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YARRA LIBRARIES

WHAT'S ON

JULY-SEPTEMBER 2026

Winter

WINTER COAT DRIVE 2026
CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK
CREATIVE STUDIO NIGHTS
WORKSHOPS
AUTHOR TALKS AND MORE!



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

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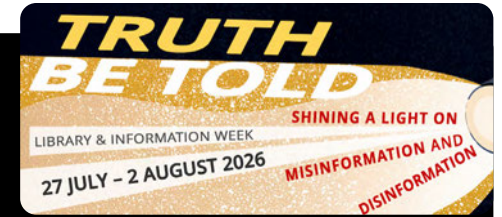
LATEST NEWS

Library and Information Week

27 July to 2 August

Truth Be Told: Shining a light on media and misinformation

Truth used to feel like something you could point to. These days, it's harder to pin down – shaped, stretched and sometimes distorted in a crowded information landscape. In some cases, the truth isn't just blurred – it's buried. That's where libraries come in. Built on the careful keeping and sharing of knowledge, they help communities cut through the noise – supporting people to question, verify and understand what they encounter, and to navigate misinformation and disinformation with confidence.



Matter of Facts workshop

Do you know how to tell if what you read online is fact or fiction? Tired of misinformation? This workshop, developed by the ABC, ALIA and Western Sydney University, explores AI, fact checking, media literacy and misinformation through discussions, clips from The Matter of Facts ABC iView docuseries, and a hands-on activity. This workshop is facilitated by library staff.

Wednesday 29 July • 6pm to 7.30pm Bargoonga Nganjin

Winter Coat Drive

Forget spring cleaning. Weed your winter wardrobe! Don't let your old coats and jackets keep hogging your closet, drop them off at Yarra Libraries so they can go to those in need.

We're working with the team from Off Your Back to collect clean coats that are still in good condition to keep Melbourne's unhoused community warm. Jackets for adults, teens and kids are appreciated – the cosier, the better!

Give your old coats a new lease on life. Look out for the collection bins at each of our library branches. We'll be accepting donations during regular business hours all winter.

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



WRITING & LITERATURE

GRACE YEE & MANISHA ANJALI

The Past Is The Present

Poetics of Migration

Poets Grace Yee and Manisha Anjali explore ancestry, and how the past reverberates insistently into the present. Through readings and dialogue, Grace and Manisha will explore how poetry becomes a vessel for remembrance, identity, history and protest. The writers will explore topics from present-day migration to the treatment of refugees, offshore detention and invisible labour.

Thursday 30 July
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Bargoonga Nganjin

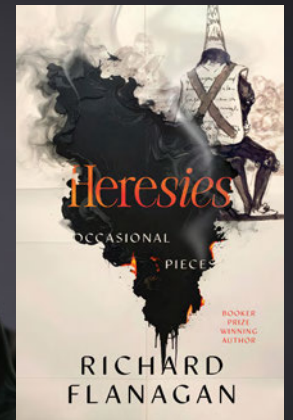


RICHARD FLANAGAN

Heresies Book Launch

From the only author ever to have won both the Booker Prize and the Baillie Gifford Prize (Britain's leading prize for non-fiction) comes a dazzling collection of writing, essays, articles and speeches. From Manus to MONA to birds to the Black Summer, from the destruction of our natural world to the hope offered by Indigenous Australia to the growing corrosion of democracy, from Salman Rushdie to the Segal Report, family and love, Flanagan's non-fiction writings carry the author's trademark elegance, subversive wit, and humanity. This showcase of Richard Flanagan's heretical brilliance over twenty years speaks to the heart of our troubled times now.

Wednesday 5 August • 6.30pm to 8pm
Fitzroy Town Hall Ballroom



FAIRFIELD BOOKS

DR NORA MUTALIMA

Plant Parenting for Busy People

Do your houseplants make you feel guilty? You're not alone. Join bestselling author Dr Nora Mutalima for a light and practical talk and Q&A, inspired by her book *Plant Parenting for Busy People*. Discover solutions for plant mishaps, clever systems, easy wins and much less plant guilt.

