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WHAT'S ON

APRIL-JUNE 2025

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK
NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME
FITZROY WRITERS FESTIVAL
LOCAL HISTORY WALKS
AUTHOR TALKS & MORE



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LATEST NEWS

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

Bridging Now to *Next*

27 MAY – 3 JUNE

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Reconciliation on the Rooftop

We invite you to share in acknowledging National Reconciliation Week at Reconciliation on the Rooftop

Tuesday 27 May • 11am to 1pm • Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy Library

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The National Reconciliation Week 2025 theme, *Bridging Now to Next*, reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future. At a time when Australia faces uncertainty in its reconciliation journey, this theme calls on all Australians to step forward together. *Bridging Now to Next* urges us to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us.

This year's artwork is created by Kalkadoon woman Bree Buttenshaw. Native plants – which are known for regenerating after fire and thriving through adversity – symbolise our collective strength and the possibilities of renewal. This is a time for growth, reflection, and commitment to walking together.

Be sure to explore our dedicated collection of books written by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples at each of our five libraries.

Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung as the Traditional Owners of this country, pays tribute to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Yarra, and gives respect to Elders past and present.

Presented in partnership with Aboriginal Housing Victoria.




FITZROY WRITERS FESTIVAL



SATURDAY 12 APRIL • 10AM TO 6PM • READING ROOM

Join us under the chandeliers of Fitzroy's first public library for a stellar line-up of writers, thinkers and artists. Yarra Libraries is proud to partner with Fairfield Books as our dedicated Festival bookseller. The Fitzroy Writers Festival is made possible through the generous support of the Thomas, Samuel and George Ewing Trust, a fund that fosters literacy, libraries, and a lifelong love of learning for the benefit of Fitzroy residents and visitors.

The Fitzroy Writers Festival will be Auslan interpreted. 

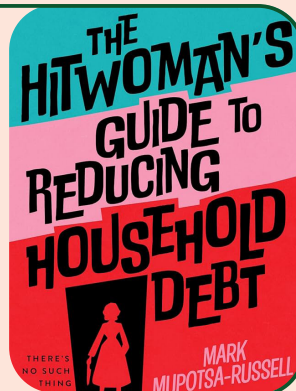
FITZROY FOOD NOW 11am to 12pm

Food sits at the very heart of Fitzroy, making it one of the best places to eat anywhere in the world. So what does Fitzroy taste like, and what does it take to run a restaurant here? Join Dani Valent for a morning coffee and pastry as she hears from Audrey Shaw (Carnation Canteen), Mischa Tropp (Toddy Shop), Ricardo Garcia Flores (El Culpio) and Mario Maccarone (Mario's).



NEW CRIME FICTION 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Dive into a collection of new Melbourne crime fiction titles, all of which manage to be engrossing, clever and, at times, downright hilarious. Mark Mupotsa-Russell will discuss his debut, *The Hitwoman's Guide to Reducing Household Debt*, which follows a retired assassin whose life as a suburban mum in the Dandenong Ranges is derailed by tragedy. Ned Kelly Award winner Zane Lovitt will join with his latest title, *The Body Next Door*, a mystery set in a quiet St. Albans cul-de-sac filled with intrigue. Nilima Rao (*A Disappearance in Fiji*) will lead the discussion.



REBECCA HUNTLEY

2pm to 3pm

SASSAFRAS: A MEMOIR OF LOVE, LOSS AND MDMA THERAPY

Renowned social researcher Rebecca Huntley was plagued by PTSD stemming from her childhood experiences. After years of various therapy treatments, she sought out an unconventional option: supervised MDMA therapy. In 2023, Australia became the first country to legalise the use of psychedelics to treat some mental health conditions. This is one woman's experience of treatment delivered by an underground healer, which would change her life and radically alter how she viewed her past, present and future.



