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**YARRA LIBRARIES**

# WHAT'S ON

**JULY-SEPTEMBER 2025**

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK  
HISTORIC GHOST SIGNS  
SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS  
NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK  
AUTHOR TALKS & MORE



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All Yarra Libraries events are free to attend but require bookings unless otherwise specified.

**TO BOOK**, scan the QR code above, visit:  
[www.yarralibraries.vic.gov.au](http://www.yarralibraries.vic.gov.au) or call **1300 695 427**

## LATEST NEWS

# STEAM FEST

SCIENCE  
TECHNOLOGY  
ENGINEERING  
ARTS  
MATHS

**22 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER**

It's full STEAM ahead for the spring school holidays!

Get ready for two action-packed weeks of free events exploring all things STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics - across our five library branches.

And don't miss the grand finale: STEAM Fest Discovery Day! Join us at Richmond Library on the final Saturday of the school holidays, 4th October, for a whole day of STEAM-tastic fun. Keep an eye on our website for more information!

**All Yarra Libraries branches**



## DIGITAL HELP

### New bookable system

Book a free, 45-minute, one-on-one session with a Yarra Libraries staff member and we'll sit down with you to help resolve minor technology issues. We can help with a range of tasks including assistance with your laptop or phone, accessing online resources, saving documents to the cloud and using social media.

**Book online via our website, visit your nearest Yarra Libraries branch or call us on 1300 695 427**



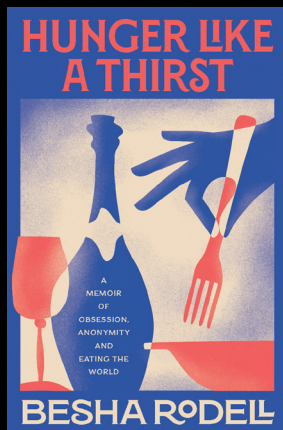
## BESHA RODELL

### *HUNGER LIKE A THIRST* In conversation with Virginia Trioli

Besha Rodell is *The Age*'s chief food critic. In *Hunger Like a Thirst*, she traces her personal journey across America and Australia, from her beginnings as a waitress, to her career writing about fine dining as an anonymous food critic. Speaking with journalist and radio presenter, Virginia Trioli – who recently published a food memoir of her own – this event will be a feast for foodies and readers alike. Presented by the Thomas, Samuel and George Ewing Trust.

Photo: Kristoffer Paulsen

Wednesday 30 July • 6.30pm to 7.30pm  
Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room



Event sponsored by  
THE THOMAS, SAMUEL  
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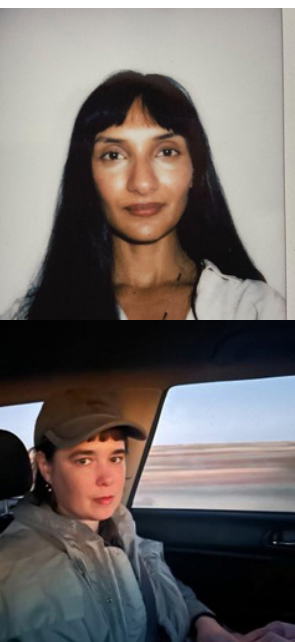
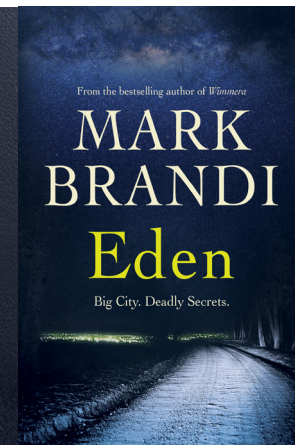
## AUTHOR TALKS

## MARK BRANDI

### *EDEN* In conversation with Luke Beesley

Bestselling local author, Mark Brandi will discuss his gripping new literary thriller, *Eden*. Joining Mark will be local writer, artist and singer-songwriter, Luke Beesley. Together, they'll talk about how Mark writes and develops his characters, as well as the social issues that inform his work, including incarceration, poverty, and marginalisation.