Saturday 25 July
10.30am to 11.30am
Collingwood Library

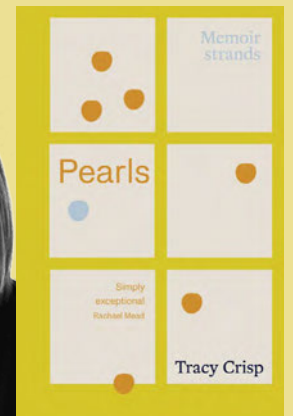
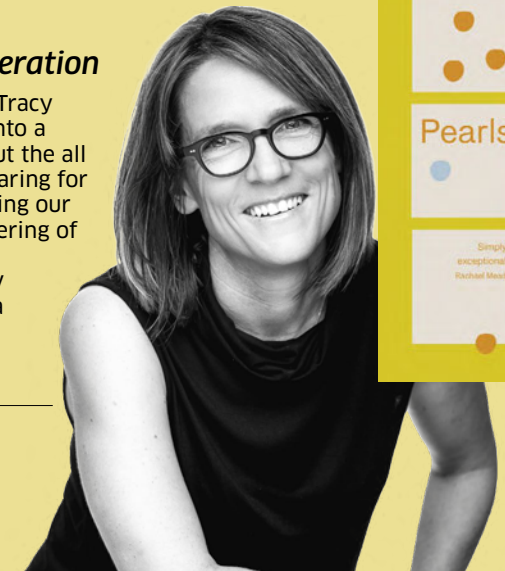


TRACY CRISP

The Sandwich Generation

Author and comedienne Tracy Crisp invites audiences into a timely conversation about the all too familiar struggle of caring for our parents while nurturing our children. Through a rendering of selections from her new memoir *Pearls*, join Tracy as she weaves together a sharply funny, endlessly relatable tapestry of the human experience.

Wednesday 12 August
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



WRITING & LITERATURE

ROMY ASH

Writing Climate Fiction Workshop

What does it mean to write compelling fiction in a climate-changed world? How do we craft stories that both engage and challenge readers? Join award-winning author Romy Ash in this writing workshop, drawing on her latest novel *Mantle*, which explores how intertwined the human and natural world really are.

Saturday 19 September
10.30am to 12.30pm
Collingwood Library



Community writing group

Write, connect, and develop your craft alongside a supportive community of creatives at our monthly writing gatherings. Drop in from 1.30pm for quiet writing with prompts, then workshop up to 1,500 words from 5pm. Share techniques and feedback. Ages 17+

Thursdays 16 July, 20 August & 17 September
Drop in writing space: 1:30pm-5pm
Workshop: 5pm-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 July, 12 August & 9 September
10.30am to 11.30am Carlton Library

COMMUNITY, ARTS & CULTURE

Get Gardening: Buzzy Pots workshop

Container plants for pollinators with Sustainable Gardening Australia

Did you know bees do more work than most of us—and they don't even need coffee? What if one pot could help them out? This Buzzy Pots workshop shows how small spaces can make a big buzz, with native, pot-friendly plant ideas that attract bees and butterflies to balconies, courtyards, and backyards. As part of our Get Gardening! series. Presented by Sustainable Gardening Australia.

Thursday 9 July • 10.30am to 11.30am
Carlton Library



Get Gardening

These workshops cover soil, companion planting, and seed saving for the Yarra Seed Library, with guest speakers from the sustainability community.

Thursdays 13 August & 10 September
10am to 12pm
Carlton Library

Figments of imagination: Creating characters from clay

Join artist Imani Oliver for an immersive character creation workshop. Bring your imagination to life using air-drying clay and recycled materials, crafting a storybook-inspired figure dressed in your own designs. Materials provided.

This workshop is guided by the Fitzroy Library exhibition "Even the Rabbits Were There!" and is presented as part of the Community Arts Exhibition Program.

Saturday 29 August • 11am to 1pm
Fitzroy Library



Sewing and Textiles

Sewing Clubs

Know how to sew but don't own a sewing machine? Come and use ours! Scissors and thread can be collected from library staff. Please note, prior experience is required as these are not sewing classes. Bookings essential.

