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YARRA LIBRARIES

WHAT'S ON

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2025

TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL
FILM SCREENINGS
BIG SUMMER READ
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 or call **1300 695 427**

LATEST NEWS



TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE VIGIL

Join us on Trans Day of Remembrance for a vigil honouring lives lost to anti-trans violence. Presented by Transgender Victoria, City of Yarra and Yarra Libraries, the evening includes speakers, performances, Auslan interpretation, and a social hour with refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Doors open at 5.30pm.

Thursday 20 November • 5.30pm to 8.30pm
Collingwood Town Hall

Illustration by Emerson Zandegu



Celebrating 50 Years of Vietnamese Community in Yarra

FILM SCREENING

East Meets West (1984)

Join us for a special screening of *East Meets West*, a 1984 documentary based on a theatrical event collaboration between West Theatre Company and Melbourne's Vietnamese community. This event celebrates 50 years of Vietnamese community in Yarra and includes a post-screening discussion with Director Ivan Hexter and light Vietnamese refreshments. Come along to discover local history, share in culture, and connect with your community.

Saturday 25 October • 11am to 1pm
Richmond Library

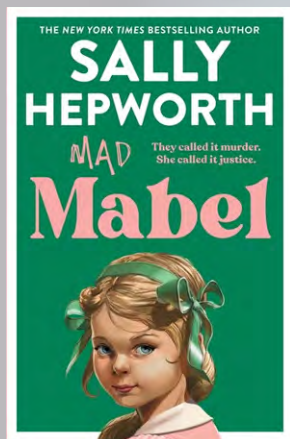


WRITING & LITERATURE

SALLY HEPWORTH

Mad Mabel

From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Soulmate* and *Darling Girls* comes *Mad Mabel* - a deliciously surprising novel of friendship and family with a side of suspense, secrets and murder. Author Sally Hepworth is one of Australia's brightest fiction stars. She's joining us in the Ballroom at Fitzroy Town Hall along with crime novelist, Karina Kilmore to discuss her latest novel, *Mad Mabel*. You'd be mad to miss it!



Event sponsored by
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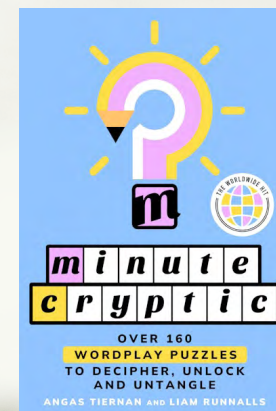
Wednesday 8 October
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Fitzroy Town Hall Ballroom

ANGAS TIERNAN & LIAM RUNNALLS

Minute Cryptic

Want to get into cryptic crosswords but no idea how to decipher the clues? Angas Tiernan and Liam Runnalls are the creators of the hugely popular online puzzle platform, *Minute Cryptic*. They're coming to Collingwood Library to celebrate the release of their new book and share the secrets behind cracking cryptic clues! Angas and Liam will guide you through the fundamentals of cryptic crosswords, with plenty of tips, tricks and laughs along the way!

Saturday 8 November • 10.30am to 12pm
Collingwood Library

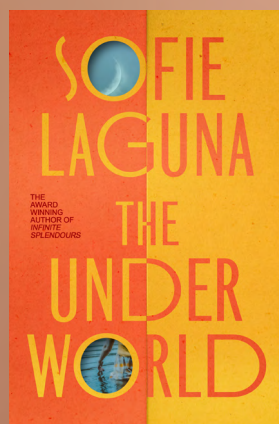


SOFIE LAGUNA

The Underworld Book Launch

Join Miles Franklin Award-winner Sofie Laguna to launch her much-anticipated new novel *The Underworld*. Funny, brave, and deeply moving, this unforgettable coming-of-age story introduces eccentric Classics scholar Martha Mullins - a misfit, a seeker, a lover. A celebration of voice, identity, friendship, and finding your place in the world.

