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APRIL-JUNE 2026



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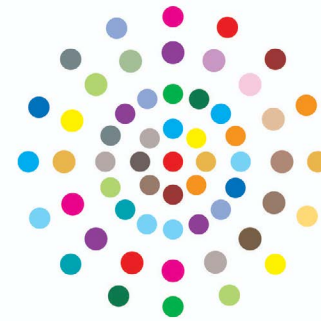
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All Yarra Libraries events are free to attend but require bookings unless otherwise specified.

TO BOOK, scan the QR code above, visit:
www.yarralibraries.vic.gov.au or call **1300 695 427**

LATEST NEWS



Refugee Week

Coordinated by
Refugee Council of Australia

Refugee Week 2026: A Million Stories

Sunday 14 June to Saturday 20 June

A single story can change a perspective. A million can change the world. This refugee week join us at Yarra libraries to share and celebrate the vast tapestry of refugee experiences. Through books, conversation, film, food and community, we'll discover how every story builds a stronger, more connected world.

Full details to come. Keep an eye on our eNews and social media for updates.

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Writing as resistance

How do words become tools, shields and lifelines? Join Antoun Issa (Rebirth), Micaela Sahhar (Find Me at the Jaffa Gate) and Dr Wayne Atkinson (Beyond the Meeting of the Waters) in conversation with Daniel James to discuss writing as resistance. Together, they explore how literature bears witness, challenges dominant narratives and reclaims stories shaped by colonialism, displacement and injustice.

1pm to 2pm



Seed: Bri Lee on climate, reproduction and survival.

What happens when science, ethics and survival collide? Join Bri Lee in conversation with Sophie Cunningham about her Antarctic novel Seed, where scientists build a seed vault amid ecological crisis. Lee explores climate fiction, reproductive ethics and the moral dilemmas of preservation—asking what survival costs and who decides what is saved.

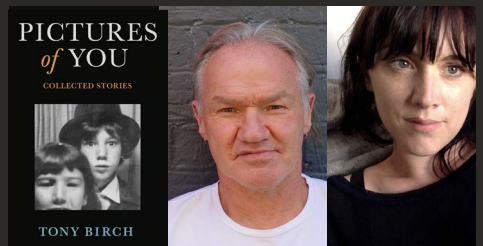
2.30pm to 3.30pm



Leah Manamea Avene: The body, a library

How do we honour the knowledge our bodies hold? In Silence. Performance, Ursula K. Le Guin reflects on the limits of writing when words are no longer lived events. Stories endure through breath and gesture. Join Leah Manamea Avene for FIELDWORK's opening address on embodied knowledge, oral storytelling, resistance and remembrance across generations.

10am to 11am



Pictures of you: Tony Birch on the art of the short story

Join award-winning author Tony Birch in conversation with writer and critic Bec Kavanagh. Discussing Pictures of You: Collected Stories, Birch reflects on two decades of short fiction exploring resilience, justice and everyday grace. Together, they examine the craft of short fiction—its precision, emotional depth and power to capture transformative moments.

11.30am to 12.30pm



A question of age: Maxine Beneba Clarke and Jacinta Parsons in conversation

What does it mean to grow older in a world that worships youth? Join Maxine Beneba Clarke and Jacinta Parsons in conversation about Beautiful Changelings and A Wisdom of Age. Reflecting on aging, womanhood, motherhood and resilience, they explore beauty, change and how storytelling shapes who we are—and who we become.

4pm to 5pm



Who can we trust? Media and misinformation in the age of AI

In a world of deepfakes, algorithmic feeds and AI-generated headlines, who do we trust? Osman Faruqi (Lamestream), Namila Benson (ABC) and Matilda Boseley (The Guardian) explore the role of media today, unpacking truth, media literacy and the future of news amid misinformation and rapid technological change.

5.30pm to 6.30pm

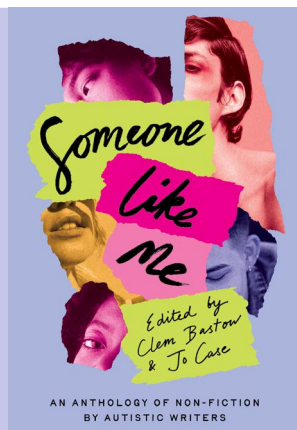
WRITING & LITERATURE

SOMEONE LIKE ME:

What is Autistic writing?