Wednesday 27 August • 6.30pm to 7.30pm  
Carlton Library

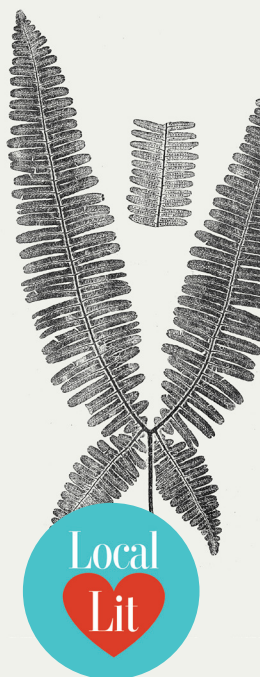


## POETRY AS PASSAGE

### An evening with Manisha Anjali and Autumn Royal

Poetry as Passage invites you into a rich and reflective conversation. Through readings and dialogue, Naarm-based poets, Autumn Royal and Manisha Anjali will share their creative processes, draw connections between language and the liminal, and offer insights into how poetry can act as a portal—for healing, resistance, and revelation. This event is part of our Local Lit series, celebrating contemporary voices from Yarra's literary community. This event will be Auslan interpreted. Photo of Autumn Royal courtesy of Thomas McCamman

Wednesday 6 August • 6.30pm to 7.30pm  
Bargoonga Nganjin



## SINÉAD STUBBINS

### *STINKBUG*

What does it mean to be the office outcast in a deeply weird workplace? Sinéad Stubbins' darkly satirical novel *Stinkbug* explores toxic jobs, performative corporate wellness, and the pressure to conform. In a wide-ranging conversation, Sinéad will discuss the inspiration behind her book as well as answer questions and sign books. If you've ever had an unhinged job, this event is just for you.

Wednesday 24 September • 6.30pm to 7.30pm  
Richmond Library Theatrette





goodreads

### Find your next read

Goodreads is a free social media platform where readers from around the world post their thoughts on the books they've read. It's a great place to connect with other readers and expand your to-read pile. Curious but not sure where to start? We'll set you up with everything you need to start your Goodreads journey.

Friday 1 August • 10am to 11am • Carlton Library



### Bring your own book club

This monthly book club has no set reading list – just come along and share what you've been reading lately. Everyone's welcome and all genres are respected. If you're in a reading slump, feel free to come and listen!

Wednesdays 9 July, 13 August & 10 September  
10.30am to 11.30am  
Carlton Library



### Community writing group

Every month, bring along writing materials and up to 1,500 words of your work in hardcopy for workshoping with our like-minded group of writers. You'll discuss narrative techniques and learn how to make your writing stand out. Ages 17+

Wednesdays 16 July, 20 August & 17 September  
6pm to 8pm  
Bargoonga Nganjin



### The short story club

Join our online book club where the stories are short, and the chats are long! Perfect for anyone who's keen to talk about books, but doesn't have much time. Each month, we'll choose a short story or piece of narrative non-fiction to read, then meet online to discuss.

Wednesdays 2 July, 6 August and 3 September  
6.30pm to 7.30pm  
Online via Zoom



### English reading practice book club

Practice your English skills in a friendly and welcoming setting, guided by library staff. Each month, we will read aloud and discuss a selection of poems and short stories by Australian writers. No preparation needed.

Thursdays 17 July, 21 August & 18 September  
3pm to 4pm  
Richmond Library

## AI, MISINFORMATION AND DEMOCRACY

### Cory Alpert in conversation with Sophie Cunningham

How does artificial intelligence change the way we view truth, misinformation and democracy – and what does it mean for our future? Researcher and technology writer, Cory Alpert, spent three years as an advisor in the White House during the Biden-Harris administration. Joining Cory is acclaimed writer, advocate and teacher, Sophie Cunningham. This fascinating conversation will change the way you think about the information around you.

Photo of Sophie Cunningham courtesy of Mathew Lynn, Royal Botanic Gardens of Victoria

Thursday 18 September • 6pm to 7pm  
Bargoonga Nganjin



### Understanding Homelessness: Community Conversation

Understanding Homelessness: Community Conversation is a panel discussion with people who have lived experience of being without a home working with the Council to Homeless Persons (CHP). It provides community members an opportunity to ask questions about homelessness they've always wanted to know the answers to but never felt comfortable asking. Presented in acknowledgement of Homelessness Week.