MELANIE CHENG

3.30pm to 4.30pm

THE BURROW: IN CONVERSATION WITH TONY BIRCH

Join author and GP Melanie Cheng as she discusses her latest book, *The Burrow*, with acclaimed author and beloved Fitzroy regular, Tony Birch. A tender portrait of a family grappling with the deepest grief, *The Burrow* manages the complexity of family dynamics – each member caught between isolation and claustrophobia – with rare deftness and incredible economy. Come and see why this remarkable book has been shortlisted for the 2025 Victorian Premier's Literary Award and longlisted for the 2025 Stella Prize.



GEORGE MEGALOGENIS

5pm to 6pm

THE FUTURE OF AUSTRALIAN POLITICS: IN CONVERSATION WITH SEAN KELLY

Hear from one of Australia's leading political analysts as he unpacks how Australians are thinking, feeling and voting, now and into the future. Using demographic and social research data and drawing from his latest Quarterly Essay, George Megalogenis explores shifting electoral dynamics and the possibilities offered by minority government to re-engage and reinvigorate Australia's democracy. This session will be moderated by The Age columnist and former political advisor, Sean Kelly.



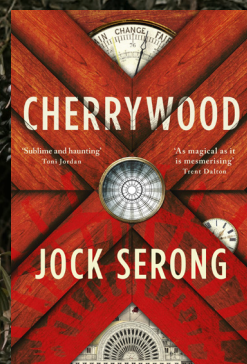
AUTHOR TALKS

JOCK SERONG

CHERRYWOOD In conversation with Tony Birch

At first, *Cherrywood* seems to be a simple story of two strands that converge at a Fitzroy pub – except this pub keeps moving in the night. Join author Jock Serong, in conversation with Tony Birch as they discuss this charming and thrillingly offbeat account of Fitzroy and its surrounds. Jock will explore his inspiration for the novel's setting and concept; in many ways a departure from his previous works.

Photo: Joanne O'Keefe



Thursday 3 April
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Fitzroy Library



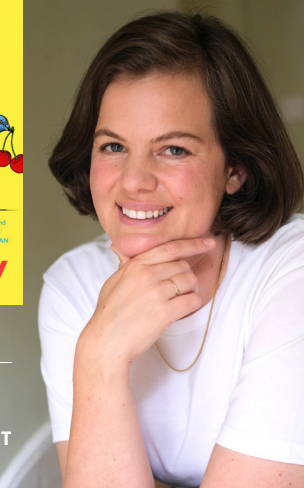
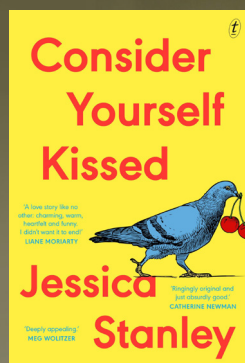
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JESSICA STANLEY

Consider Yourself Kissed

Coralie is an Australian in London. Over a decade, she falls in love and builds a life, but as her 30s come to a close, Coralie finds she may have lost some part of herself in the process. Jessica Stanley joins us from London to discuss her latest novel, as astute and entertaining as her wonderful Fitzroy-centric debut, *A Great Hope*.

Wednesday 23 April
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Fitzroy Library



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MICHAEL LAWRENCE & DR. FABIO D'AGOSTIN

Creating Schools: Where Students and Teachers Want To Be

Michael Lawrence and Dr. Fabio D'Agostin are teachers and authors advocating for a better education system in Australia. Their new book is a call to action for anyone passionate about quality education. Hear from the authors as they acknowledge the common challenges facing Australia's education system including teacher burnout, the exodus of educators, and systemic failures while offering a pathway forward. They'll discuss potential solutions to reinvigorate the teaching profession, foster innovation, and create environments where both teachers and students can thrive.

Wednesday 30 April • 6.30pm to 8pm
Bargoonga Nganjini



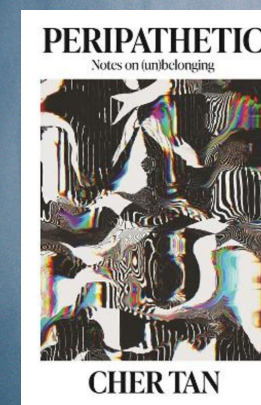
CHER TAN

PERIPATHETIC

Two friends walk into a library. What do they do? Talk about books, of course! Join essayist-critics Timmah Ball and Cher Tan as they chat about Cher's debut collection of essays, *Peripathetic: Notes on (Un) belonging*, amidst gossip about the internet, bad jobs, other books, literary culture and—bonus!—why some writers can be so annoying.