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Practice sewing at our newest sewing club! These family-friendly sessions offer creative space to build and share skills with the community. Ages 16+; parents and carers are welcome to bring children and sew together.

Fortnightly on Mondays starting 6 July
10am to 12.30pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



Social crochet

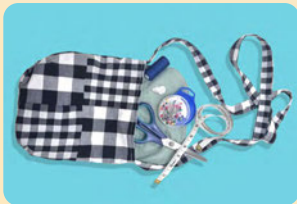
Bring your crochet, knitting or darning project to work on, while having a chat. If you're not sure what to make, bring a ball of 8 or 10 ply yarn and make for KOGO (Knit One Give One). Experienced textile artists and creators will be there to provide guidance.

Fridays • 1pm to 3pm
Richmond Library

Carlton

Got a half-finished project or need inspiration? Join a friendly sewing group to stitch, chat and share ideas. Bring your project, meet fellow makers, and enjoy sewing by the window. Sewing essentials provided. Book a machine anytime.

Fortnightly on Wednesdays starting 8 July
10.30am to 3pm
Carlton Library



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.

Wednesdays 22 July, 19 August, 16 September
12:30pm to 3pm
Fitzroy Library

Thursdays 30 July, 27 August, 24 September
1:30pm to 4pm
Carlton Library

Fitzroy

Make and mend your own clothes instead of buying new! Our Fitzroy Sewing Club sessions let you and other likeminded crafters work on your individual projects. It's also a chance to chat, make new friends and get advice.

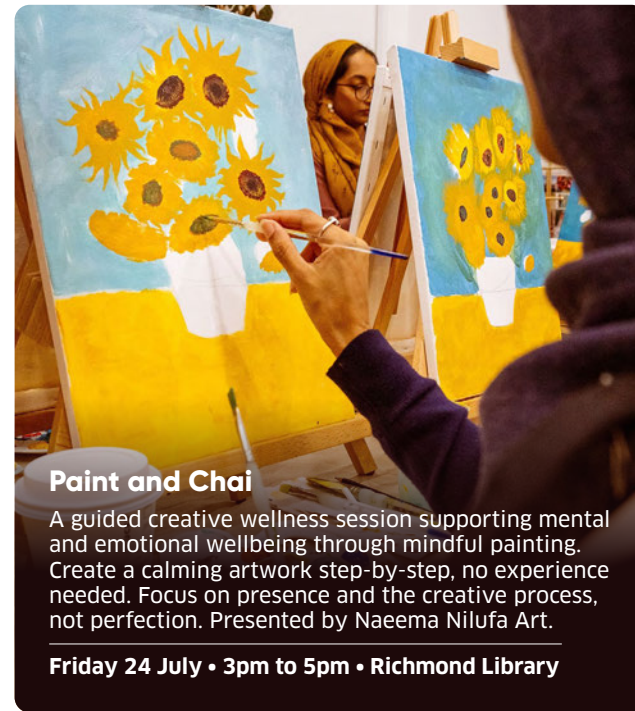
Fortnightly on Wednesdays starting 15 July
12.30pm to 3pm
Fitzroy Library



Maintaining your sewing machine

Keep your sewing machine in top shape at this hands-on workshop. Learn basic maintenance, troubleshooting and care techniques to ensure smooth operation. For beginners and experienced sewers alike. BYO machine, or use one provided.

Thursday 17 September
1pm to 3pm
Carlton Library



Paint and Chai

A guided creative wellness session supporting mental and emotional wellbeing through mindful painting. Create a calming artwork step-by-step, no experience needed. Focus on presence and the creative process, not perfection. Presented by Naeema Nilufa Art.

