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# WRITE AROUND THE MURRAY

14–18 Sept 2022

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## Plan.

### Daily

**11am–12pm** MAMA  
Writing Back

### Tues 13 Sept

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

### Wed 14 Sept

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

**11:30am–12.30pm** BG  
Festival opening:  
Tree Talk

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

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

**7pm–9pm** HW  
Poetry Slam at Hyphen

### Thurs 15 Sept

**10.30am–11.15am** LM  
WAM4Kids: Storytime  
with Aimee Chan

**11am–11.45am** HW  
Hyphen Tours

**6pm–7pm** LL  
Refugee Journeys

**6pm–9pm** LM  
Dungeons & Dragons:  
Playing with Story

### Friday 16 Sept

**12pm–2.30pm** AA  
Literary Lunch with  
Sulari Gentill

**3pm–5pm** LM  
W/S: World Building  
with T.R. Napper

**4pm–5pm** LM  
LibraryMuseum Tours

**5.30pm–6.30pm** LM  
Riparian Writers

**7pm–8pm** LM  
World of Possibility

### Saturday 17 Sept

**10am–12pm** LM  
Big book sale

**10am–12pm** LM  
W/S: Character Intensive  
with Amal Awad

**10am–12pm** LM  
W/S: Life Stories with  
Patti Miller

**10am–11.30am** RLC  
W/S: How to Tell a Story,  
for ages 12–16

**10am–10.30am** LM  
WAM4Kids: Storytime  
with Eliza Hull

**10.30am–11am** LM  
WAM4Kids:  
Drawing Dragons with  
Gabrielle Wang

**10.30am–11am** LM  
LibraryMuseum Tours

**11am–11.45am** HW  
Hyphen Tours

**11am–11.45am** LM  
Charlotte Raven:  
Roving Writer

**11.15am–12pm** LM  
WAM4Kids: Lady Botanica

**12pm–1pm** LM  
WAM4Kids: River of  
Stories Student Awards

**12pm–1pm** LM  
Creating Culture:  
Perspectives on  
Identity & Belonging

**1.30pm–2.30pm** LM  
Truth and Storytelling

**3pm–4pm** LM  
Storytelling: The Essentials

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

### Sunday 18 Sept

**10am–11am** LM  
Haunting Stories

**10.30am–1.30pm** LM  
W/S: Creative Collage  
with Donna Caffrey

**11am–11.45am** HW  
Hyphen Tours

**11.30am–12.30pm** LM  
Notes from a Transition

**1pm–3pm** BG  
Stiff Gins:  
Music in the Gardens

**1pm–2pm** LM  
Shades of Noir

**3pm–4pm** LM  
Book of the Festival:  
Scary Monsters

AA—Atura Albury  
BG—Botanic Gardens  
HW—Hyphen Wodonga  
LL—Lavington Library  
LM—Library Museum  
MAMA—Murray Art Museum Albury  
RLC—Retro Lane Cafe

# Discover.

## FESTIVAL OPENING

### Tree Talk



Join us for a Welcome to Country as we open the festival and launch *Tree Talk*, tales from the lives of our Botanic Gardens trees, created by Albury North Public School students and artist Rachel McNamara.

Wed 14 Sept, 11.30am – 12.30pm  
Botanic Gardens, Free

### AlburyCity Short Story Awards

Competition judge, Margaret Hickey, announces the winning stories in an online broadcast. Attend from anywhere in the world!

Wed 14 Sept, 6pm–6.30pm  
WAM website, Free

### Radical Book Club Open Night

Read *Talking to My Country* by Stan Grant and join with a cohort of radical readers who reflect each month on selected titles that challenge conventions and norms embedded in society.

Wed 14 Sept, 6pm–7.30pm  
MAMA, Free  
Bookings essential

### Poetry Slam at Hyphen

This is your call to listen and cheer, or fire up and perform. The mic is on for our cross-border slam heat. Audience! You may be chosen as a judge. Poets! You have two minutes to wow the audience.

Wed 14 Sept, 7pm–9pm  
Hyphen, Free  
Performers register 6.30pm

### Refugee Journeys

Christine Cummins spent five years on Christmas Island as a Torture & Trauma Counsellor. She wrote *Dignity in a Teacup: True Stories of Courage and Sacrifice from Christmas Island* to share the truth of Australian immigration detention and the reality of the refugee journey.

Thur 15 Sept, 6pm–7pm  
Lavington Library, Free

### Dungeons & Dragons: Playing with Story

Join us for a glimpse into the compelling fun of Dungeons and Dragons, followed by passionate discussion about the vital elements of story that makes writing and role-playing games so compatible.