Photo: Penguin Random House



Tuesday 28 October
6.30pm to 8pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



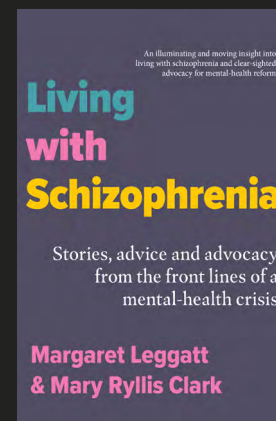
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DR MARGARET LEGGATT & MARY RYLLIS CLARK

Living with Schizophrenia Panel Conversation

Mental health advocates Dr Margaret Leggatt and Mary Ryllis Clark are the authors of *Living with Schizophrenia: Stories, Advice and Advocacy from the Front Lines of a Mental-Health Crisis*. Together with a panel of guests with lived experience of schizophrenia, they'll discuss the nuances and stigma surrounding this complex condition.

Thursday 30 October • 6.30pm to 7.30pm
Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room



PETER MITCHELL

Under the Same Moon

Under the Same Moon: An Australian Battalion at War and a Family at Home is a distinctive narrative that weaves together the lives of a family, their sons, and the men of the battalion they join, all set against the backdrop of a now-vanished Australia of World War II. Author Peter Mitchell will share how he compiled this story and social history, drawing extensively from unpublished and previously unseen written accounts, oral histories, letters and archival materials. Learn about the story's unique connection to Collingwood and Carlton, including an entire district football team, the Carlton Imperial Rovers, who enlisted when the Battalion was formed in May 1940.



Thursday 13 November • 6.30pm to 7.30pm
Carlton Library

EVELYN ARALUEN

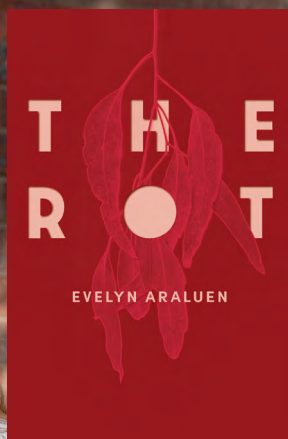
The Rot

The Rot is the searing new collection from Goorie and Koori poet Evelyn Araluen, a powerful follow-up to her Stella Prize-winning *Dropbear*. In this urgent and lyrical work, Araluen confronts colonial decay, ecological grief, and cultural survival with unflinching clarity. This event promises an evening of fierce poetry, political reckoning, and uncompromising truth from one of Australia's most vital literary voices.

Wednesday 26 November
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room



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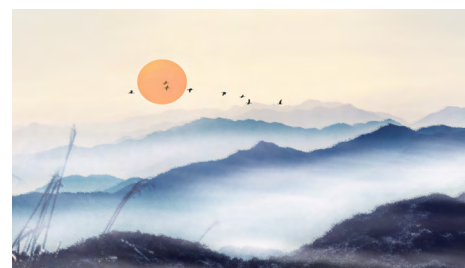
BOOK CLUBS & MORE



Bring Your Own Book Club

This monthly session has no set reading list - just come along and share a little about 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 8 October, 12 November &
10 December • 10.30am to 11.30am
Carlton Library



Chinese Literature Talk

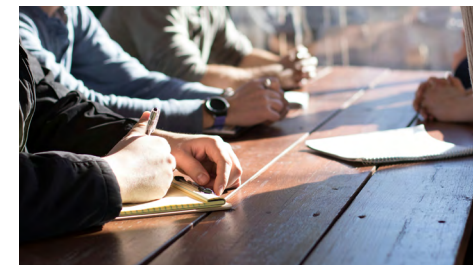
文學講座

Join us to celebrate the 15th anniversary of Yarra Chinese Mini Fiction Writers Association with Keynote speakers from China and Australia.

歡迎參加微型小說學會成立十五周年澳中作家交流會

Sunday 7 December • 2pm to 4.30pm
Richmond Library

12月7日星期日下午2:00pm-4:30pm
Richmond 圖書館二樓劇場



Community Writing Group

Every month, bring writing materials and up to 1,500 words of your work in hardcopy for workshopping with our like-minded group of writers. Discuss narrative techniques and learn how to make your writing stand out. Ages 17+ Join us for free writing time between 1.30pm to 5.30pm.

Thursdays 2 October, 13 November, &
4 December • 1.30pm to 8pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



Chinese Reading Club

Members of our new Chinese Reading Club will gather monthly at Richmond Library to discuss books they're reading.

