

Open Doors, Open Books, Open Minds: Discover Everything Your Library Has to Offer

Warren, NSW — Thursday 16 July 2026

Libraries across New South Wales will throw open their doors on Thursday 30 July 2026 for *Open Doors, Open Books, Open Minds*, a statewide celebration of public libraries during Library and Information Week.

The initiative, delivered by the NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA) in partnership with the State Library of NSW, invites communities to discover the many ways today's public libraries support learning, creativity, wellbeing, digital inclusion and community connection.

NSWPLA President, Councillor Romola Hollywood, said the day is an opportunity to celebrate the evolving role of public libraries and encourage more people to discover everything they have to offer.

"*Open Doors, Open Books, Open Minds* reflects exactly what today's public libraries do. We open doors to opportunity, books to knowledge and minds to new ideas, skills and experiences. This statewide celebration is about showcasing the incredible diversity of our public libraries and inviting every member of the community to discover what their local library has to offer."

Warren Shire Library will join libraries across the state by welcoming residents to explore its collections, programs, spaces and services.

- Top Ten Authors for Warren challenge
- Kids colouring competition
- Bring a non-library member friend and have them join the library and you both enter the draw to win a prize
- Tips, tricks and tools. Bring your device and the staff will help you with our electronic resources.

Warren Shire Library Manager, Erica Kearnes states that the modern library has more than books on offer. Here at Warren, we have the following:

- Digital Technology: Free access to high-speed internet, computers, and scanners.
- Media & Entertainment: Free streaming services, movie rentals, audiobooks, and
- music streaming.
- Community Spaces: Quiet study desks, and comfortable lounge areas.



- Events & Workshops: Baby Rhyme time, 1,000 Books Before School, monthly movie
- sessions, card making, art classes, Connecting Seniors get togethers, visiting authors/illustrators and school holiday activities.
- Social Connection: A safe, free, non-commercial space to meet neighbours and like-minded groups.

Whether you're a regular library visitor, a former member, or someone who has never stepped inside your local library, *Open Doors, Open Books, Open Minds* is an opportunity to discover free resources, meet library staff, explore new services and experience the modern library in action.

Did you know our library welcomes 5,269 visits each year and 1,476 local residents are library members? Not bad for a small town!

The day also provides an ideal opportunity to join the library and discover the extensive range of free resources available, including books, eBooks, audiobooks, digital resources, technology, events, our local history collection and a welcoming community space.

Event Details

Date: Thursday 30 July 2026

Time: 10am – 4.30pm

Location: 69 Dubbo St, Warren

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://www.northwesternlibrary.com.au/> or contact Warren Shire Library on 6847 6656.

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