sept, 10.30am–11am  
Lavington Library, Free

## ***Cartoon Creatures & Doggy Doodles!***

Discover and draw some of the world's most amazing animals with author-illustrator Mick Elliott. No previous drawing experience needed!  
Sat 16 Sept, 10.30am–11am  
LibraryMuseum, Free

## ***Create a Megabeast Warrior***

Join in a group character design session with the talented *Wylah the Koorie Warrior* authors. Learn Peek Whurrong words and design your own character in the Wylah world.  
Sat 16 Sept, 11.15pm–12pm  
LibraryMuseum, Free

## ***River of Stories – Celebrating 20 years***

Be part of the excitement when Albury Hume Rotary and sponsors shine the spotlight on young writers in this long-running short story and poetry competition.  
Sat 16 Sept, 12pm–1pm  
Library Museum, Free

## ***Festival bookstore***

Buy titles at Dymocks Albury and onsite during festival or borrow from our libraries.

## ***Retro Lane Café***

Open daily for lunch and treats, behind the LibraryMuseum.

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