Photo: Leah Jing McIntosh

Wednesday 7 May
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Bargoonga Nganjini



紙貓文學對話

CHINESE AUTHOR TALK

Join us for a discussion on the rise of Australian Chinese literature with a panel of Chinese writers from Melbourne, Sydney, Beijing, Taiwan and America. This event will be in Mandarin.

來自中國大陸、台灣和美國的知名作家，與澳洲本地華文作家一起討論澳華文學的特色與發展方向。

Saturday 10 May
2pm to 4pm
Richmond Library

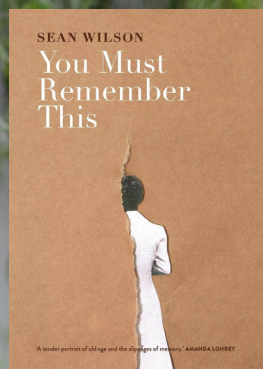


SEAN WILSON

YOU MUST REMEMBER THIS

Join us for an insightful evening with author Sean Wilson as he discusses his new novella, *You Must Remember This*. This beautifully written story explores memory, dementia, and family dynamics through the eyes of Grace, an older woman grappling with fading memories. A poignant reflection on the fragility of memory and the patterns of the past, this event will offer a deep dive into themes of forgetting and remembering, and how we find peace as time passes.

Wednesday 14 May
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Carlton Library



CONNIE CAO

Your Asian Veggie Patch

Get ready to dig into cooking and gardening with Connie Cao, author of *Your Asian Veggie Patch*! Join us for an evening of fresh ideas for growing vibrant Asian veggies, herbs, and fruits in your own backyard. Plus, Connie will share mouthwatering recipes inspired by her Chinese heritage. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or a fresh-faced beginner, this event will leave you inspired to cultivate and cook your own delicious harvest.

Wednesday 28 May
6.30pm to 8pm
Richmond Library



HELEN GARNER

The Season In conversation with Broden Kelly

Spend an evening with Helen Garner in conversation with comedian Broden Kelly about *The Season*, her account of a year spent shadowing her grandson's under-16s AFL team, the Flemington Colts. The book is a love letter to footy, to her last grandchild as he passes from boy to man, and to the joys of youth and team sport.

Wednesday 4 June
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Fitzroy Town Hall



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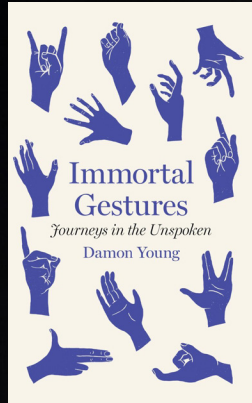


DAMON YOUNG

Immortal Gestures

Join author and philosopher Damon Young for a thought-provoking discussion on his book, *Immortal Gestures*, alongside Associate Professor of Philosophy, Patrick Stokes. The pair will explore the profound significance of human gestures- those fleeting, often unnoticed movements that embody our deepest thoughts, emotions, and histories. This event invites audiences to reflect on how our gestures transcend time and place, shaping our relationships and the stories we carry.

Wednesday 11 June • 6.30pm to 8pm
Richmond Library



CARLTON AFTER DARK

MORENO GIOVANNONI

The Immigrants

Join us for a special library event featuring *The Immigrants*, a powerful and poignant novel by Moreno Giovannoni. This heartbreaking yet beautiful story of love, exile, and tragedy takes us to the Victorian town of Mitrefò, where a family seeks a better life in a foreign land. Amidst the joys, scandals, and shared experiences of a close-knit community, indelible moments of loss and hardship shape their journey.

