



YOUR LIBRARY - MAKING MARCH MAGICAL

Macquarie Regional Library will make this March magical with many engaging activities and events planned for all ages.

The manager of Macquarie Regional Library, Kathryn McAlister, invites everyone to visit the library to celebrate the cultural diversity of our community and try something new. "Our community encompasses a diverse range of people from different backgrounds and cultures with unique life experiences. From bilingual story times to collaborative art projects, there is so much to offer at your library during March, and we welcome everyone to participate!"

Harmony Week celebrations headline the March events calendar and offer community members the chance to learn about different cultures and cultural traditions. Baradine locals can tantalise their taste buds and try traditional Filipino cuisine while learning about life in the Philippines with local community member Julie Mash at Baradine Library on 21 March.

Dubbo families will enjoy a special storytime on Sunday, 26 March, as guest storytellers entertain with songs and stories in Sinhalese, Arabic

and French. In addition, local legends are stepping in to share their cultural traditions at Coonabarabran, Baradine and Dubbo libraries.

Coonabarabran locals of all ages can enjoy a Gamilaraay and English bilingual storytelling session performed by talented local children's author, educator and Gamilaraay woman Suellyn Tighe at Coonabarabran Library on 9 March.

Celebrate what cultural diversity means to you with collaborative art projects at Coonabarabran and Trangie libraries throughout March. Enjoy a memorable Musical Morning at Narromine Library starring the *Silver Fox Barbershop Quartet*, and meet the creative cast from *Are We There Yet? Live on Stage* at a special afternoon Storytime session at Dubbo Library.

On Thursday, 8 March, Dubbo Library will host two author talks to support International Women's Day and celebrate the impressive talents of female authors Geraldine Star and Lucy Bloom. Hear them discuss their latest books and participate in an engaging Q&A.

Further highlights include *Archives on Tour* at Dubbo Library on 7 March, featuring one of the jewels of the State Archives Collection, and the return of Australian Reading Hour, a national day dedicated to sharing the joys of books, reading and stories at all branches on 9 March.

For more information about what's on at your local library, go to: www.mrl.nsw.gov.au or follow Macquarie Regional Library on Facebook.

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