

BIG Summer Read competition Terms and Conditions of Entry

The BIG Summer Read is a program developed and delivered by Public Libraries Victoria (PLV) and promoted by Melton City Libraries.

BIG Summer read is a statewide initiative supporting children's literacy. It consists of two challenges – a **Statewide** (Victoria, Tasmania, Queensland, South Australia and New South Wales) challenge and a **Local** (City of Melton) challenge. Participants may choose to enter either or both challenges.

1. By participating in the Big Summer Read competition, the Entrant agrees to these Terms and Conditions.

Who can enter:

2. Entrants must be aged between 0 and 18 years at the time of 1 December 2025. Entrants under 18 years old must have parental/guardian approval to enter.
3. Entry to the **Statewide** challenge is open to public library members in Victoria, Tasmania, Queensland, South Australia and New South Wales. Entrants for the **Local** challenge must live, work, study or volunteer in the City of Melton, AND hold a current Melton City Libraries membership.
4. Winners may be required to produce evidence of eligibility, which may include age, address, employment details or education details, or provide a copy of a current Melton City Libraries membership before collecting their prize.
5. Employees of Melton City Council and their immediate family members are not eligible to enter the competition.
6. Only one entry per person will be accepted.

When to enter:

7. The challenge is open from 8.30am, Monday 1 December 2025 until 6pm, Monday 9 February 2026 at [Melton Library & Learning Hub](#) and [Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub](#).
8. All entries must be received within the Competition Period as outlined above.

How to enter:

9. To enter the challenge, individuals must complete the following steps during the Competition Period:
 - a) Entrants must collect an activity booklet from either [Melton Library & Learning Hub](#) or [Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub](#) during library opening hours between Monday 1 December 2025 and Saturday 31 January 2026.
 - b) At a minimum, participants must read 5 books, or read for 5 days between Monday 1 December 2025 and Saturday 31 January 2026 and log them in their activity booklet.
 - c) Entrants who complete all 6 “bonus activities” as described in the activity booklet will receive a second entry into the local prize draw.
 - d) All contact details must be filled in and permission granted by a parent or guardian if the participant is aged under 18 years.
 - e) Completed entries must be returned to either [Melton Library & Learning Hub](#) or [Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub](#).
 - f) Entries must be submitted within Library opening hours. The Competition closes at 6pm, Monday 9 February 2026.

How to win:

10. All participants who have entered the competition during the Competition Period and meet the above requirements will be eligible to win.
11. Winners will be chosen from a random draw of entries received in accordance with these Terms and Conditions. The prize draw will take place in the week of Monday 23 February 2026. Prizes will be allocated in the order in which they are drawn.
12. Melton City Libraries will contact the winners by email or phone with instructions to claim their prize. Winners will be contacted on or before Friday 27 February 2026.
13. If a winner does not respond within 14 days, then the winner's prize will be forfeited and Melton City Libraries shall be entitled to draw another winner in accordance with the process described above (and that winner will have to respond to notification of their win within 14 days or else they will also forfeit their prize).
14. If a winner rejects their prize or the entry is invalid or in breach of these Terms and Conditions, the winner's prize will be forfeited, and Melton City Libraries shall be entitled to draw another winner.
15. Melton City Libraries' decision are final, and Melton City Libraries will not enter into any correspondence in relation to the decisions.

Prizes:

16. For the **Statewide** challenge, prizes will be awarded to the following age groups: 0-4 years, 5-8 years, 9-12 years, and 13-18 years. For the **Local** challenge, prizes will be awarded to: one winner aged 0-5 years, one winner aged 6-12 years and one winner aged 13-18 years.
17. Prizes for the **Statewide** challenge will include:
 - a. For ages 0-4 years: a book pack
 - b. For ages 5-8 a book bundle
 - c. For ages 9-12 years: Sony headphones
 - d. For ages 13-18 years: a Kobo eReader
- Prizes for the **Local** challenge will include:
 - e. For ages 0-5 years: a 12-month subscription to My Creative Box
 - f. For ages 6-12 years: a 12-month subscription to My Creative Box
 - g. For ages 13-18 years: a Kobo eReader
18. Prizes are subject to terms and conditions as specified.
19. Melton City Libraries will contact winners by email or phone on or before Friday 27 February 2026.
20. All prizes are to be claimed by 6pm Friday 13 March 2026. If prizes are not claimed by this date, the winner will forfeit the prize.
21. Prizes are not transferable, exchangeable, refundable or redeemable for cash.

Your privacy:

22. Melton City Libraries will collect, use and disclose personal information which is provided that is related to the Big Summer Read Competition according to the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic), Council's Privacy Policy and the Big Summer Read Prize Draw Collection Statement.
23. Submissions will not be returned and will be disposed of in a secure manner.
24. Winners' first names and images may be shared via the Melton City Libraries webpage, Instagram page, Facebook page, and Library eNewsletter.

Liability

25. Melton City Libraries reserves the absolute right to withdraw an entry if it contains libellous, unlawful, defamatory, or objectional content which may include offensive, inappropriate,

objectionable, profane, insulting, inflammatory or defamatory material, or material which may infringe a third party's intellectual property at Council's sole discretion.

26. If this promotion is interfered with in any way or is not capable of being conducted as reasonably anticipated due to any reason beyond reasonable control, including but not limited to technical difficulties, unauthorised intervention or fraud, Melton City Libraries reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to the fullest extent permitted by law a) to disqualify any entrant; or b) to modify, suspend, terminate or cancel the promotion, as appropriate.
27. Melton City Libraries and associated agencies and companies will take no responsibility for late, lost or misdirected entries, or for prizes damaged or lost in transit.
28. Any cost associated with accessing the promotional website is the entrant's responsibility and is dependent on the Internet service provider used.
29. Nothing in these Terms and Conditions limits, excludes or modifies or purports to limit, exclude or modify the statutory consumer guarantees as provided under the Competition and Consumer Act, as well as any other implied warranties under the ASIC Act or similar consumer protection laws in the State and Territories of Australia ("Non-Excludable Guarantees").

Public Libraries Victoria and readbooks.com.au

The **Statewide** challenge uses Readbooks.com.au, which is a reading challenge platform developed by Public Libraries Victoria in collaboration with State Library of Queensland, New South Wales Public Library Associate, Libraries Tasmania and Libraries South Australia. PLV is committed to keeping personal information secure and only collect the minimum amount of data required to perform a task. PLV will:

- Minimise the access of personal information only to those who require it within our organisation
- Not disclose or share the stored information for any purpose other than:
 - where required to perform the task for which the information was originally submitted
 - where required to by law
- Not sell personal information for any reason or use it to generate a profit
- Remove any or all personal information upon request of the person whose data has been captured
- Not retain any data that is no longer being used for the original purpose it was submitted

Please read the Privacy Policy (<https://readbooks.com.au/privacy>) to ensure that you are comfortable with the conditions. Please note that Melton City Libraries will not be held responsible for any unauthorised access or use of the personal information held by Public Libraries Victoria or Readbooks.com.au

Big Summer Read Prize Draw Collection Statement:

The personal information requested on the competition entry form is being collected by the Libraries Team at Melton City Council for the purpose of collecting the Competition entries for the Big Summer Read Competition. Personal information provided will be used for the purpose of contacting winner/s of the Competition. The winner/s first name will be published on Council's social media platforms as listed in the Terms and Conditions. Personal information provided will be maintained for the duration of the

Competition, as stipulated in the Terms and Conditions, and will be destroyed once the prize draw has been finalised. The Participating entrants may contact the Libraries Team at Melton City Council by email to library@melton.vic.gov.au should they wish to withdraw their entry.