What does it mean to write from an autistic perspective in a world that often misunderstands it? Someone Like Me brings together UQP anthology writers, joined by co-editor Clem Bastow, to discuss voice, identity, craft, and how diverse autistic stories are reshaping how lives are written, read, and understood.

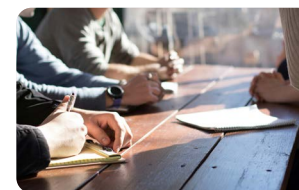
Wednesday 6 May • 6.30pm to 7.30pm
Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room



Reading English aloud

Practice English in a friendly setting with library staff. Each month, read and discuss poems and short stories by Australian writers to gain confidence and learn about Australia.

Thursdays 23 April & 28 May • 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Richmond Library



Community writing group

Our monthly creative writing group: drop in from 1.30pm for quiet writing with prompts, then workshop up to 1,500 words from 5.30pm. Share techniques and feedback. Ages 17+

Thursdays 2 April, 7 May & 4 June • 1.30pm to 8pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



Bring your own book club

This monthly session has no set reading list—just share what you've been reading. All genres welcome, and if you're in a reading slump, feel free to just listen!

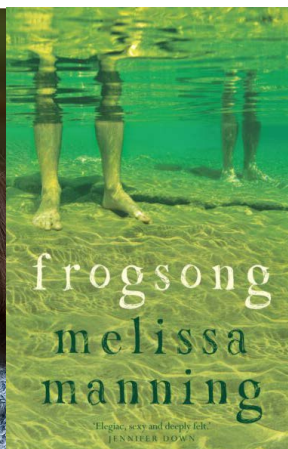
Wednesdays 8 April, 13 May & 10 June
10.30am to 11.30am
Carlton Library

MELISSA MANNING: FROGSONG

In conversation with Michael Winkler

Join us for a discussion of *Frogsong* by Melissa Manning, winner of the 2022 Victorian Premier's Literary Award. Set in Tasmania, this tender novel explores love, addiction, and the pull of the past. In conversation with acclaimed writer Michael Winkler (Grimmish, Griefdog).

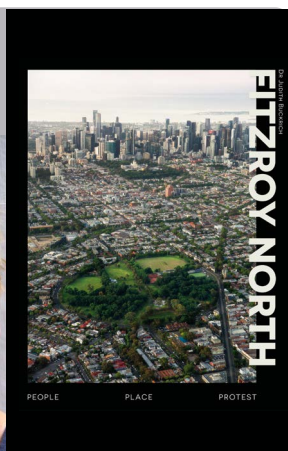
Wednesday 20 May
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Carlton Library



FITZROY NORTH: PEOPLE, PLACE, PROTEST Book Launch

Fitzroy North: People, Place, Protest traces 200 years of the suburb's history, from local Aboriginal communities to early colonists, gold rush migrants, war-displaced people, and 60s-70s activists. Dr. Judith Buckrich explores changes in infrastructure, demographics, and employment, illustrated with historic photos of protests, streetscapes, and notable residents.. Bookings essential.

Thursday 7 May • 6.30pm to 8pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



COMMUNITY & CULTURE

Money made easy Workshops with WIRE

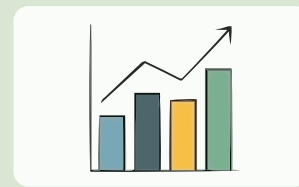
Take charge of your financial wellbeing with WIRE's practical workshops, helping women and gender-diverse people build confidence and security. Join one or more sessions.



Budgeting and other basics

Start your financial journey: learn practical ways to track spending and plan budgets. We'll explore the connection between money and emotions, and why financial wellness matters.

Wednesday 10 June
10.30am to 12.30pm
Collingwood Library



Planning for the future

Learn the basics of wills, superannuation, insurance, and your financial rights in this practical workshop to help you plan for life events like education, family, travel, or retirement.

Wednesday 17 June
10.30am to 12.30pm
Collingwood Library



Building better habits

Discover tools to navigate big life decisions like career changes, buying a home, or planning for retirement. Imagine your version of financial security and the habits and resources to support it.