Friday 24 July • 3pm to 5pm • Richmond 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 23 July, 27 August & 24 September
2.30pm to 3.30pm
Richmond 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 July, 25 August & 29 September
5.30pm to 7.30pm
Richmond 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 2 July, 6 August & 3 September
11am to 1pm
Richmond Library



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

RECOLLECTION

Fletcher Jones: A worn history of Australian Wool

Unravel the history of the Australian wool industry through an exploration of clothing manufacturer and retailer, Fletcher Jones. Based in Warrnambool, Fletcher Jones shaped Australian style for generations, earning the moniker "Mr. Marino" for championing the natural fibre. Dr. Lorinda Cramer will explore the significance of Fletcher Jones and Australia's dress history, offering new ways to think about Australia's worn history of wool. Bookings essential.

Thursday 13 August
6.30pm to 8pm
Carlton Library



Preserving your memories

Do you have old photos, letters or documents you'd like to preserve for the future? Interested in digital preservation? Join us to learn practical ways to safeguard your memories. We'll show you how to digitise photographs, slides, film and VHS tapes, keeping your family history safe and accessible for generations to come.

Monday 6 July
10am to 12pm
Fitzroy Library



City Alternative News Launch

The City Alternative News was originally published from 1980-1997 in North Carlton. This newly digitised historical record is now available online for browsing as part of the Yarra Libraries Local History Collection. Celebrate local history with one of the newspapers' founders, Martin Brennan, and learn about Carlton new and old. Light refreshments provided.

Friday 4 September
5pm to 8pm
Carlton 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

The 2026 Australian Chinese Writers Festival 2026年澳洲華人作家節

Celebrate the grand opening of the 2026 Australian Chinese Writers Festival on the 5th of September. View an exhibition of various intangible cultural heritage artefacts, books and other items, both local and from overseas.

2026年澳洲華人作家節將於9月5日盛大開幕。展覽將展出各種非物質文化遺產文物、書籍及其他展品，包括本地及海外藏品。

Saturday 5 September • 10am to 5pm
Richmond Theatrette

People will have the opportunity to view and talk about the exhibition, which may include First Peoples artworks, Dong Ba writing scripts, Sichuan rapid face-changing displays and more. Books and a collection of writings from a wide range of writers and authors will also be on display.

眾人將有機會觀看和討論展出的文物，其中包括原住民岩畫、東巴文字、四川變臉等等.....此外，還將展出書籍以及眾多作家和作者的著作。

Sunday 6 September • 10am to 5pm
Richmond Theatrette

U3A Tuesday Forums

The U3A Yarra City Forums are educational sessions held at Collingwood Library. Topics range from culture to personal development, with expert speakers leading presentations and Q&A. The forums are free to attend. For more information and to book, visit u3ayarracity.org.au/forums

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month,
during school term • 10.30am to 12pm
Collingwood Library





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!

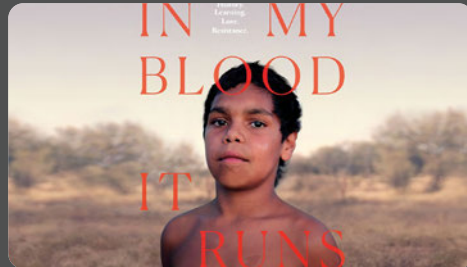


Ten Canoes

Screening for NAIDOC week

Set in Australia's Northern Territory, this story follows Minygululu, an older man who fears his younger brother Dayindi may take his youngest wife. Narrated by Yolŋu Elder, David Gulpilil. (Narrated in English. Multiple Indigenous languages with English subtitles, M, 2006). WARNING: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander viewers are advised that the film may contain images and/or audio of deceased persons.

Thursday 9 July • 1pm to 3pm
Collingwood Library



In My Blood It Runs

Screening & film club

This poetic & critically acclaimed observational documentary told through the eyes of the charismatic Djuwan; a 10-year-old Arrernte/Garrwa boy balancing the challenges of family, tradition and education. Join us for the film and optional post-screening discussion. Refreshments provided. (Arrernte, Garrwa & English languages with English subtitles, PG, 2019).

