

# Yarra Libraries Kids Newsletter

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**Hello everybody and welcome to the winter holidays!**

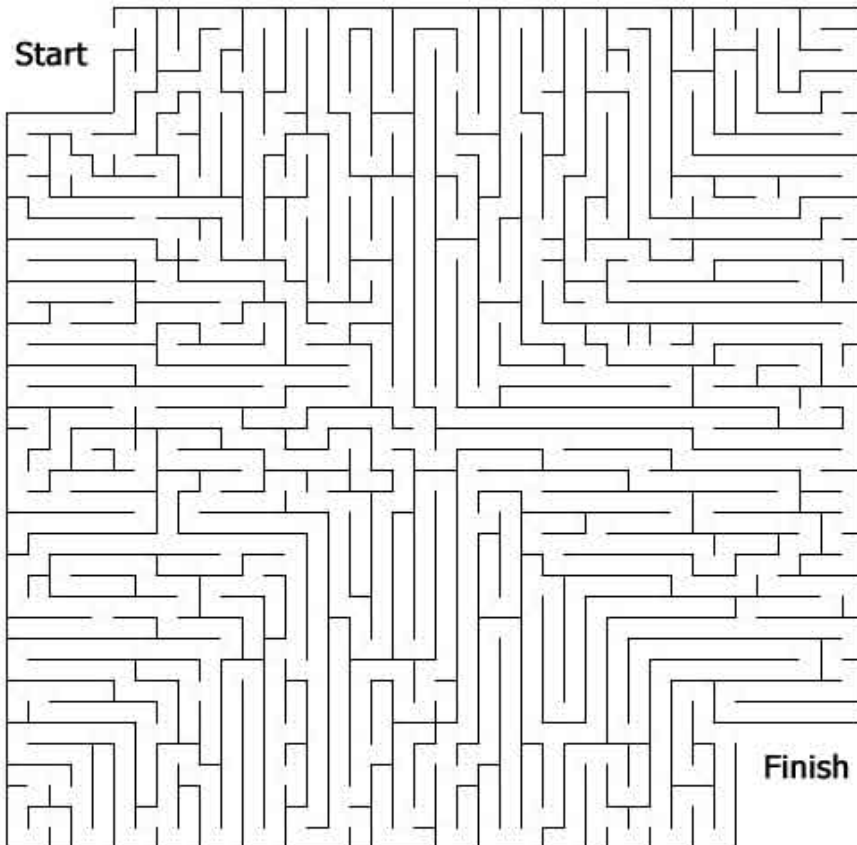
Join in the season of hearty outdoor games and cosy indoor times with friends & family.

Check out our program of **free fun events** for the holidays on the back of this newsletter – there's bound to be one or two that are just right for you.

And to get those brain cells working, here's our new winter competition – a MAZE.

The big maze is for 8-12 yrs; the smaller one below is for 5-7 yrs.

Pretend you are an author with lots of creative ideas. Finding your way through the maze is like turning your ideas into a book. Send entries by 15<sup>th</sup> July to your library, with your name, age and phone on the back. Good luck!



## 5 top animal stories from Sian at Carlton

### Because of Winn-Dixie

by Kate diCamillo

- 10 year old Opal goes into the supermarket in small-town Florida and comes out with a big ugly dog.

### Babe (or The Sheep-pig)

by Dick King-Smith

-I'm sure you've all seen the movie, but the book is terrific too.

### Black Beauty

by Anna Sewell

- The original and best of all horse stories, written in the 19<sup>th</sup> century – but don't let that put you off!

### Martin the Warrior

by Brian Jacques

-Mice are the heroes in the fantasy series *Redwall*, of which this is the first. But there are also moles, stoats, rabbits and hedgehogs.

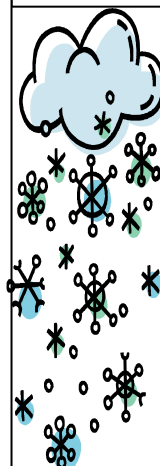
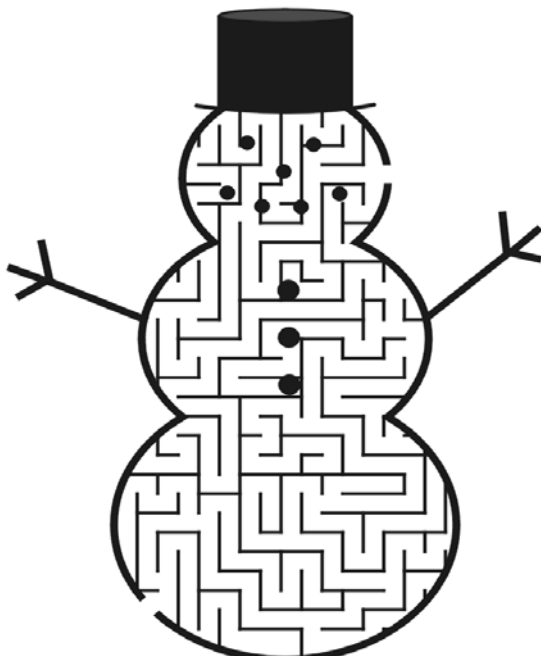
### Catwings

by Usula Le Guin

-These little books about cats with wings are fantasy/animal stories for younger children.