Wednesday 24 June
10.30am to 12.30pm
Collingwood Library

MAKE / DO

Composing Landscape using linear perspective: Workshop with Florence Wang

Learn how to use linear perspective to create realistic urban landscapes. This beginner workshop covers identifying scenes, capturing images outdoors, and applying perspectives in indoor landscape painting. Bring your own materials; basic supplies provided. *Presented as part of the Community Arts Exhibition program.*

Saturday 30 May • 11am to 1pm • Fitzroy Library

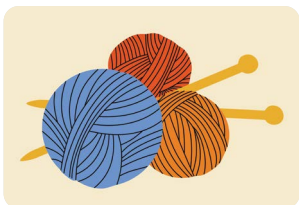


Fragments in Clay: Touch, Repair and Making with Elena Larriba Andaluz

Join artist Elena Larriba for a hands-on clay workshop inspired by her exhibition *Gathered Fragments*. Explore clay as a material of touch, memory and repair, working with small fragments to create your own tactile forms. Leave with a piece of your own. *Presented as part of the Community Arts Exhibition program.*

Wednesday 3 June • 6pm to 7pm • Bargoonga Ngajin

Photo: Elena Larriba



Social crochet

Bring your crochet, knitting or darning project to work on, while having a chat. If you're not sure what to make, bring a ball of 8 or 10 ply yarn and make for KOGO (Knit One Give One). Experienced textile artists and creators will be there to provide guidance.

Fridays • 1pm to 3pm
Richmond Library



Sewing clubs

Do you know how to sew but don't have a machine? Use one of our sewing machines! Scissors and thread can be collected from the library staff. Please note, prior experience is required, as this is not a sewing class. Bookings essential.

Carlton Library.
See Eventbrite for details



Sew-Amazing! Beginner workshops

Learn to use a sewing machine in a friendly, supportive environment where everything you need is provided and no experience is necessary.

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

Eco-inking by the Birrarung

Celebrate World Environment Day by exploring natural pigments. Walk from Collingwood Library to the Yarra River to gather materials, then return to experiment with colors and reflect on our connection to the earth. Materials provided. *This event is in celebration of World Environment Day.*

Friday 5 June • 2pm to 3.30pm
Collingwood Library



Paint and Create art club

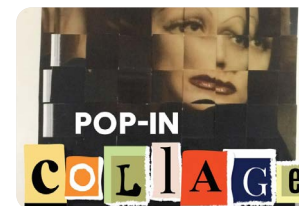
Explore famous artists and create your own inspired pieces in this relaxed program. Enjoy a peaceful space to focus, unwind, and express your creativity. No experience needed. All materials supplied.

Thursdays 23 April,
7 May & 4 June
11am to 12.30pm
Richmond Library

Get gardening: Wicking pots workshop

Learn to grow healthy plants with less water in this hands-on workshop. Make self-watering wicking pots to save time and boost growth. Materials provided; bring a mask and gloves. This My Smart Garden Event is presented in partnership with Yarra City Council - City Works Branch.

Thursday 9 April • 10.30am to 12pm
Carlton Library



Pop-in Collage

Pop in to pop-in-collage! Enjoy the wellbeing benefits of engaging in the creative arts and meet like-minded people in a relaxed environment. Please note that this is an unfacilitated program suitable for all ages and abilities, with all materials supplied.

Tuesdays • 1.30pm to 5pm
Richmond Library



Get gardening!

Grow plants and meet people! Get Gardening workshops cover soil, companion planting, and seed saving for the Yarra Seed Library, with guest speakers from the sustainability community.

Thursdays 9 April,
14 May & 11 June
10.30am to 12pm
Carlton Library

DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW

LIBRARIES AFTER DARK

Discover something new at Libraries After Dark. Enjoy late-night community programs at Carlton and Richmond Library designed to connect you with like-minded people. With a range of creative offerings, there's something to inspire everyone.



Creative Studio Nights Workshops with Charles Jenkins

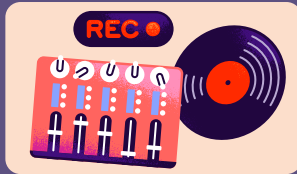
Known as the songwriter's songwriter, Charles Jenkins brings 30+ years in the Australian music industry, 24 albums and international touring experience. Join him for a special workshop series exploring the craft of songwriting.



Getting started: Ideas & lyrics

This beginner session explores how songs are built and where ideas come from. Play with words, try simple lyric exercises, and explore inspiration and musical styles. No experience needed.

Monday 13 April
6pm to 8pm
Richmond Library



Crafting a song

Learn how to turn written words into something that feels like a song. Through simple activities, explore melody, rhythm, and repetition, and experiment with singing or speaking lyrics. No experience or knowledge required.

