



City of
Melville

1 to 31 October 2024

MELVILLE STORY LINES

**A celebration of story
in all its forms.**

**Welcome to Melville Storylines,
a celebration of story in all its forms,
where you can discover an abundance
of stories in the pockets and corners
across the City of Melville.**



**This October, enjoy over 30 events,
including film nights, author talks,
reading clubs, panel discussions,
workshops, quiz nights, exhibitions,
podcasts, and family activities.
There's a story for everyone.**

**Melville Storylines invites you
to listen, share and experience
the magic of storytelling.**

Venues

Stories can be found everywhere — from main halls and libraries to local pubs, galleries, museums, and even your own home. For detailed information about event venues, please check the online event listings.

Accessibility

For details on accessibility, consult the online event listings or contact the City of Melville. We are here to assist you before and on the day of the event.

Contact City of Melville Libraries

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Program

Special Event

Blak Dingo Club

AH Bracks Library + Creative Space
Wilgi Kaartdijin Mia Willagee Library
1 to 31 October

FREE

Throughout October, visitors can immerse themselves in Blak Dingo Club reading nooks with books and dreamy teen bedroom paraphernalia that welcome readers to enjoy an inspiring, curated collection of works from the library catalogue.

These special library installations by Ilona McGuire are created in the spirit of the Blak Dingo Club — coming together to share stories of history, harmony and the celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander excellence.

Doontanboro Kura
Melville Waters Dreaming
Wireless Hill Museum

Friday, 4 October | 6.00pm to 8.00pm

BOOK
FREE
ONLINE

Join us at the launch of Doontanboro Kura, Melville Waters Dreaming. Explore the meanings and stories of ancient Noongar place names found in the Melville area at this immersive exhibition, a culmination of the two-year, Noongar-led Place Names Melville project.

For the full public program of events as part of the exhibition, visit melvillecity.com.au/placenamesmelville.

The Ville Podcast — Season Two

Online

Monday 7 October

Join host Lorraine Horsley as we take a deep dive into the lives and stories of creatives, their work and inspiration, and encourage you to take some time to foster creativity in your own life.

Featuring special guests including Cass Lynch, Anna Louise Richardson, Abdul-Rahman Abdullah, Dawn Moulden, Deb Fitzpatrick and the Write Club team. Listen via your favourite podcast app.

Blak Dingo Club Reading Group

AH Bracks Library + Creative Space
Saturday, 12 October | 10.00am to 12noon

BOOK
FREE
ONLINE

Join us in a special Blak Dingo Club reading circle to read and discuss an excerpt from the award-winning anthology *Growing up Aboriginal in Australia*, edited by Anita Heiss.

Blak Dingo Club Quiz Night

Melville Main Hall

Friday, 18 October | 6.30pm to 9.30pm

BOOK
FREE
ONLINE

Bring your friends for the ultimate quiz night as we test your knowledge on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sporting legends, creatives, change-makers, pop-culture and history. Recommended for adults — ages 16+.

Panel

Flight of Fantasy

AH Bracks Library + Creative Space
Sunday, 6 October | 3.00pm to 4.30pm

BOOK
FREE
ONLINE

Take a flight of fantasy with three Perth-based speculative fiction writers as we explore the challenges and delights of fantasy fiction.

Join expert fantasy fan Jess Gately, along with Madeline Te Whiu, Brendan Ritchie and Juliet Marillier for all the tips, tricks and insider knowledge into the increasingly popular world of fantasy writing.

To Fogarty and Beyond

Civic Square Library
Tuesday, 15 October | 6.45pm to 8.00pm

BOOK
FREE
ONLINE

The Fogarty Literary Award celebrates Western Australian writers aged 18 to 35 and has been responsible for launching the careers of talented emerging writers since 2019. Come along to hear from 2023 winner and shortlisted writers, Katherine Allum, Karleah Olson and Josh Kemp in conversation with 2021 award winner Brooke Dunnell as they share their advice and hot tips for aspiring young writers.

What Do You Think?