Monday 13 July • 6pm to 9pm
Richmond Library Theatre



Honeyland

Hatidze lives with her ailing mother in the mountains of Macedonia, making a living cultivating honey using ancient beekeeping traditions. When an unruly family moves in next door, what at first seems like a balm for her solitude becomes a source of tension as they, too, want to practice beekeeping, while disregarding her advice. (Turkish language with English subtitles, M, 2019).

Thursday 6 August • 1pm to 3pm
Collingwood Library



Donnie Darko

This cult science fiction psychological thriller follows a troubled, intelligent teenager who survives a jet engine crashing into his bedroom. Haunted by a sinister rabbit named Frank, Donnie faces a 28 day countdown involving time travel, fractured reality, and a looming apocalypse. (English, M, 2001).

Thursday 3 September • 1pm to 3pm
Collingwood Library



The Legend of Ochi

Screening & film club

A visually dazzling, original children's fable destined to become a cult classic. Starring Willem Dafoe, Finn Wolfhard and Helena Zengel, this enchanting A24 film follows Yuri's quest to connect with the elusive Ochi in a remote Carpathian village. Join us for the screening and optional post-film discussion. Refreshments provided. (English, PG, 2025)

Monday 10 August • 6pm to 9pm
Richmond Library Theatre



Cleo From 5 to 7

Screening & film club

Agnes Varda's pioneering work of the French New Wave is a stylish and modern feminist essay on interiority; a real-time portrait following pop singer Cleo set adrift in Paris as she awaits the results of a biopsy. Join us for the film and optional post-screening discussion. Refreshments provided. (French language with English subtitles, unclassified, 1962).

Monday 7 September • 6pm to 9pm
Richmond Library Theatre

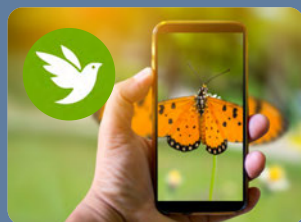
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



ATTENTION AS CURRENCY with Professor Katherine Johnson

This family-friendly talk explores the neuroscience of attention—how it develops, how it's taxed, and what science reveals about focus in an information saturated world. Join Prof. Katherine Johnson as she draws on developmental neuroscience to explain why this valuable resource is being depleted and what we can do to protect and restore attention in everyday life.

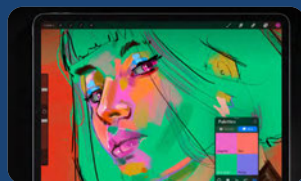
Thursday 20 August • 6pm to 7.30pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



iNaturalist workshop

Ever wondered, "What plant is that?" Learn to identify plants, animals, fungi and more using iNaturalist, a free app that supports biodiversity research. Weather permitting, we'll test the app on a short walk near Collingwood Library. Perfect for beginners, families and nature lovers.

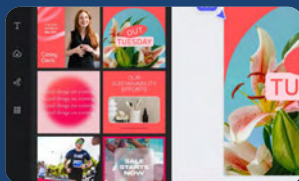
Thursday 20 August • 1pm to 2pm • Collingwood Library



Procreate for beginners

Join a beginner friendly Procreate session and learn the basics of digital drawing on your iPad. This class will introduce a new technique and guide you in creating your own artwork – perfect for those looking to get started on their digital art.

Thursday 20 August
11am to 12.30pm
Richmond Library



Content creation with Canva

Build your skills in the art of content creation using open-source software, Canva. Discover design essentials, learn how to plan effective content, and bring your social media and print ideas to life.

Friday 4 September
11am 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.

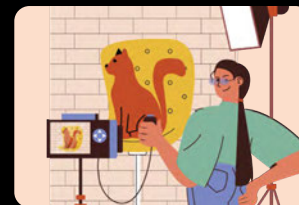
Book your session at:
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Creative Studio Nights

Visual storytelling through photography with Sally Brownbill



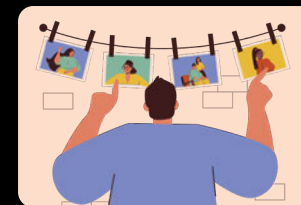
With more than 20 years' experience Sally Brownbill is a qualified photographer and the founder of The Brownbill Effect, a leading creative industry platform built on connection, mentorship and opportunity. Join Sally for a special workshop series exploring the art of storytelling through photography.