Monday 4 May
6pm to 8pm
Richmond Library



Finishing a song & sharing it

Reflect and learn from one another in this relaxed session celebrating the creative process. Make final adjustments, share your work, and discuss the inspirations and meanings behind your finished piece.

Monday 1 June
6pm to 8pm
Richmond Library



Panel Pals comics club

Panel Pals is a monthly book club for adults to discuss favourite comics and graphic novels. We'll also read one together each month via the Comics Plus app. Ages 17+. Bookings essential. Snacks provided.

Thursdays 16 April, 21 May & 18 June
10.30am to 12pm • Carlton Library



Collage Club

A monthly community collage club. Whether you're a beginner or experienced, unleash your creativity—collage is simple, expressive and easy to learn. Create and connect with fellow creatives. All materials supplied.

Tuesdays 28 April, 26 May & 30 June
5.30pm to 7.30pm • Richmond Library



Last Year in Marienbad Screening & film club

Alain Resnais' *Last Year in Marienbad*, a surreal French New Wave classic that inspired Lynch, Kubrick, and Nolan. Watch the film or join a post-screening discussion. Refreshments provided. Refreshments provided. (French & English language with English subtitles. PG. 1961).

Monday 15 June
6pm to 9pm
Richmond Library



Morvern Callar Screening & film club

Lynne Ramsay (*We Need to Talk About Kevin*) adapts Alan Warner's cult novel about a Scottish woman who takes a road trip after her boyfriend's suicide. *Morvern Callar* is a stylish black comedy. Watch the film or join a post-screening discussion. Refreshments provided. (English. M. 2002).

Monday 15 June
6pm to 9pm
Richmond Library



The Wind Will Carry Us Screening & film club

Abbas Kiarostami's *The Wind Will Carry Us* is a transcendent road movie blending humour, stunning landscapes, and reflections on life, death, and culture. Watch the film or join a post-screening discussion. Refreshments provided. (Persian language with English subtitles. PG. 1999).

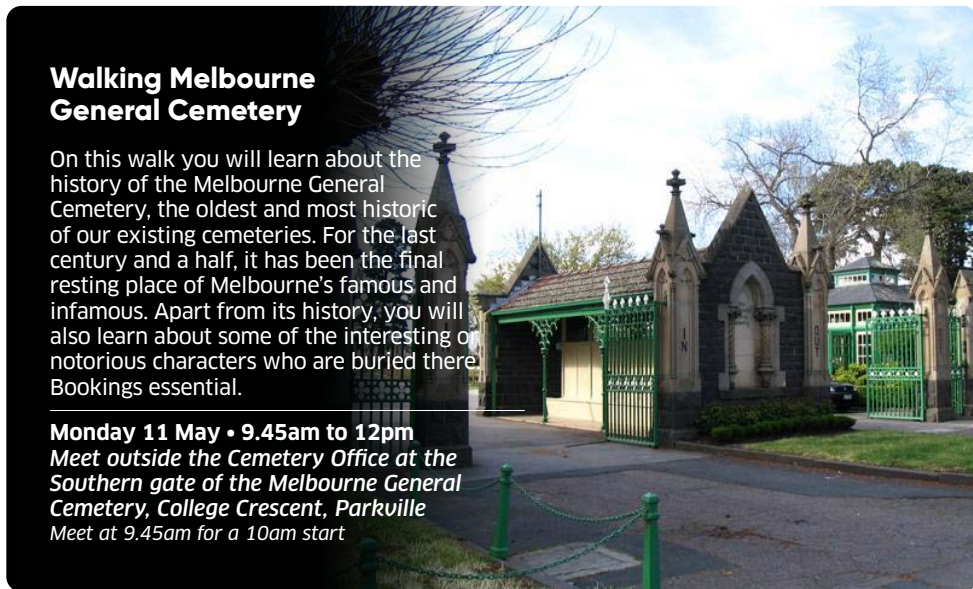
Monday 15 June
6pm to 9pm
Richmond Library

RECOLLECTION

Walking Melbourne General Cemetery

On this walk you will learn about 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. Apart from its history, you will also learn about some of the interesting or notorious characters who are buried there. Bookings essential.

Monday 11 May • 9.45am to 12pm
 Meet outside the Cemetery Office at the Southern gate of the Melbourne General Cemetery, College Crescent, Parkville
 Meet at 9.45am for a 10am start



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



Researching the history of your house in Yarra

Interested in researching the history of your house? Come along to this introductory session and get started with our expert Local History Librarian. Discover the range of resources available online and at Yarra Libraries to help you in your search. Bookings essential.

