

# Storytime and craft with Lellie Lopter

Louis Harrison

SOME of Swan Hill's youngest started the school holidays on the right foot with a storytime and craft activity with author and illustrator Lellie Lopter at the library.

Ms Lopter said she's always been passionate about bringing books to regional audiences.

"I'm a global citizen, but I always love coming to regional and rural towns," she said.

Lellie Lopter read her new book *Bella Grows a Bicycle* with an engaged audience eager to participate with their own thoughts and ideas.

In the book, Bella receives a special seed from

her dad which sets off her swapping adventure for her dream bicycle.

Following the storytime, everyone received their own special swap berry charms to kickstart their trade adventures for their own dreams.

Afterwards, Ms Lopter ran a craft activity turning old shirts into tote bags.

There were smiles all around as everyone made the transformation - cutting their shirts, tying knots to make tassels and decorating their bags to make them their own.

The Swan Hill Library has a detailed school holiday program which includes Lego fun, craft activities and loom bands.



Author Lellie Lopter came to the Swan Hill library for a special storytime session. Pictures: Louis Harrison



Malakai, Ash, Beau and Georgia got their very own swap berry charms.



Victoria was all smiles making her tote bag.



Lilly was focussed on getting the tassels of her tote bag just right.

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