Opinion, Truth and Social Media
AH Bracks Library + Creative Space

Sunday, 27 October | 3.00pm to 4.30pm

BOOK
FREE
ONLINE

Join us for a lively conversation about living in the age of the opinion — everyone's got one, but do we always have to have one? Featuring special guest panelists ABC Radio Perth Manager, Danielle Benda, sociologist and academic, Dr Christian Mauri and cognitive psychologist, Professor Ullrich Ecker.





Children & Families

Two Little Flamingos Show

AH Bracks Library + Creative Space

Saturday, 5 October | 10.30am to 11.30am

Bring the family along to join the Flamingo Strings in the library for a special musical performance all about fun, emotion and storytelling featuring the gorgeous duo of violin and cello. Suitable for 2 – 5 year olds and their families.

BOOK
FREE
ONLINE

Koolangka Waangkiny — Noongar Language Storytime

Wilgi Kaartdijin Mia Willagee Library

AH Bracks Library + Creative Space

Mondays | 10.15am to 10.45am

Thursdays | 10.15am to 10.45am

Join Rickeeta & Alton Walley along with special guests on Whadjuk boodja every Monday and Thursday during the school term to celebrate Noongar stories and language through creative play and storytelling. Suitable for 2 – 5 year olds and their families.

FREE

Teta, Tatreez and Tea

Goolugatup Heathcote

Thursday, 31 October | 10.00am to 12noon

Join us for a family workshop to create a collage story lantern artwork, that responds to local writer Samiha Olwan's poem about a family's experience of displacement and the everyday things that create a sense of home. This workshop is a shared experience between children and their parent or carer.

BOOK
\$5
ONLINE

History Out Loud

History in Conversation: Our Place

AH Bracks Library + Creative Space

Tuesday, 29 October | 6.45pm to 8.00pm

Join us for the launch of a new series History in Conversation, that explores interesting aspects of local history — the stories and the people. Kicking off the series, we explore how Sally Morgan's *My Place* continues to resonate with the community almost 40 years after it was published and how it inspired a community member to create a bike tour.

BOOK
FREE
ONLINE

Film & Visual Art

Blak Dingo Club Movie Nights

Melville Main Hall

Wednesday, 2 October | 6.45pm to 9.00pm

Wednesday, 16 October | 6.45pm to 9.00pm

Wednesday, 23 October | 6.45pm to 9.00pm

Join us for mid-week movies and enjoy a mini festival of film on the big screen as the Blak Dingo Club Movie Nights showcase a selection of films across three Wednesday nights in October.

Celebrating the skill and excellence of Blak stories, actors, filmmakers and producers — each night will present a short film followed by a feature film, curated by Ilona McGuire.

BOOK
FREE
ONLINE

First Friday Film Club

AH Bracks Library + Creative Space

Friday, 4 October | 2.30pm to 5.00pm

Join industry insider and movie buff, Michael O'Rourke, for a screening of 'Emily', a film directed by Perth's own Frances O'Connor about Emily Bronte and the writing of *Wuthering Heights*.

BOOK
FREE
ONLINE

YODyssey | The Art of Living Well with Young Onset Dementia

Atwell Gallery

AH Bracks Library + Creative Space

Friday, 4 October to Sunday, 13 October

Join YODyssey for an exhibition across two locations showcasing the works of people living with young onset dementia. Come along for a special sundowner event at Atwell Gallery on Friday, 11 October from 4.30pm to 6.00pm.

FREE

In It Together: An Evening of Shorts

AH Bracks Library + Creative Space

Friday, 11 October | 4.30pm to 6.00pm

What does inclusivity look and feel like to a group of Year 8 students? Come along to find out at a screening of short films created by young people studying graphic design media at Melville Senior High School. Using the language of film, the students tell their stories in response to the theme inclusivity.

FREE

Bus Stop Films Showcase

Goolugatup Heathcote

Thursday, 24 October | 6.00pm to 8.30pm

Meet, mingle and enjoy a night of spellbinding short films created and presented by Bus Stop Films and their Accessible Film Studies Program. Bus Stop Films makes films with, for and about people from diverse backgrounds and abilities.