Wednesday 6 August • 6pm to 8pm  
Fitzroy Library Town Hall Reading Room

OFF YOUR BACK

## WINTER COAT DRIVE

Yarra's annual Winter Coat Drive is back! Each year, we team up with *Off Your Back* to collect coats and jackets in good condition to keep Melbourne's unhoused community warm this winter. Bring your old coats and jackets to any Yarra Libraries branch during business hours all winter long!

1 June to 31 August  
Donation boxes at all Yarra Libraries branches

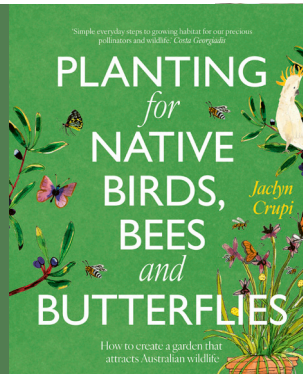


## JACLYN CRUPI

### Planting for Native Birds, Bees and Butterflies

Create a garden bustling with life, movement and colour! Join local author and gardener, Jaclyn Crupi to learn how your garden can attract and support native wildlife. With practical advice from her new book and a propagation demonstration, you're bound to leave filled with inspiration! Presented in partnership with My Smart Garden.

**Saturday 30 August • 10.30am to 11.30am**  
Collingwood Library



### Gardening in small spaces

Make your garden space beautiful, no matter how small. This practical workshop is full of tips for those with courtyards, balconies or even just a few pots. Presented by Sustainable Gardening Australia, this talk is part of our Social Gardeners' Group.

**Thursday 10 July • 10.30am to 11.30am**  
Carlton Library



### Monthly social gardeners' group

Grow your gardening skills and social connections! Learn from gardening experts and help maintain the Yarra Seed Library. A great opportunity to learn everything you need to make your garden grow, while contributing to a more sustainable future for Yarra.

**Thursdays 10 July, 14 August & 11 September • 10am to 12pm**  
Carlton Library



### Fitzroy community market

Experience our vibrant and welcoming community market. We'll have free pre-loved books and magazines in several languages to give away, as well as an area for kids to play or read. We're often joined by local organisations offering entertainment and services. Everyone's welcome!

**Friday 1 August • 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! No bookings required.

**Every Saturday • 1pm to 2pm**  
Bargoonga Nganjin



### Sustainable style workshop

Looking to develop your personal style, but worried about textile waste? Join conscious dressing advocates Simone and Natacha for a hands-on styling workshop. Learn how to get more from your existing wardrobe and shop with the planet in mind. Bring along an item from your wardrobe and we'll show you how to style it!

**Saturday 13 September 10.30am to 12pm**  
Collingwood Library



### Let's Talk Money: Budgeting and saving workshop

Gain confidence managing your finances in this no-nonsense, straightforward workshop! Developed by local organisation, *Women's Health in the North*, this financial literacy program is designed to help women and gender-diverse people take control of their budget. Join us to ask questions, build your skills and start saving!

**Thursday 4 September • 11am to 12.30pm**  
Richmond Library



## MAKE/DO



**COLLINGWOOD TOY LIBRARY**

**Board game nights**

Meet new people. Learn new things and have a tonne of fun! You're invited to a cosy winter board game night, presented in partnership with the Collingwood Toy Library and the team at Melbourne Meeples. We'll crank up the heating, provide the games and show you how to play!


**Bargoonga Nganjin and Collingwood Libraries**  
Multiple sessions for adults and teens  
– see Eventbrite for details



### Pop-in collage

Collage is an accessible, beginner-friendly and sustainable way to explore your creativity and experiment with style, colour, texture and technique. These friendly, relaxed gatherings are ideal for artists of all ages and abilities. Better yet all materials are provided!