Wednesday 25 June • 6.30pm to 8pm
Carlton Library



BOOK CLUBS & MORE



Bring your own book club

Love reading? Like to chat about what you've been reading? So do we! Drop in to these friendly sessions where we'll share what we've been reading with each other. Or just come along and listen. Warning: your to-be-read list will grow!

Wednesdays 9 April, 14 May & 11 June
10.30am to 11.30am
Carlton Library



English reading practice book club

Practice reading easy English in a friendly and welcoming setting, guided by library staff. Each month, we'll choose books to read on the day from our English Learning Collection. No preparation needed. All abilities are welcome. Tea and coffee provided.

Thursdays 17 April, 15 May & 12 June
3pm to 4pm
Richmond Library



The short story club

Want to join a book club but don't always have the time? This is the club for you! Each month we choose one short story or piece of narrative non-fiction to share and discuss with other club members. See the online event listing for links to each month's story.

Wednesdays 2 April, 7 May & 4 June
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Online

Cùng Viết Với Nhau: Cách Ghi Chép Những Mẫu Chuyện Gia Đình bằng tiếng Việt

Writing Community Stories: How to write your family history in Vietnamese.

Nhân dịp kỷ niệm 50 năm người Việt định cư trên đất Úc, một buổi thảo luận và hướng dẫn cách viết lại những câu chuyện về lịch sử gia đình chúng ta, từ quê nhà cho đến khi định cư ở Úc.
Buổi nói chuyện do nữ tác giả Hương Trần Ai phụ trách và anh La Khải điều hợp chương trình.

Sunday 25 May • 2.30pm to 4.30pm
Richmond Library





Fitzroy urban agriculture walk

Discover local community gardens and learn their secrets from those who build and tend to them. Start at Fitzroy Library and then walk to multiple locations, including Cubbies, Condell Growers, and Atherton Gardens. Presented in partnership with My Smart Garden.

Tuesday 1 April
2pm to 4pm
Fitzroy Library



Yarra Seed Library

Dive into gardening at Yarra Seed Library! Attend monthly gatherings where we share seeds and nurture plants in our library planters. Feel free to donate your harvested seeds anytime during opening hours. This is an excellent opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals, improve your gardening skills, and contribute to sustainable living practices.

Thursdays 3 April, 8 May & 12 June
10am to 12pm • Carlton Library



Women and super

If you're a woman in the workplace, you've most likely earned less superannuation than your male colleagues. But what are the disadvantages and what is the "super gap"? Will you be able to save enough to retire? We'll answer these questions and more in this educational talk on superannuation and the super gap.

Monday 7 April • 2pm to 3pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



Produce and garden goodies swap

Come along to a special edition of the Yarra Seed Library and trade your excess home grown produce and preserves with other members of the community. Whether it's fruit and veggies, seeds and seedlings, eggs, preserves and pickles, or even worm tea fertilizer!

Thursday 8 May • 10am to 11am
Carlton Library

The law according to Shakespeare

"O just but severe law!"

- Shakespeare's Measure for Measure

Presented by BottledSnail Productions,
Neighbourhood Justice Centre and Yarra Libraries

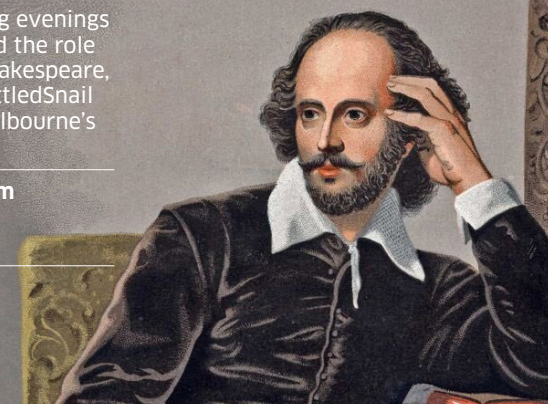
Join us for two thought-provoking evenings as we explore justice, the law, and the role of lawyers through the lens of Shakespeare, brought to life by actors from BottledSnail Productions and experts from Melbourne's legal community.