BOOK
FREE
ONLINE

Workshop

Thread & Flow:

Creative Cycle Self-Care Retreat

Goolugatup Heathcote

Sunday, 13 October | 10.00am to 3.00pm

Join period preacher Lucy Peach and multidisciplinary artist Tarryn Gill for a self-care mini retreat, designed to nurture and empower you through education, conversation, creative expression and community.

Bring along a piece of clothing to embroider with Tarryn's guidance, explore the art of menstrual cycle self-care with Lucy and enjoy a delicious hormone healing lunch served by Sunny Peach Kitchen.

BOOK
\$100
ONLINE

A Children's Book is a Compass

AH Bracks Library + Creative Space

Sunday, 20 October | 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Join award-winning children's author Steve Heron in a workshop that explores realistic fiction writing for children and how it can provide a compass to help navigate the world and foster hope. Suitable for adults – ages 16+.

BOOK
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ONLINE

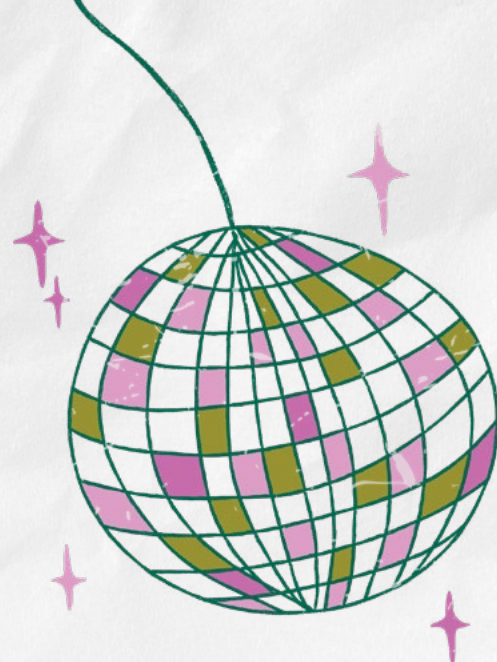
At the Root of Memory with Lakshmi Kanchi

Goolugatup Heathcote

Saturday, 26 October | 10.00am to 12noon

Join poet Lakshmi Kanchi in an explorative poetry workshop that will see you delve deep into memory and creative expression. Suitable for adults – ages 16+.

BOOK
\$12
ONLINE



Poetry & Spoken Word

Poetry @ the Pub

Kardinya Tavern

Wednesday, 9 October | 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Thursday, 17 October | 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Come along to the Kardinya Tavern for the perfect opportunity to share in the joy of words over a cosy pub meal. Hear from special guest poets and try your hand at sharing your own creative talents in a warm and welcoming environment!

BOOK
FREE
ONLINE

Author Talk & Book Launch

An Evening with Fiona McIntosh

AH Bracks Library + Creative Space

Tuesday, 8 October | 6.45pm to 8.30pm

Join international bestselling author Fiona McIntosh for a night at the library to hear about her heart-stopping new historical adventure novel, *The Fallen Woman*.

BOOK
\$7
ONLINE

In Conversation with Demelza Carlton

AH Bracks Library + Creative Space

Wednesday, 16 October | 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Demelza's books are an international success with sales in the millions, come and celebrate with us as we launch her 100th book into the world and hear from the queen of fairytale romance herself.

BOOK
FREE
ONLINE

Children's Book Launch with Steve Heron

AH Bracks Library + Creative Space

Sunday, 20 October | 10.30am to 11.30am

Come along to join in the fun with award winning children's book author Steve Heron as he launches not one but three new books! A ceremonious celebration of literary lunacy suitable for the whole family.

BOOK
FREE
ONLINE

Bringing History to Life with Leigh Straw

Bull Creek Library

Wednesday, 23 October | 6.45pm to 8.00pm

Hear from true crime, award winning writer Leigh Shaw, as she shares the how-to of bringing moments in history to life and reinvigorating them as non-fiction works for the modern reader.