**Tuesdays • 1.30pm to 5pm**  
**Richmond Library**



**Ghost Signs: Fitzroy's hidden history**

You've probably noticed ghost signs on the sides of old buildings - faded ads with forgotten brand names. Behind every peeling letter lies a story of fortunes made and lost. Join Sean Reynolds, the author and sleuth behind the book *Melbourne Ghost Signs* as he unpacks the hidden histories lurking in plain sight on Fitzroy's buildings.

**Tuesday 22 July • 6.30pm to 7.30pm**  
**Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room**



### Sew-Amazing Sewing workshops

Learn to use a sewing machine in a friendly, supportive environment where everything you need is provided and no experience is necessary. Each of these workshops will introduce you to new skills and techniques, and you'll leave with something you've created yourself!

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



### Sewing club

Eager to sew but don't have access to a sewing machine? Our Sewing Club sessions let you and other like-minded crafters work on your individual projects. It's also a chance to chat, make new friends and get advice. Plus, we'll provide the materials! *Please note: this is not a sewing class and prior sewing experience is required.*

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



### Collage club

Richmond's Collage Club meets on the last Tuesday of every month to explore new artistic styles and themes. Expect a deep dive into the simple and expressive art of collage. You'll leave every session with a new work of art and a head full of new inspiration. No experience is necessary, and all materials are provided.

**Tuesdays 29 July, 26 August & 30 September**  
**5.30pm to 7.30pm**  
**Richmond Library**



### Find your family: Start your family history research

Ever wondered about your family's history? This presentation with Yarra Libraries' Local History Librarian will introduce you to the tools and tricks you'll need to search historical records online. Leave with skills to start tracking down your ancestors. *Image: Trove*

**Tuesday 12 August**  
**10am to 12pm**  
**Collingwood Library**



### Yarra Unearthed: Meet Yarra's colourful characters

Discover the larger-than-life personalities who once called Yarra home. Professional tour guide, Isabel Simpson, will introduce you to Yarra's rich history; its buildings, places and people. From artists to publicans, criminals to politicians - you'll get to know them all.

**Wednesday 3 September**  
**6.30pm to 7.30pm**  
**Bargoonga Nganjin**



### History help

Need help with your family or local history research? Book a free session with Yarra Libraries' Local History librarian and we'll help you get back on track! Call us on **1300 695 427** or fill out the form on our website. Let us know your research needs and we'll get in touch.

**By appointment**



# 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 Cinema Yarra screening!

LEAPS AND BOUNDS  
2025

CINEMA YARRA X LEAPS & BOUNDS FESTIVAL  
DOUBLE FEATURE

Leaps and Bounds Music Festival returns from 24 to 27 July 2025!



## Sun Ra: A Joyful Noise

A unique documentary portrait of avant-garde jazz legend Sun Ra and his Arkestra in a pivotal moment between 1978 and 1980, capturing performances, rehearsals, poetry readings and extensive improvisations. "A rare and moving exception...one of the most satisfying musical portraits I've ever seen." - Richard Brody, The New Yorker. (English, Not rated, 1980).

Wednesday 23 July • 4pm to 5pm  
Richmond Library Theatre



## Wild Combination: A Portrait of Musician Arthur Russell

After a life of relative obscurity, composer, producer and singer-songwriter Arthur Russell has become a highly influential cult figure decades after his tragic death in 1992. A queer pioneer and multi-hyphenate, Arthur's work spanned genres such as pop, disco, post-punk and abstract experimentalism. This critically acclaimed documentary is an ode to his work and legacy. (English, Not rated, 2008).

Wednesday 23 July • 6pm to 8pm  
Richmond Library Theatre



## Around the Block

Liam is a 16-year-old Aboriginal boy, fascinated by acting, while facing the difficult circumstances of life in Redfern. Dino Chalmers, an American drama teacher, arrives at the school and sees Liam's potential, encouraging him to embrace his talent and find a path towards a brighter future. (English, M, 2013).

Thursday 3 July  
1pm to 3pm  
Collingwood Library



## The Last Wave

Peter Weir's third feature film after *Picnic at Hanging Rock* (1975) is considered the pinnacle of Australian New Wave Cinema. Featuring a charismatic performance by the legendary David Gulpilil, *The Last Wave's* theme of climate in freefall is a gripping fever dream that is startlingly prescient. (English, PG, 1977).