歡迎加入中文讀書俱樂部，一起討論和悅讀。

Thursdays 2 October, 6 November, &
5 December 6.30pm to 8pm
Richmond Library

10月2日, 11月6日星期四, 和12月5日星期五晚上,
6:30pm-8:00pm, Richmond圖書館二樓會議室

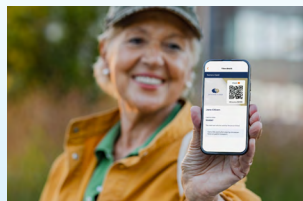
Victorian Seniors Festival 2025



#oldisbeautiful exhibition launch

Celebrate the opening of photography exhibition *#oldisbeautiful*, featuring black and white portraits of some of Yarra's older community, accompanied by their reflections on beauty. Hear from Director and Founder of Celebrate Ageing, Dr. Catherine Bennett about how the wider *#oldisbeautiful* campaign is fostering a healthier outlook on what beauty is.

Friday 10 October • 10.30am to 11.30am • Richmond Library



How to get a Digital Seniors Card

Need help obtaining your Digital Seniors card? Our staff will guide you step-by-step, ensuring you can access your exclusive benefits with ease. If time allows we can also show you how to add other digital cards to your mobile device. Bring your mobile phone and physical copy of your seniors card.

Wednesday 8 October
2pm to 3pm
Fitzroy Library

Friday 31 October
10.30am to 11.30am
Carlton Library



Pre-retirement and retirement planning

Planning your retirement? Our superannuation expert will cover a range of topics, including Centrelink entitlements and eligibility, transitioning to retirement and understanding super and tax as well as pre-retirement tips and considerations.

Monday 13 October
2pm to 3pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



Bird count for beginners

Discover the joy of birding and contribute to science! The Aussie Bird Count is on - we're taking a walk to the Birrarung to observe and record the bird life! Starting at Collingwood Library and guided by an expert in the field. Bookings essential.

Thursday 23 October
10.30am to 12pm
Collingwood Library



**CONNECT
CREATE
CELEBRATE**

1-31 October

RECOLLECTION

PETER BEER

CLEMENTS LANGFORD: From Cottages to Colosseums, A Melbourne Master Builder's Lasting Legacy

Twentieth Century Master Builder Clements Langford contributed to creating some of Melbourne's most memorable streetscapes. Join Peter Beer as he showcases some of the 70 plus buildings, warehouses, factories, shops, cottages, houses, halls and spires designed and built by his great grandfather Clements Langford, particularly the notable historic buildings in Richmond. Bookings required.

Tuesday 2 December
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Richmond Library



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. Bookings required.

By appointment

Walking Melbourne General Cemetery

Discover the history of the Melbourne General Cemetery, the oldest and most historic of our existing cemeteries. For the last century and a half, it has been the final resting place of Melbourne's famous and infamous. Learn about some of the interesting or notorious characters who are buried there. Bookings required.

Monday 27 October
10am to 12pm
Meet at the Northern gate of the Melbourne General Cemetery, Macpherson Street, Princes Hill





Social crochet

Learn the intricate needlework of crochet! Led by a qualified tutor, join us for a dose of creativity, mindfulness and conversation. We also invite anyone who is learning English to practice their conversational skills while you crochet. Materials supplied.

Fridays • 11am-12pm and 1pm-3pm • Richmond Library



Learn to sew Sashiko

Learn the traditional Japanese embroidery technique that you can use for decoration, mending, and mindfulness. Use traditional techniques and patterns to create something beautiful. All skill levels welcome, no experience required.

**Wednesday 12 November
6pm to 7.30pm
Bargoonga Nganjin**

MAKE / DO



Fitzroy community market

All are welcome to our vibrant community market. We'll have free pre-loved books and magazines in several languages available, as well as an area for kids. We're often joined by local organisations offering entertainment and services.

**Fridays 3 Oct & 5 Dec
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
1pm to 2pm
Bargoonga Nganjin**



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**



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!

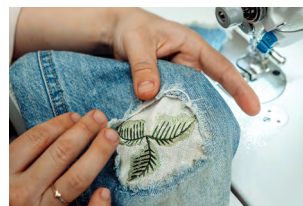
Carlton & Fitzroy Libraries
Multiple dates and times - see Eventbrite for details



Sewing clubs

Don't have access to a sewing machine? Our sewing club sessions let like-minded crafters work on individual projects. It's 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.* Bookings required.