Thur 15 Sept, 6pm–9pm  
LibraryMuseum,  
\$10 full/\$5 conc. Bar

### Literary Lunch with Sulari Gentill

Join award-winning author, Sulari Gentill, sharing curious stories and anecdotes about the ways fiction and real life intertwined in creating her new novel, *The Woman in the Library*. Sponsored by Dymocks Albury.

Fri 16 Sept, 12pm–2.30pm  
Atura \$50 inc 2 courses  
+ glass of wine  
Bookings close 11am,  
Wed 14 Sept

### Riparian Writers

To celebrate the literary life of local author Dorothy Simmons, who sadly died last year, join her writers group for readings from their new publication *Riparian 1*, featuring and dedicated to Dorothy.

Fri 16 Sept, 5.30pm–6.30pm  
LibraryMuseum, Free  
Bar

## **Big Book Sale**

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

*Sat 17 Sept, 10am–12pm  
LibraryMuseum*

## **Charlotte Raven: Roving Writer**

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Charlotte Raven wanders the library in her hoop skirt and poke bonnet, fountain pen poised to write you a letter – for a friend, the sorry note you’ve been meaning to send, or perhaps a poem just for you.

*Sat 17 Sept, 11am–11.45am  
LibraryMuseum, Free*

## **Stereo Stories in Concert**

A unique collaboration between writers and musicians, you will be treated to a memorable night of music and memoir inspired by iconic songs. Featuring special guests Amal Awad, Eliza Hull and Jock Serong. Kicking off with canapes and quirky entertainments at 7pm!

*Sat 17 Sept, 7pm–10pm  
LibraryMuseum  
\$60 inc. canapes + wine  
on arrival Bookings close  
5pm, Wed 14 Sept  
Bar*

## **Stiff Gins: Music in the Gardens**

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Savour the sounds of fine storytelling in song, with duo Nardi Simpson and Kaleena Briggs.

*Sun 18 Sept, 1pm–3pm  
Botanic Gardens, Free*

## **Exhibitions—**

### **Underworld: Mugshots from the Roaring Twenties**

*13 Aug–30 October, LibraryMuseum*

### **From Where I Sit: Stories from Within**

*Now until 13 November,  
LibraryMuseum*

### **Zombie Eaters**

*Now until 16 October, MAMA*

*\*Join us for a daily  
Writing Back activity*

### **In-Between**

*Now until 23 October,  
Lavington Library*

## **Tours —**

### **LibraryMuseum Crossing Place Tours**

*Fri 16 Sept 4pm or Sat 17 Sept  
10.30am, LibraryMuseum  
Free*

### **Hyphen–Wodonga Library Gallery Tours**

*Thu 15, Sat 17 or Sun 18 Sept,  
11am, Hyphen  
Free*



# Discuss.

## Panels—

### **A World of Possibility**

Yves Rees talks to Jeff Sparrow and Scott Ludlam about climate change, capitalism, and the power of people just like you and me to change the tide of history.

*Fri 16 Sept, 7pm–8pm*  
LibraryMuseum,  
\$10 full/\$5 conc  
Bar

### **Creating Culture: Perspectives on Identity & Belonging**

Children's Laureate Gabrielle Wang, Yuin First Nations author Gary Lonesborough, and disability advocate Eliza Hull, discuss the importance of diversity and representation in writing for children and young people. With author and academic Yves Rees.

*Sat 17 Sept, 12pm–1.15pm*  
LibraryMuseum,  
\$10 full/\$5 conc/WPP+

### **Truth and Storytelling**

Patti Miller and Lee Kofman discuss their recent non-fiction works, *True Friends* and *The Writer Laid Bare*, sharing their wealth of experience about creativity, storytelling, memory and truth, with Eliza Henry-Jones.

*Sat 17 Sept, 1.30pm–2.30pm*  
LibraryMuseum,  
\$10 full/\$5 conc/WPP+

### **Storytelling: The Essentials**

Michelle de Kretser, Keir Wilkins and Amal Awad discuss form, freedom and constraint, as they compare writing in different mediums, to get at the heart of what's essential to story, with Margaret Hickey.

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

### **Haunting Stories**

Jason Steger talks to Nardi Simpson, Eliza Henry-Jones and Jock Serong about their new novels, and the process of writing about historical violence, trauma and spirit of place.

*Sun 18 Sept, 10am–11am*  
LibraryMuseum,  
\$10 full/\$5 conc/WPP+

### **Notes from a Transition**



Yves Rees' timely memoir, *All About Yves*, grants readers access to a deeply personal journey of transition and re-becoming, beyond the gender binary. Yves talks to Psychology Lecturer, Matthew Ruby.