Understanding themes in photography and storytelling

Learn how to create meaningful photographs that tell a story. In this hands-on workshop, participants will explore photographic themes, visual storytelling and the emotional impact of images. Participants will learn about Sally's career journey and the reasoning behind the two books she has authored and the photography podcast she has created. Sally will inspire participants with photography examples and set a task for the second workshop, using images they have already taken.

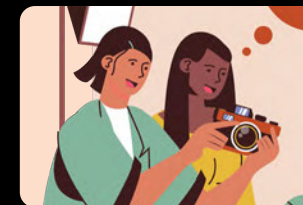
Monday 6 July
6.30pm to 8pm
Richmond Library



Creating a visual story with photography collage

Turn your photographs into a visual story. This creative workshop explores curation of images and how to tell a story using participants' own work. Images can be taken on phones, iPads or cameras – this is about curation rather than technical skills. Participants will receive guidance and feedback on the images they present in a round table discussion to set them up for their final brief, to create a series of 9 images in a collage based on the theme: Urban culture; What the City of Yarra means to you.

Monday 3 August
6.30pm to 8pm
Richmond Library



Photography showcase and feedback session

Participants will share their photography project created from the brief given in the second workshop. Sally will invite participants to present their images, receive professional feedback and take part in a collaborative round table discussion about the work.

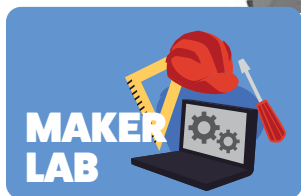
Monday 14 September
6.30pm to 8pm
Richmond Library

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! Ages 5+

Mondays • 4pm to 5pm
Richmond Library
**This session is unfacilitated*

Thursdays • 4pm to 5pm
Fitzroy Library



Early Literacy Programs

We support early literacy through regular preschool programs, including Storytime, Babytime, Rhymetime and Greek Storytime. 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

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 2026

SYMPHONY OF STORIES



CBCA Book Week Carp shows

Join us to celebrate Children's Book Week! Come with us on an adventure to explore the 2026 Book Week books and watch them come to life! Presented by Carp Productions. Suitable for ages 3+

Monday 17 August • 11am to 12pm
Richmond Library

Tuesday 18 August
11am to 12pm
Collingwood Library

Thursday 20 August
11am to 12pm
Carlton Library



Children's Book Week scavenger hunt

Drop into any Yarra Libraries branch and pick up a scavenger hunt to complete any time during Book Week. Take part for a chance to win fun Book Week prizes and enjoy exploring the library!

Saturday 22 August until Sunday 30 August
All Yarra Libraries branches



Kids' clothing and costume swap

This free, sustainable clothing swap helps ensure your child always has something to wear. Bring a bag of clean clothes and take home a bag in return. Enjoy changing facilities, comfy couches and free pre-loved books. With Book Week approaching, there'll also be a costume swap. Bring old costumes to exchange or find one for Book Week. No clothes to swap? No problem. Everyone is welcome to browse and connect with local families. *In partnership with Mums in Yarra.*

Saturday 8 August • 10am to 12pm
Richmond Library



R.A. SPRATT: The story behind the stories

This Children's Book Week, meet bestselling author and storyteller R.A. Spratt! Creator of *Friday Barnes*, *The Adventures of Nanny Piggins* and more, she'll share stories, reveal how she gets her ideas, and answer your questions about books, writing and chocolate cake recipes. Expect door prizes, flying candy and plenty of fun. Suitable for ages 6+. Bookings essential.

Thursday 27 August • 4pm to 5pm
Bargoonga Nganjin

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 Nganjjin	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

BORROWBOX eNews

Read all about it! Our brand-new subscription to BorrowBox ePress gives you digital access to the most in-demand news titles, with no waitlist and no limit on simultaneous users! Read on the go, from the palm of your hand! Scan the QR code to get started or visit yarralibraries.vic.gov.au



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Borrow
up to 60 items at a time.



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



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