Thursday 22 May • 6:30pm to 8pm
Neighbourhood Justice Centre,
241 Wellington St, Collingwood

Friday 23 May • 6.30pm to 8pm
Bargoonga Nganjin

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Bilingual art talk: The Musée d'Orsay

中英雙語藝術講座：走進巴黎奧賽博物館

奧賽博物館收藏印象派作品之多為全球之冠，被譽為法國的印象派殿堂。西方藝術史學者顧魯先生曾數次參訪該館，他將與您分享該博物館的精品，帶您欣賞世界藝術佳作。

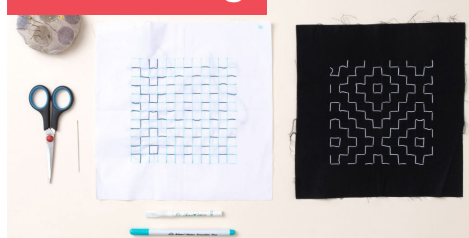
The Musée d'Orsay in Paris houses the world's largest collection of Impressionist works and is known as the "Palace of Impressionism" in France. Raymond Gu, a scholar of Western art history, has visited the Musée d'Orsay several times. Through introducing the stories behind the museum's masterpieces, he will guide you to appreciate the world's most famous paintings. The talk will be presented in both Mandarin and English.

Saturday 31 May • 2pm to 4pm
Richmond Library



MAKE/DO

creativebug



Crafty Creations: Sashiko sewing

Learn how to sew material using the Japanese technique of sashiko. Materials supplied. You'll learn along with the Creativebug online course, supported by library staff.

Wednesday 14 May • 6pm to 7.30pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



Crafty Creations: Knotted accessories

Learn to make your own knotted accessories using everyday materials! Materials supplied. With a little help from Creativebug and our library staff, you'll create something amazing to take home.

Wednesday 11 June • 6pm to 7.30pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



Collage Club

In this monthly workshop, we'll explore cut and paste techniques, composition, surrealism, photomontage, trompe l'oeil, colour and more. Everyone's welcome, so come along and let your creativity run wild!

Tuesdays 29 April, 27 May & 24 June
5.30pm to 7.30pm • Richmond Library



Pop-in collage

A free, unfacilitated pop-in collage session for anyone interested in analogue cut and paste art. All materials supplied and all abilities welcome. Join us weekly at Richmond Library to try your hand at creative crafts.

Tuesdays • 1.30pm to 5pm
Richmond Library



Sew-Amazing

Learn to sew with simple, beginner-friendly sewing patterns. Make a 'not quite Prada' bucket hat, and a fabric sunglasses case. With gender-inclusive projects and all materials provided, this is the perfect time to try your hand at the sewing machine.

Multiple dates, times and branches - see Eventbrite for details



Sewing Club

Love to sew but don't have a machine at home? Join our Sewing Club to meet fellow sewing enthusiasts, work on your projects or mending, and share tips and tricks! Materials provided and can be collected from library staff. *Please note, prior experience is required, as this is not a sewing class.*

Carlton & Fitzroy Libraries
Multiple dates and times - see Eventbrite for details



Maintaining your sewing machine

Discover how to keep your sewing machine in top shape at our hands-on workshop! Learn basic maintenance, troubleshooting tips, and essential care techniques. Perfect for beginners and sewing enthusiasts alike. Sewing machines will be provided but bring your own if you like.

Wednesday 21 May
11am to 12pm
Carlton Library



Community clothing swap

Find a new outfit at our community clothing swap! Bring along items from your wardrobe that you'd like to donate and swap them for whatever catches your eye. Adult clothing, all sizes and gender expressions welcome. Bookings essential.

Saturday 14 June
10am to 1pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



Fitzroy community market

Experience our vibrant and welcoming community market! We'll be providing free pre-loved books and magazines in several languages and a play/reading area for kids. There's often local organisations offering entertainment and services.