Tuesday 14 April
6.30pm to 8pm
 Fitzroy Library



Walking Collingwood

Discover Collingwood's history on this guided walk. Visit "The Flats" and the home of John Pascoe Fawkner, then explore sites including the original Congregational Church, Dr Singleton's Free Dispensary, "the smallest house in Victoria" and the first Kitchen Garden, established by Stephanie Alexander in 2001. Bookings essential.

Monday 22 June
1pm to 3pm
 Collingwood Library

CINEMA YARRA

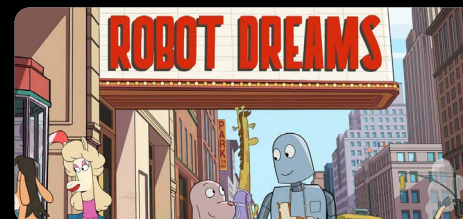
FILM SCREENINGS AT YARRA LIBRARIES



Kim Ji-young, born 1982

Kim Ji-young is your average Korean woman in her thirties - until a series of unexpected outbursts leaves her family and friends shocked and concerned. Based on the bestselling novel by Choo Nam-Joo, this look at the everyday sexism women face will leave you seething with rage. (Korean, with English subtitles. PG. 2019).

Thursday 7 May • 1pm to 3pm
 Collingwood Library

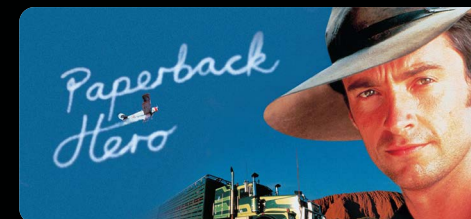


Robot Dreams

It's a blissful New York autumn in the '80s, and a miserable dog builds himself a robot companion. Naturally, the two become best buddies as they experience the city together. When Dog and Robot find themselves separated, will their friendship survive a long and lonely winter? (English. PG. 2023).

Thursday 2 April • 1pm to 3pm
 Collingwood Library

Enjoy thousands of critically acclaimed movies, foreign films and documentaries on **Kanopy** and **Beamafilm**. Free with your Yarra Libraries membership.



Paperback Hero

Jack is an Outback truck driver with a secret: he's a best-selling romance author writing under the name of his best friend's fiancée, Ruby. When his publisher arrives to meet the author, Jack convinces Ruby to play along with the ruse in this heartwarming Aussie cult comedy starring Claudia Karvan and Hugh Jackman. (English. M. 1999).

Thursday 4 June • 1pm to 3pm
 Collingwood Library

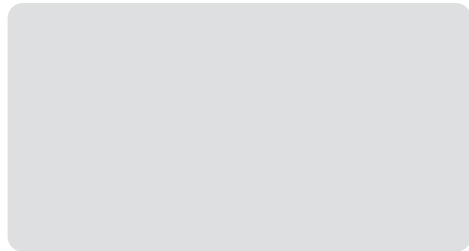


Our Warrior: The Story of Robbie Thorpe Film Screening and Panel

For over four decades, Fitzroy icon Robbie Thorpe has led Aboriginal resistance against invasion and dispossession. Our Warrior traces his life of activism, followed by a panel on his legacy, truth-telling, and what Indigenous resistance teaches us about justice and survival today.

Wednesday 17 June • 6pm to 8pm
 Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room

CHINESE LANGUAGE EVENTS



Bilingual Public Talk: Community, Connection, and Platforms: Understanding Chinese Australian Digital Life

中英雙語講座

How do Chinese Australian communities connect on WeChat, Douyin and RED? This talk explores the opportunities and risks of digital community life with Dr Wilfred Yang Wand and Dr Qiuping Pan, moderated by Dr Eric Jun Fu (University of Melbourne).

綫上互動，綫下扎根：看見澳洲華人的社區生活墨爾本大學中國研究學者講述微信和抖音等綫上平台在華人社區的應用。

Sunday 19 April • 2.30pm to 4.30pm
Richmond Library



Chinese New Book Launch

亞拉微型小說學會2026年新書發佈會

The Yarra Chinese Mini Fiction Writers Association will celebrate and launch its newest book for 2026.