*Sun 18 Sept, 11.30am–12.30pm*  
LibraryMuseum,  
\$10 full/\$5 conc/WPP+

### **Shades of Noir**

Jock Serong talks to Margaret Hickey and T.R. Napper about Margaret's 'rural noir', *Stone Town*, and Tim's 'hard-boiled cyberpunk noir', *36 Streets*, to shine light into the shady corners of crime fiction subgenres.

*Sun 18 Sept, 1pm–2pm*  
LibraryMuseum,  
\$10 full/\$5 conc/WPP+

### **Book of the Festival: Scary Monsters**

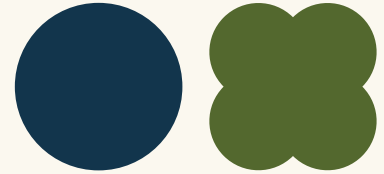
Michelle de Kretser's electrifying take on scary monsters turns the novel upside down - just as migration has upended her characters' lives. Jason Steger speaks with the twice-winner of the Miles Franklin Award about her latest creation.

*Sun 18 Sept, 3pm–4pm*  
LibraryMuseum,  
\$10 full/\$5 conc/WPP+



**Weekend panels package**

Attend all seven panels on Saturday and Sunday \$45 full/\$25 conc



# Create.

## Workshops—

### **Writing Back**

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Participate in a spontaneous writing activity stimulated by one of the 43 paintings in *Zombie Eaters*. Museum staff will introduce the exhibition and invite participants to respond creatively. No prior art knowledge or writing experience is necessary.

*Daily, Wed–Sun, 11am–12pm*  
MAMA, Free

### **Poetry Slam Workshop**

Find it, write it, speak it. Learn how to wow the crowd with your words, with Australian Slam Champion, Huda the Goddess, then bring your fire to the Albury-Wodonga poetry slam heat.

*Ages 14+*  
*Tues 13 Sept,*  
*6.30pm–8.30pm*  
*Hyphen, Free*  
*Bookings essential*

### **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 16 Sept, 3pm–5pm*  
*LibraryMuseum, \$30 full /\$25 conc*

### **How to Tell a Story, for ages 12–16**

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This fun, hands-on workshop with Eliza Henry-Jones is all about finding inspiration for stories and working out how to get started. Ages 12-16.

*Sat 17 Sept, 10am–11.30am*  
*Retro Café, Free*  
*Bookings essential*

### **Character Intensive with Amal Awad**

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In this workshop, Amal Awad discusses the importance of authentic characters and how they are the ultimate storytellers in your work, whether you are writing for performance or text.

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

### **Life Stories with Patti Miller**

Explore how to get started, how to access particular memories, and how to bring the colour and texture of experience to vivid life on the page, with the author of *Writing True Stories*.

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

### **Creative Collage with Donna Caffrey**

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Tear your way through books and magazines to craft an original visual story: create a fanciful world, explore the surreal or lose yourself in flowers.

*Sun 18 Sept, 10.30am–1.30pm*  
*LibraryMuseum,*  
*\$15 full /\$10 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 3–5

Wed 14 Sept, 10.30am–11am  
Livington Library, Free

### **Storytime with Aimee Chan**

Aimee Chan reads two new stories, *Alfie the Guard Dog* and *My Uncle Lives in Antarctica*, and talks about the real life characters behind them.

Ages 3–5

Thur 15 Sept, 10.30am–11.15am  
LibraryMuseum, Free

### **Storytime with Eliza Hull**



Eliza reads *Come Over To My House*, a delightful picture book exploring the home lives of children and parents who are Deaf or disabled..

Sat 17 Sept, 10am–10.30am  
LibraryMuseum, Free

### **Drawing Dragons with Gabrielle Wang**

Children's Laureate, Gabrielle Wang, shows children just how easily they can draw a dragon.

Sat 17 Sept, 10.30am–11am  
LibraryMuseum, Free

**Lady Botanica** has an ear to the forest floor, eavesdropping on the whispered conversations in the wood wide web. Join her for stories and songs from the secret lives of trees.

Sat 17 Sept, 11.15am–12pm  
LibraryMuseum, Free

### **River of Stories: Student Awards**

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 for students.

Sat 17 Sept, 12pm–1pm  
LibraryMuseum, Free

### **Festival bookstore**

Buy titles at Dymocks and onsite during festival. Borrow at the LibraryMuseum.

### **Vinbar**

Pop-up bar at events as noted.

### **Retro Lane Café**

Open daily for lunch and treats at the rear of the LibraryMuseum.

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