Fridays 4 April & 6 June
3.30pm to 5.30pm
Atherton Gardens



Open Table community lunches

Join us every Saturday for a free, nutritious vegan lunch made by Open Table volunteers. Halal options will also be available. Enjoy a meal with the community and help save tonnes of food from landfill!

Every Saturday except 19 April • 1pm to 2pm
Bargoonga Nganjin

RECOLLECTION



Walking Carlton North

Walk the historic streets of Carlton North with local historian and writer, Jeff Atkinson as your guide. You'll learn about the suburb's rich history, its forgotten prison, and the stories of the British, Jewish and Italian migrants who settled there.

Monday 2 June
10am to 1pm
Meet at the Corner of Bowen Crescent and Holtom Street West, Princes Hill at 9.45am.



Walking Clifton Hill

The area now known as Clifton Hill provided much of the bluestone for Melbourne's lanes in the late 1840s. On this tour, you'll view the homes of early Melbourne politicians and trade unionists, as well as discovering the locations of private schools, factories and the former Royal Hotel. This tour will be led by local history enthusiast and tour guide Isabel Simpson.

Monday 28 April • 10am to 1pm
Meet on the corner of Berry and Spensley Streets, Clifton Hill at 9.45am.



Walking the Inner Circle Line

On this walk you will see remnants of the now long-gone Inner Circle suburban train line, including an inspection of what used to be the North Carlton station. You will also hear of the fight by the local community to save the railway land for a park. After the tour, get a set of historic photos to take home!

Monday 12 May • 10am to 12pm
Meet at the Corner of Bowen Crescent and Holtom Street West, Princes Hill at 9.45am.



Scan and save your memories

Want to digitise your photographs, slides, film, or VHS? Book an induction to learn how to use our Epson Perfection V850 Pro Scanner and other equipment - then come back at your leisure!

Multiple dates and times at Fitzroy and Carlton Libraries - see Eventbrite for details



History Help

Need help with your family or local history research? Book a free 30 minute session with a staff member by calling us on **1300 695 427** or filling out the online form via the website. When booking, please let us know what your research needs are.

By appointment

RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY



Digitisation Day

Unearth your film! Bring in your 35mm film, slides, 4x5-inch negatives, medium format film, or a 15-minute VHS tape to digitise. These one-on-one sessions with a Yarra Libraries staff member include an induction, so you can use our equipment during future library visits. Keep your memories safe and easy to share!

Monday 9 June
10am to 1pm
Fitzroy Library



Find, use and write Google reviews

Learn how to find, use and write Google Reviews with confidence. Reading and writing reviews can help both customers and local businesses. Learn how to analyse and evaluate reviews to make informed decisions about where you visit. Join us to find out how your opinion matters!

Friday 11 April
10am to 11am
Carlton Library



Digital Help

Keep getting stuck with a new phone, tablet or laptop? We can help build your confidence online, navigate different devices, and troubleshoot technical issues. Sessions also available in Vietnamese and Mandarin.

Book your session at:
<https://bit.ly/YLDigitalHelp>
or call 1300 695 427

CINEMA YARRA

FILM SCREENINGS AT YARRA LIBRARIES

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Enjoy thousands of free critically acclaimed movies, foreign films and documentaries on Kanopy and Beamafilm, with no ads. Free with your Yarra Libraries membership. Watch from anywhere or catch a screening at Cinema Yarra!



Lion

Five-year-old Saroo gets lost on a train which takes him thousands of miles across India, away from home and family. Saroo must learn to survive alone in Kolkata, before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple. Twenty-five years later he sets out to find his lost family. (English, PG, 2016)

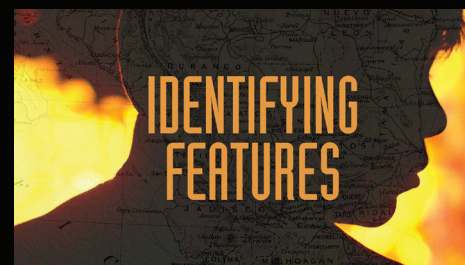
Thursday 3 April • 1pm to 3pm
Collingwood Library



Make Hummus Not War

Amidst a dispute over who 'owns' hummus, Make Hummus Not War follows Australian film director Trevor Graham on a humorous journey through Beirut, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and New York. Meet chefs, activists, and zealots as they reveal hummus' role in culture, identity, and geopolitics. (English. Not rated, 2012).