Monday 21 July  
6pm to 8pm  
Richmond Theatre



## Buoyancy

Lured away from home by promises of a well-paying job, 14-year-old Chakra is enslaved on a fishing trawler and soon realises that his only hope of freedom may be to become as violent as his captors. (Khmer Thai, English subtitles, M, 2019).

Thursday 7 August  
1pm to 3pm  
Collingwood Library



## Party Girl

Indie queen Parker Posey stars in this 90s cult classic as a party girl diva forced to take a job as a librarian. Both a messy romantic comedy and time capsule of Manhattan's club scene, *Party Girl's* greatest triumphs are its iconic outfits and banging soundtrack. (English, M, 1995).

Monday 18 August  
6pm to 8pm  
Richmond Theatre



## Like Father, Like Son

When Ryota, a businessman, learns that his biological son was switched with another boy after birth, he faces a difficult decision. Does he choose his biological son or the boy he and his wife have raised as their own for six years? (Japanese, English subtitles, MA15+, 2013).

Thursday 4 September  
1pm to 3pm  
Collingwood Library



## Make Hummus Not War

Amidst a dispute over who 'owns' hummus, *Make Hummus Not War* follows 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 society. (English, Not rated, 2012).

Monday 15 September  
3.30pm to 5.30pm  
Richmond Theatre

## Creative studio nights

Explore music production, podcasting, content creation and more. If you've ever wanted to get creative and learn a new skill, Richmond's monthly Creative Studio Nights were made for you! Each month, we'll introduce you to a range of topics and technology in a supportive learning environment. These sessions are inclusive and beginner friendly. We can't wait to see what you create!

**Mondays 7 July, 4 August & 1 September • 5.30pm to 7.30pm**  
Richmond Library



## Password safety and management workshop

Passwords are crucial for keeping your personal data secure online. But how do you create effective passwords? And how do you remember them all? This useful session explores all the knowledge you need to create passwords you won't forget...and what happens if you do.

**Friday 4 July • 10.30am to 11.30am**  
Bargoonga Nganjin



## Scan and save your photos and memories

Digitise your photographs, slides, film or VHS tapes, and keep your family's memories safe and accessible for a whole new generation. We'll show you how. Book an induction to learn to use our Epson Perfection V850 Pro Scanner and other equipment, then come back at your leisure!

**Multiple dates and times available**  
Carlton Library - see Eventbrite for details

# national science week

Australia's annual celebration of science and technology!  
**Saturday 9 August to Sunday 17 August • All Yarra Libraries branches**



## One-On-One VR experience

Explore the limitless world of virtual reality. Try out our VR headset and discover the inner workings of VR, immersive gaming, and alternate realities. With personalised guidance, this unique session guarantees an exciting, informative, and unforgettable journey into the future of entertainment. Suitable for ages 13+

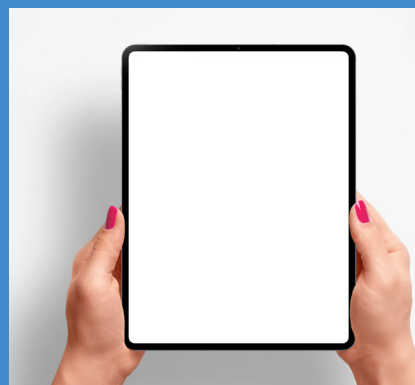
**Wednesday 13 August**  
Multiple sessions between 5pm-8pm  
Bargoonga Nganjin



## The Science of Attention: How nature can help

In a world full of distraction, can nature help us concentrate? Join Professor Katherine Johnson from Melbourne University as she discusses the scientific understanding of attention and what the research says when it comes to staying focused.

**Thursday 14 August • 6.30pm to 7.30pm**  
Bargoonga Nganjin



## iPad Protips

Take your iPad skills to amazing new levels! Bring along your iPad (or a similar tablet) and our friendly facilitator will share all the tips and tricks you'll need to make your iPad work for you. No iPad? Visit your nearest Yarra Libraries branch to find out more about our iPad lending program!