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Visible mending workshop

Fix your clothes! Bring an item of clothing and get advice from experienced sewists on the best way to mend or alter it, as well as tips and tricks for mending, darning, and altering all kinds of garments. All skill levels welcome, no sewing experience required.

**Wednesday 10 December
6pm to 7.30pm
Bargoonga Nganjin**



Cyanotype workshop

Join local artist Natalie Blom for a hands-on printmaking workshop exploring the cyanotype, a cameraless photographic process. Learn about the history of photographic imagery and how to make your own eco-friendly prints at home. Materials provided. Bookings required.

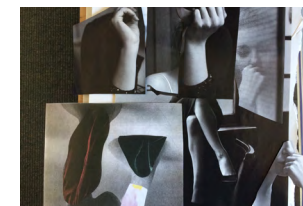
**Saturday 15 November
10.30am to 12pm
Richmond Library**



Introduction to fashion illustration

This workshop is the perfect introduction for beginners to start expressing their creativity through sketching and design. Participants will be guided through the process of drafting their own fashion figure template from start to finish. No experience required!

**Thursday 27 November
6pm to 8.30pm
Bargoonga Nganjin**



Collage club

Collage Club meets 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 28 October & 25 November
5.30pm to 7.30pm
Richmond Library**



CINEMA YARRA

FILM SCREENINGS AT YARRA LIBRARIES



Tucked

In *Tucked*, an aging drag queen forms a powerful, unexpected friendship with a young, non-binary performer. Set in Brighton's vibrant drag scene, their bond grows over six transformative weeks, as they share stories, confront regrets, and embrace identity. A tender, witty film about love, legacy, and chosen family. (English, M, 2019).

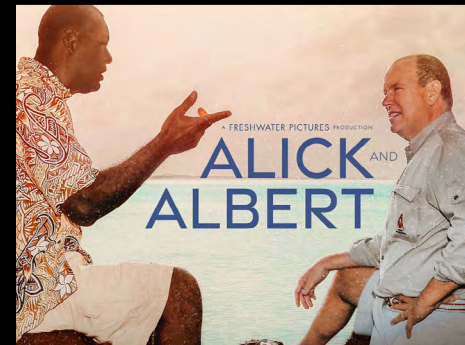
Thursday 6 November • 1pm to 3pm
Collingwood Library



Keyboard Fantasies

Part-biopic, part tour documentary, *Keyboard Fantasies* tells the tale of time-travelling black transgender musician Beverly Glen-Copeland, who emerges from years in isolation to become a cult icon and international touring musician at the age of 74. (English, Not rated, 2019).

Monday 17 November • 6pm to 8pm
Richmond Library



Alick and Albert

Alick and Albert follows the unexpected friendship between Torres Strait Islander artist Alick Tipoti and Prince Albert II of Monaco. Through art and dialogue, they connect over a shared passion for ocean conservation, bridging cultural and geographic divides in a poetic exploration of environmental responsibility and Indigenous knowledge. (English, Rated G, 2021).

Thursday 2 October • 1pm to 3pm
Collingwood Library



What We Do In The Shadows

Taika Waititi's (*Jojo Rabbit*, *Hunt For The Wilder People*) black comedy about a group of vampire housemates trying to adapt to modern society is bloody hilarious and the perfect way to celebrate Spooktober! (English, M, 2014).

Monday 20 October • 6pm to 8pm
Richmond Library



Wajib : The Wedding Invitation

At Christmas time, a father and his estranged son spend one day hand-delivering wedding invitations in Nazareth, as Palestinian tradition demands. Their car-ride journey reveals generational and ideological estrangement—between rooted duty and cosmopolitan exile—unfolding with dry humor, emotional honesty, and rich insight into family, identity, and homeland. (Arabic with English Subtitles, M, 2018).

Thursday 4 December • 1pm to 3pm
Collingwood Library

Film screenings presented as part of Trans Month



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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!



Locally grown discovery tours

Discover a thriving community of growers in Fitzroy and Fitzroy North. From glossy veggies growing in a car park to the hidden gems behind an ordinary fence. If you've ever wondered 'how does that grow there?' these walking tours are for you! *These My Smart Garden events are presented in partnership with Yarra City Council - City Works Branch.*

Saturday 18 October
12.30pm to 2pm
Bargoonga Nganjin

Tuesday 11 November
1pm to 2.45pm • Fitzroy Library



Gardening without harsh chemicals

Discover how to create a natural balance in your garden that discourages pests, while avoiding harsh sprays and chemicals. We'll cover netting, traps and barriers, reducing pest habitats, and companion planting to encourage beneficial insects. Presented by Sustainable Gardening Australia, this talk is part of our social gardeners' group.