BOOK
FREE
ONLINE

In Conversation with Tess Woods

AH Bracks Library + Creative Space

Wednesday, 30 October | 6.45pm to 8.00pm

Spend an evening with bestselling author Tess Woods as she introduces her latest mouth-watering novel, *The Venice Hotel* and talks romance, secrets, scandal, suspense and of course, pasta!

BOOK
\$7
ONLINE

Spinning Around: The Kylie Playlist

AH Bracks Library + Creative Space

Thursday, 31 October | 6.45pm to 8.30pm

Don your best Kylie outfit and join guest authors Patrick Marlborough and Andrea Thompson for the glittering launch of *Spinning Around*, a sparkling new anthology from Fremantle press, featuring the work of twenty-four writers taking inspiration from the Princess of Pop herself!

BOOK
FREE
ONLINE

BLAK DINGO CLUB

Initiated by Bibbulmun Noongar and Kungarakana artist Ilona McGuire, the Blak Dingo Club is a Whadjuk-led community club for historically and politically conscious individuals to come together in truth-telling of our shared histories, harmony and celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander excellence.



“Blak Dingo Club was founded in early 2024, some months following the 2023 Australian national referendum results. I found that the divisiveness in our wider community was severely affecting the wellbeing of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people (ATSI) and our valued allies.

After lots of yarns with family and friends, I realised we generally were left feeling confused, angry and hopeless. Our hearts were hardened more than ever. I wanted to create something that could radiate love and fellowship as

resistance to this anguish, something to look forward to that wouldn't let us down. Our Mob (ATSI) spend so much of our precious time, space and energy at the centre of the political, racial and historical pressure cooker of Australia.

So Blak Dingo Club is a well-deserved break from that, it serves as a reclamation of space to re-energise, relax, laugh through fun events and activities, because we deserve it!”

Ilona McGuire



The Blak Dingo Club program of events by Ilona McGuire was commissioned for Melville Storylines 2024.



BLAK DINGO CLUB

Blak Dingo Club Movie Nights

Melville Main Hall

Wednesdays 2, 16 + 23 October | 6.45pm

Enjoy a mini film festival of film on the big screen at Melville Main Hall, where we celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander film history, actors, filmmakers, producers, and stories. Over three nights in October, join us for mid-week movies featuring a short film and a main feature film each evening, curated by Ilona McGuire. Bring your friends and movie snacks and settle in for a Blak Dingo Club takeover — bookings essential as capacity is limited.

Wednesday, 2 October | 6.45pm

Nulla Nulla, 2015, 5 min, NR, Directed by Dylan River

Mabo, 2012, 103 mins, PG, Directed by Rachel Perkins

Wednesday, 16 October | 6.45pm

Crocodile Dreaming, 2007, 27 mins, M, Directed by Darlene Johnson

Ten Canoes, 2006, 90 mins, M, Directed by Peter Djigirr & Rolf de Heer

Wednesday, 23 October | 6.45pm

Nana, 2007, 6 mins, PG, Directed by Warwick Thornton

Freeman, 2020, 58mins, G, Directed by Laurence Billet & Stephen Page



Blak Dingo Club Reading Group

AH Bracks Library + Creative Space

Saturday 12 October | 10.00am to 12noon

Join us in a special Blak Dingo Club reading circle to read and share in a discussion around our shared histories woven through Carol Pettersen's powerful story 'Too white to be black, too black to be white ...' from the award-winning anthology *Growing Up Aboriginal in Australia*, edited by Anita Heiss. Please note bookings are essential as spaces are limited.



Blak Dingo Club Quiz Night

Melville Main Hall

Friday, 18 October | 6.30pm

Gather your friends for an unforgettable quiz night where we'll test your knowledge on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sporting legends, creatives, change-makers, pop-culture and history.

Book in a team and send us your team's name or sign up to be assigned to a table on the night. Bring your favourite table snacks along and don't forget to brush up on your Freeman, Freedom Rides and Songs for Freedom.

This quiz night is recommended for adults aged 16 and over. Bookings are essential as spaces are limited.



Blak Dingo Club Reading Nooks

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