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What's on

April 2025



The year of architecture

We're celebrating our love of architecture through a dynamic year-long program of events. Hear from leading architects, storytellers and curators, and enjoy unparalleled access to the Library's extensive architecture collection featuring the plans, drawings and records of some of Australia's most influential architects, such as Glenn Murcutt, Wendy Lewin, Richard Leplastrier and Nino Sydney.

Whether you're an industry professional, or simply curious about the spaces we inhabit, this is your invitation to explore the ideas, stories and designs that shape our city and state.

[Learn more](#)

Just announced



Unplugged for Vivid Sydney

From Friday 30 May 2025 at 6 pm

Slow down, switch off, and experience the Library in a whole new way. We're opening up the magnificent Mitchell Building across three Friday nights, 6pm to 9pm, during Vivid Sydney. Expect pure analogue fun, no screens in sight. Retreat from the city's noise and get ready to play, read, draw, craft and connect in the Library.

[Register here](#)



Sydney Writers' Festival

19–27 May 2025

We're thrilled to be partnering with Sydney Writers' Festival again this year on some fantastic events. Enjoy a star-studded line-up of talks and events with Australia's leading and emerging storytellers, including Kate Grenville and Richard Glover, as well as annual favourites like the **NSW Literary Awards** ceremony and **The Library That Made Me**.

[Explore the program](#)



Australian Haydn Ensemble

Saturday 3 May 2025 at 2 pm

Witness a special performance in the Library's Paintings Galleries, with acclaimed musicians performing some of Schubert's best.

[Register here](#)

Kids and families



Family Sunday

Sunday 6 April 2025 from 10 am

Join us for live music and art-making at the Library. Dance along to live music in the Paintings Galleries and be inspired to create your own colourful artwork with art educator Andrea.

[Register here](#)



School holidays

15–24 April from 10 am to 3 pm

Build skyscrapers, meet your favourite authors, or hop on a family tour. Plus we're teaming up with our neighbours at Parliament House and Hyde Park Barracks for a special **Macquarie Street adventure** on 15 April.

[Learn more](#)

Talks and ideas



Fellows Findings

Tuesday 1 April at 11 am

Get the big picture of Australia's historic merchant fleet with David Turner. Explore how 10,000 sailing ships and steamers lived, how they died, and why.

[Register here](#)

Fresh Takes: Autumn '25

Tuesday 15 April at 6 pm

Discover some of the best new works publishing this season – featuring readings from established and emerging writers in the Library Bar.

[Register here](#)



50 years of the movement for Indigenous rights

Thursday 3 April 2025 at 6 pm

Explore the politics of activism through the work of Juno Gemes, a photographer committed to advocating for First Nations peoples.

[Register here](#)



Muslim women in sport

Wednesday 9 April 2025 at 6 pm

Dr Zeynab Alshelh, Amna Karra-Hassan, Lisa Maree Williams and librarian Rachelle Ayoub discuss faith and identity, as featured in photographs on display now in [Amaze](#).

[Register here](#)





Giveaway

Join Sydney Dance Company for the highly anticipated encore season of **Somos**, Rafael Bonachela's tender and powerful work exploring connection, intimacy and breathtaking physicality. For your chance to win a double pass to the performance on Sunday 30 March at 2 pm, tell us in 30 words or less why you'd love to see *Somos*.

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