請來參加亞拉微型小說學會2026年的新書發佈會

Saturday 2 May • 2pm to 4pm
Richmond Library



Bilingual art talk: Van Gogh and his connection with American Museums

中英雙語藝術講座

This talk retraces the long and challenging journey that American private collectors and museums had undertaken over the past half century to promote Van Gogh's art. A talk by Mr. Rui Gu.

梵高與美國博物館的淵源:回溯近半個世紀以來，美國私人收藏家和公共藝術博物館為推廣梵高藝術所走過的漫長曲折之路。主講人：顧睿

Saturday 13 June • 2pm to 4pm
Richmond Library



Chinese author talk

文學講座

Local Chinese authors from Aust-China Writers Association will share their new works and writing experience.

澳洲華人作家協會的作家們將分享他們的作品和創作經驗。

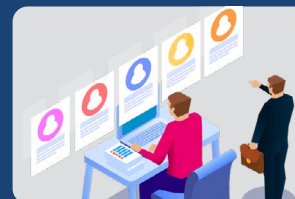
Saturday 6 June • 2pm to 4pm
Richmond Library

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Digital detox workshop

Phones are incredibly useful, but many of us feel we use them more than we'd like. In this casual session, connect with others and explore practical, realistic ways to reduce phone use without giving it up entirely. Learn how habits form, identify your own phone use patterns and discover tips to reduce your screen time.

Tuesday 5 May
6pm to 8pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



Learn to use Google apps

Want to learn how to use Google's free apps like Gmail, Drive, Docs and Sheets? Join us to explore key features with practical tips and time for questions. Discover how these tools can support your business, boost productivity and keep files organised in one place.

Tuesday 21 April
11am to 12pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



Navigating public transport with your phone

Feeling lost on buses, trains or trams? Learn how to use your smartphone to plan trips, check live arrival times and follow step-by-step directions. We'll cover everyday travel and local navigation as well as public transport overseas, so you can get around confidently at home or on your next adventure.

Tuesday 9 June
11am to 12pm
Richmond 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

KIDS

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



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

Wednesdays • 4pm to 5pm
Richmond 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
Fitzroy Library
**Fitzroy session facilitated*



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

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NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

LUNA ROO

the KANGAROO BALLER

27 May 2026

Celebrate National Simultaneous Storytime with Yarra Libraries! Join more than a million readers across Australia as we read this year's book, *Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller*, by Adrian Lloyd and Adam Jackson, illustrated by Jake A. Minton. Don't miss this vibrant annual celebration of reading, storytelling and connection. Keep an eye on Eventbrite for more details. Suitable for Ages 3+

Wednesday 27 May • 12pm to 1pm • Atherton Reserve

Kid's clothing swap

Join us at Richmond Library for an Under 5s Clothing Swap – a sustainable way to refresh your child's wardrobe. Bring a bag of good-quality kids' clothes and take one home. Leftovers will be donated to local charities. We'll also have free preloved library books available. The venue is pram accessible, with change facilities and comfy spaces to feed or relax. No clothes to swap? You're still welcome to take what you need, enjoy library toys, browse books and connect with other families. In partnership with Mums in Yarra.

Saturday 16 May • 10am to 12pm
Richmond Library

YARRA LIBRARIES OPENING HOURS

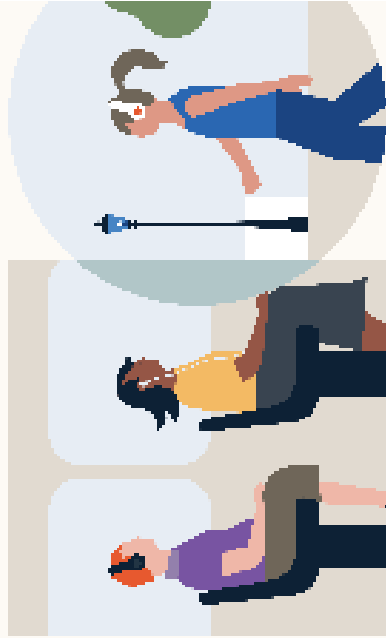
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Collingwood Library	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	10am-1pm	Closed
Fitzroy Library	10am-6pm	10am-8pm	10am-8pm	10am-8pm	10am-6pm	10am-4pm	2pm-5pm
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Browse
our digital collection of audiobooks, eBooks, and streamable movies.



Use
our free PCs or Wi-Fi



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



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

Not yet a member?



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



Join at the library:
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