### Frosty the Snowman Maze

Start from his hat and  
find a way to the exit  
at the bottom



**Q-what did the spider do inside the library computer?**

A-it made a web page

**Q-what do you call a doctor with eight arms?**

A—a doctopus

**Q – Why did the whale cross the road?**

A – to get to the other tide!

## WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

### Card games for children

Tuesday 30 June 2pm –3pm, North Fitzroy Library  
Love a game of cards? Try your hand at these!  
For primary school aged children.

### Cha Cha Sam in concert

Wednesday 1 July 11am - 12 noon, Richmond Library  
Cha Cha Sam presents fun and funky music for all ages.

### Winter's Night Family Bedtime Storytime

Wednesday 1 July 6.30pm – 7.30pm, Fitzroy Library  
Bring the whole family!

### Farm Storytime

Thursday 2 July 10:30 – 11.30am,  
Collingwood Children's Farm,  
18 St Heliers St. Abbotsford  
Join us in the barn. This is a free activity,  
however normal entry fee to the farm applies.

### Sand Art and Mosaic Craft

Thursday 2 July 2pm – 3pm, Carlton Library  
Come and get creative!  
For primary school aged children.

### D.I.Y. collage

Tuesday 7 July 2pm – 4pm (come and go as you please),  
North Fitzroy Library  
We provide the craft materials, you create the masterpiece.  
For primary school aged children.

### Games Galore

Wednesday 8 July 2009 1pm – 2pm, Fitzroy Library  
Enjoy great indoor games like the Mummy game,  
Indoor Hopscotch, Dance-offs, Limbo.  
For ages 6 and above. Book at your local library  
or phone 1300 695 427

### Winter's Night Family Bedtime Storytime

Wednesday 8 July 6.30pm-7.30pm, Collingwood Library  
Snuggle up at the library for some cosy, classic bedtime stories.  
All ages welcome.

### Ashley the Magician

Thursday 9 July 2pm - 3pm, Carlton Library  
Come and see this amazing magic show.  
For primary school aged children.

### Fun and Games at the Library

Friday 10 July 1.00pm -3.00pm, Richmond Library  
We'll be playing Monopoly, Scrabble, Guess Who,  
cards and puzzles all served up with hot chocolate and fruit toast.  
For ages 8-12 years. Book at your local library or phone 1300 695 427

Got some good jokes of your own? Email them to Black Dog Books at [jokes@bdb.com.au](mailto:jokes@bdb.com.au) for their joke collection on their site.

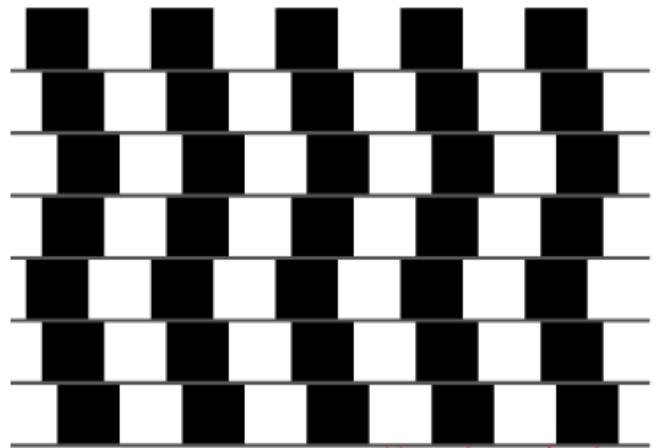
#### ANSWER

The grey lines are indeed straight! Off-setting the black squares gives the impression of perspective, making the lines seem closer together - or further apart.  
For proof, hold up the edge of a piece of paper to one of the lines, then move down to the one below, and so on.

## How good are your eyes?

Look at the optical illusion below. Are the grey lines straight or are they sloping up and down?  
What do you see?

Answer at the bottom of the page



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The library has several books on optical illusions... here is a good one to try

**Amazing Optical Illusions  
on the shelf at 152.148**

## Kids Book Club

Here are some top reads from kids in the Kids Book Club

**Matt says** – try Coraline, by Neil Gaiman. It's interesting with some scary bits. Read the book before the movie comes out.

**Mia says** – I'd recommend Lola Rose by Jaqueline Wilson. It's a story about a girl trying to be grown up and keeping her family together in difficult times. It is one of my real favourites.

**Aaron says** – If you want a good read, get hold of Noodle Pie by Ruth Starke. An Australian boy goes back to visit Vietnam but things are not what he expected. Interesting, with funny bits at times when real life doesn't match what he expected.

**Jon says** – Everybody should read Captain Underpants, by Dav Pilkey. What if all schools were like this?