**Monday 8 September • Richmond Library**  
Multiple sessions between 10am-12pm



## YARRA STEAM LABS

## 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

## CRAFTERNOON

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](http://yarralibraries.vic.gov.au)



THE CHILDREN'S  
BOOK COUNCIL  
OF AUSTRALIA  
SINCE 1945 — YOUR CONNECTION TO STORY

## Children's Book Week 16 August to 23 August

Book an adventure this year for Children's Book Week! 2025 marks 80 years of Book Week – that's eight decades of colourful costumes and amazing Australian stories. Join us for a variety of Book Week-themed stories at our regular Storytime sessions at all branches - dressing up as your favourite book character is highly encouraged! Or drop into any Yarra Libraries branch and pick up our Book Week Scavenger Hunt and begin your own literary adventure

**Book Week: 16 to 23 August**  
All Yarra Libraries branches



## National Science Week STEAM Labs

As if our regular STEAM Labs aren't fun enough, during Science Week, we're turning up the science to maximum levels! Join us for an exciting week of discovery, creativity, and hands-on learning as our STEAM Labs celebrate National Science Week! We'll explore the wonders of science across our four labs - Art Lab, Maker Lab, Crafternoon, and Lego Club.

**Monday 10 August to Friday 15 August**  
All Yarra Libraries branches



## Kids' clothing swap

Kids grow up fast. Our Kids' Clothing Swap is a sustainable, free way to make sure your kiddo has something to wear. Bring along a bag of clean clothes in good condition, suitable for children under five, and take home a bag in return. There'll be changing facilities, comfy couches, toys to play with and pre-loved library books for you to take home. *In partnership with Mums in Yarra and the Richmond Toy Library.*

**Saturday 30 August • 10am to 12pm**  
Richmond Library

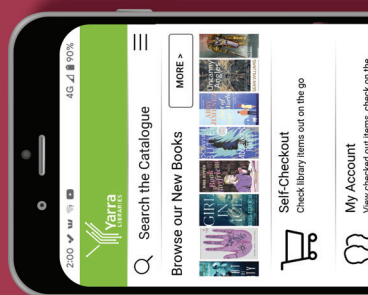
## YARRA LIBRARIES OPENING HOURS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Carlton Library	10am-6pm	10am-8pm	10am-6pm	10am-8pm	10am-6pm	10am-4pm	2pm-5pm
Collingwood Library	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	10am-1pm	Closed
Fitzroy Library	10am-6pm	10am-8pm	10am-8pm	10am-8pm	10am-6pm	10am-4pm	2pm-5pm
Bargoonga Nganjin	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	10am-8pm	10am-8pm	10am-6pm	10am-4pm	2pm-5pm
Richmond Library	10am-8pm	10am-8pm	10am-8pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	10am-4pm	2pm-5pm



## Libraries Victoria App

Browse the full Yarra Libraries catalogue, manage loans, place holds, renew items, manage printing, access our wide range of eResources and more through the Libraries Victoria mobile app.



## Make the most of your Yarra Libraries membership.

With a Yarra Libraries membership, you can:



**Borrow**  
up to 60 items at a time.



**Browse**  
our digital collection of audiobooks, eBooks, and streamable movies.



**Reserve**  
the items you want at a time and place that suits you.



**Join online:**  
If you're over 18, you can sign up for a digital or full membership now and access our digital collection. Sign up at: [bit.ly/JoinYarraLib](https://bit.ly/JoinYarraLib)



**Print, copy & scan**  
documents and photos using your own device or one of our PCs.



**Use**  
our free PCs or Wi-Fi



**Access**  
one of the largest lending libraries in Australia (Libraries Victoria)



**Join at the library:**  
Head to any Yarra Libraries branch with some ID and proof of address. If you're under 18, a parent or guardian may need to sign-up on your behalf.



To find out more, scan the QR code, visit [library.yarracity.vic.gov.au/become-a-member](https://library.yarracity.vic.gov.au/become-a-member) or call 1300 695 427.