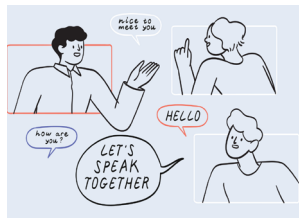
Thursday 2 October
10.30am to 11:45am
Carlton Library



Social Gardeners' Group

Grow your gardening skills and your social connections! At these monthly gatherings, you'll learn from gardening experts and help maintain the Yarra Seed Library. It's a great opportunity to learn everything you need to make your garden grow, while contributing to a more sustainable future for Yarra.

Thursdays 2 October, 13 November & 11 December
10am to 12pm
Carlton Library



Reading English aloud

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. Gain confidence and learn more about Australia through its stories.

Thursdays 9 October, 13 November & 4 December
2.30pm to 3.30pm
Collingwood Library

Content Creation Workshops with Matt Tinkler

Join electronic music-maker, educator and YouTuber Matt Tinkler for a three-part series on content creation. Book in for one, or all sessions.



Plan it: Foundations of Content Creation

Understand what content creation is, identify your audience, and plan content with purpose.

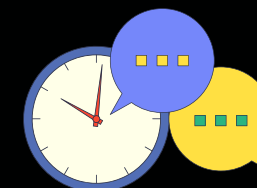
Monday 6 October
6pm to 7.30pm
Richmond Library



Make It: Creating Eye-Catching Content

Learn how to design and produce visual or video content using user-friendly tools.

Monday 10 November
6pm to 7.30pm
Richmond Library



Share It: Growing Your Audience

Learn how and when to publish content, write engaging captions, and build an audience.

Monday 1 December
6pm to 7.30pm
Richmond Library



Scam safety

Scams are on the rise, making it crucial to stay informed. Sarah from SmartLearn will explore common scams, online safety tips, and what to do if you suspect fraud. Stay safe in today's digital world.

Friday 24 October
10.30am to 12pm
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:
bit.ly/YL_DigitalHelp or call
1300 695 427



Scan and save your photos and memories

Digitise your photographs, slides, film or VHS tapes to keep your memories safe for future generations. Book an induction to learn how to use our equipment, then come back at your leisure!

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

YARRA STEAM LABS



AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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



MAKER LAB
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



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

Thursdays
3.45pm to 4.45pm
Carlton & Collingwood Library



LEGO CLUB
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
NEW!
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

BIG SUMMER READ

Get ready to participate in Victoria's statewide summer reading program for kids! The BIG Summer Read is a fun way to track your reading over summer – and this summer, it's bigger than ever, with activities, challenges and prizes to win! Make sure you keep an eye on our eNews and social media channels to find out how you can get involved.

1 December 2025 to 31 January 2026



STEAM Fest discovery day

STEAM Fest 2025 is a fun-filled, free event for kids and families over the Spring school holidays. Discover the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math through exciting hands-on activities, giant bubbles, LEGO building, robots, and more. Come explore, create, and be inspired together at the library.

Saturday 4 October • 10am to 1.30pm
Richmond Library



Kids' clothing swap

Join us for the last clothing Swap of 2025! Kids grow up really fast. Keeping them dressed can be a challenge! This is a sustainable, free way to make sure your kiddo always 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 will be changing facilities, comfy couches, toys to play with – and we'll have pre-loved library books for you to take home, free of charge! *In partnership with Mums in Yarra and the Richmond Toy Library.*

Saturday 29 November • 10am to 12pm
Richmond Library

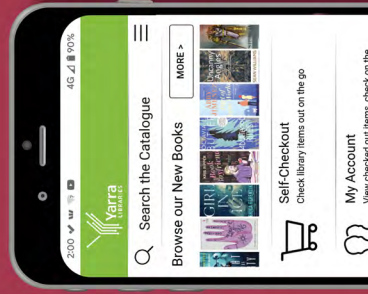
YARRA LIBRARIES OPENING HOURS

	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 Nganjijin	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.



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

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With a Yarra Libraries membership, you can:



Borrow
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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



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.