Tuesday 8 April • 1pm to 3pm
Richmond Library



Identifying Features

Middle-aged Magdalena has lost contact with her son after he took off from their town of Guanajuato to cross the border into the U.S., hopeful to find work. Desperate to find out what happened to him—and to know whether he's even alive—she embarks on an ever-expanding and increasingly dangerous journey to discover the truth. (English, Spanish, MA15+, 2021).

Thursday 1 May • 1pm to 3pm
Collingwood Library



Namatjira Project

Experience the powerful story of Albert Namatjira, Australia's celebrated Indigenous artist. This captivating documentary, directed by Sera Davies, explores his groundbreaking art, cultural legacy, and the struggles he faced as an Aboriginal man in a divided society. Don't miss this inspiring journey of identity, resilience, and creativity. (English. M, 2017).

Tuesday 13 May • 1pm to 3pm
Richmond Library



Rachel's Farm: Film screening & produce swap

Film director and actress Rachel Ward is not the first person you'd expect to join a farming revolution. Rachel voyages from wilful ignorance about the ecological impacts of conventional agriculture on her own rural property, to embracing a movement to restore the health of Australia's farmland, food and climate. (English. Not Rated. 2023). Attendees are invited to stay after the film for a seed & produce swap!

Thursday 5 June • 1pm to 3pm
Collingwood Library



2040

In 2040, award-winning Australian director Damon Gameau imagines a brighter future for our planet by embracing the best solutions already available. Through a visual letter to his 4-year-old daughter, Gameau blends documentary footage with dramatic sequences and stunning visuals to create an inspiring vision for a sustainable tomorrow. (English, G, 2019).

Tuesday 10 June • 1pm to 3pm
Richmond Library



AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Programs run during term time.
Bookings essential for Maker Lab.
Bookings for other programs not required.



Experiment with robots, engineer amazing creations, and explore all things STEAM! Ages 8+
Bookings essential.

Tuesdays • 4pm to 5pm
Bargoonga Nganjin

Thursdays • 3.45pm to 4.45pm
Fitzroy Library



Let's get creative with some fun arts and craft. All materials provided! Ages 5+

Thursdays
3.45pm to 4.45pm
Carlton & Collingwood Library



Hang out and build amazing LEGO creations, using the library's mega-LEGO supplies! This program is unfacilitated. Ages 5+

Mondays • 4pm to 5pm
Richmond Library

Thursdays • 4pm to 5pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



Drop in for some DIY crafts and meet like-minded craft lovers. This program is unfacilitated. Ages 5+

Wednesdays • 4pm to 5pm
Richmond Library



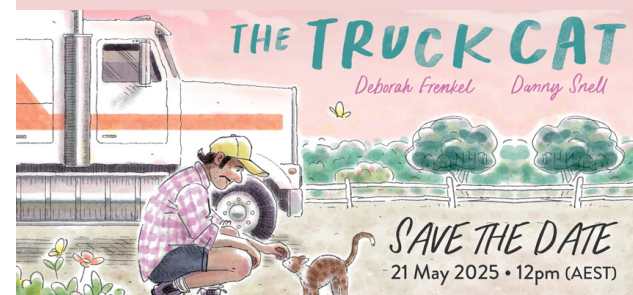
Early Literacy Programs

We support early literacy through regular preschool programs, including **Storytime**, **Babytime**, **Rhymetime** and **Greek Stories & Play**. Held weekly during school term, these sessions are super fun, casual, and run by our world-class children's librarians. Visit yarralibraries.vic.gov.au

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2025

Join us for National Simultaneous Storytime! Held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), a picture book by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 25th successful year, this vibrant and fun event aims to promote the value of reading and literacy. This year we will be reading *The Truck Cat* written by Deborah Frenkel, illustrated by Danny Snell. **We'll also be joined by some special guests and their very special trucks!**

Wednesday 21 May • 12pm to 1pm • Fitzroy Library



Kids' clothing swap

Come to an under 5 clothing swap! Bring a bag of children's clothes in good condition and take home a bag in return. Leftover clothes will be donated to local charities. The venue is pram accessible, with changing facilities and couches to relax and feed bubs. No clothes to swap, no worries, come to enjoy some playtime with toys provided by the Richmond Toy library! In partnership with **Mums in Yarra** and the **Richmond Toy Library**.

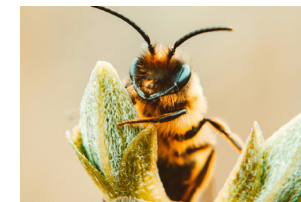
Saturday 31 May
10am to 12pm
Richmond Library



International Day of Families Storytime

Let's come together to recognise the diverse families who live, work and play in the city of Yarra with a themed storytime and craft activity.

Thursday 15 May
11am to 12pm
Carlton Library



World Bee Day Storytime

Join us on World Bee Day for a bee-themed storytime and craft Activity to celebrate our hard-working little pollinators.

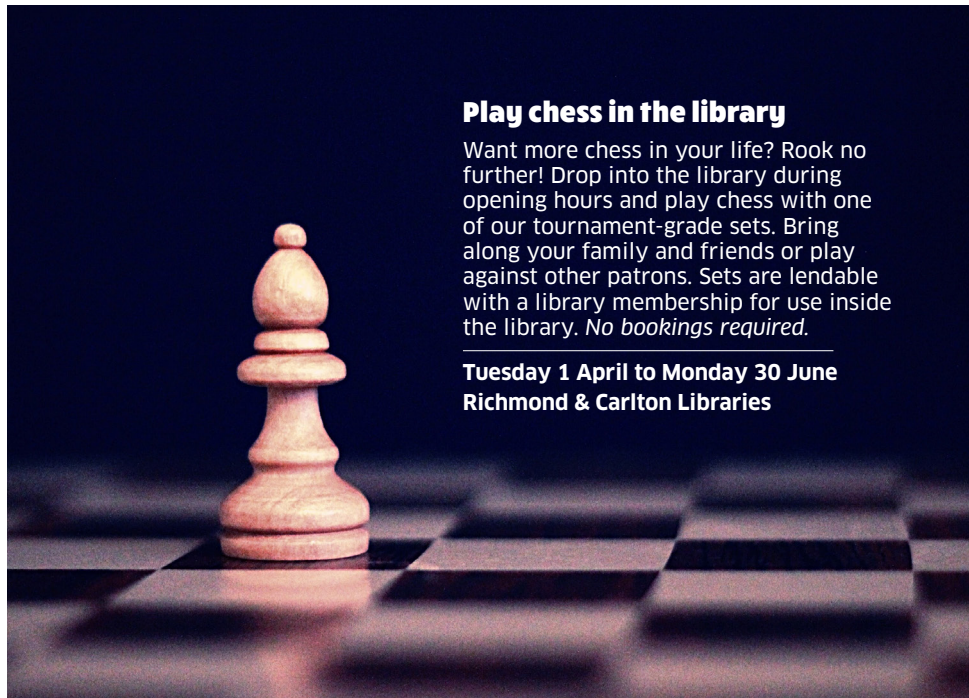
Tuesday 20 May
11am to 12pm
Collingwood Library



International Asteroid Day Storytime

Learn about asteroids and the work being done by scientists to protect our planet from potential impacts. Join us for an asteroid themed storytime and craft activity!

Monday 30 June
11am to 12pm
Richmond Library



Play chess in the library

Want more chess in your life? Rook no further! Drop into the library during opening hours and play chess with one of our tournament-grade sets. Bring along your family and friends or play against other patrons. Sets are lendable with a library membership for use inside the library. *No bookings required.*

Tuesday 1 April to Monday 30 June
Richmond & Carlton Libraries




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