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YARRA LIBRARIES

WHAT'S ON

JANUARY-MARCH 2023

Join us for the
**NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE
LIVING FESTIVAL**
VICTORIA'S PRIDE
AUTHOR TALKS
CINEMA YARRA
PLUS LUNAR NEW YEAR



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All Yarra Libraries events are free to attend but most require registration.

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

LATEST NEWS



SUNDAY 12 FEB ²⁰²³
VICTORIA'S PRIDE

STREET PARTY
GERTRUDE ST & SMITH ST
FITZROY - COLLINGWOOD

VICTORIA midsumma festival

Victoria's Pride (previously Melbourne Pride) will culminate its months-long tour of the state with an extravagant, day-and-night street party in Melbourne's iconic Gertrude and Smith Street precinct. Including two live music stages, comedy, drag, and hundreds of stalls from local businesses showcasing food, beverages, and local products, come down to celebrate Yarra's diverse queer communities. Look out for the Yarra Libraries stall for free pre-loved books, clothing from Thread Together, and more! This program is delivered in partnership with Midsumma and the Victorian Government.

Sunday 12 February • 11am–9pm • Gertrude and Smith St, Collingwood.

Victoria's Pride image credit: Elwyn Murray



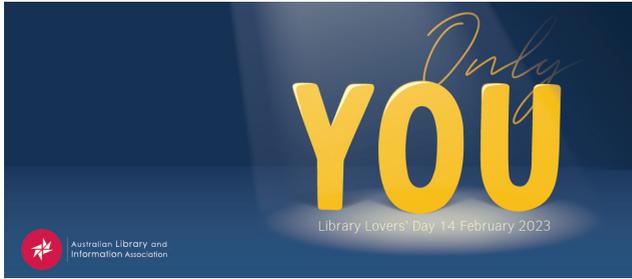
Chatty Cafe

To kickstart conversations, increase social connections and reduce loneliness, Chatty Café Australia has come to Yarra Libraries. If you want to connect more with your local community, meet new people, or just enjoy the company of others, then head down to your nearest library branch for a chat. We're taking a break for summer from December 16, but we'll be back January 16.



Find Chatty Cafe tables at:
chattycafeaustralia.org.au/find-a-chatty-table

Mondays: 11am-1pm • Fitzroy Library
Tuesdays: 11am-1pm • Bargoonga Nganjin
Wednesdays: 11am-1pm • Carlton Library
Thursdays: 11am-1pm • Richmond Library
Fridays: 11am-1pm • Collingwood Library
Saturdays: 11am-1pm • Bargoonga Nganjin



Library Lovers' Day 2023

Has your library enriched your life in big or small ways? Is there something that your library does that no other public service, or space, can do? Is your world a better place because of your library? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, we encourage you to tell someone this **Library Lovers' Day**: your library, your networks, or us! Library users are some of the greatest advocates we have, so this Library Lovers' Day we're putting the spotlight on you, as you put the spotlight on the library you love. And for libraries? Tell the world what only you can do! **#LibraryLoversDay**



The Short Story Club

Have you wanted to be part of a book club but don't always have the time to finish a whole book? Hesitant to commit to a new author? This is the club for you! In February, we'll be tackling Hilary Mantel's *The Assassination of Margaret Thatcher*, followed by Ling Ma's *Office Hours* in March.

Wednesdays: 
1 February & 1 March
 2 Sessions per date:
 1pm-2pm OR 6.30pm-7.30pm
 Online via Zoom



The Write-In

Join us for *The Write-In*, a monthly creative writing seminar to learn skills and techniques to improve your writing. Engage in creative exercises, workshop your pieces and become the writer you've always wanted to be. For ages 17+
February Session Topic: Point of View
March Session Topic: Character

Thursdays 23 February & 30 March 
 6pm-8pm
 Bargoonga Nganjin



Local Lit

Local Lit showcases local stories from emerging writers or storytellers of all genres- whether they are true, fictional or creative. Join authors, poets for talks across our five libraries. Keep an eye out for more info!

COMING SOON



Yarra Reads

Celebrate Australia Reads in the best way possible: by reading together! Bring a book (or grab one on the night) and settle in for an evening of snacks, stories and shared enthusiasm at our reading party.

Thursday 9 March 
 6.30pm-8pm
 Bargoonga Nganjin



VIKA & LINDA

No Bull

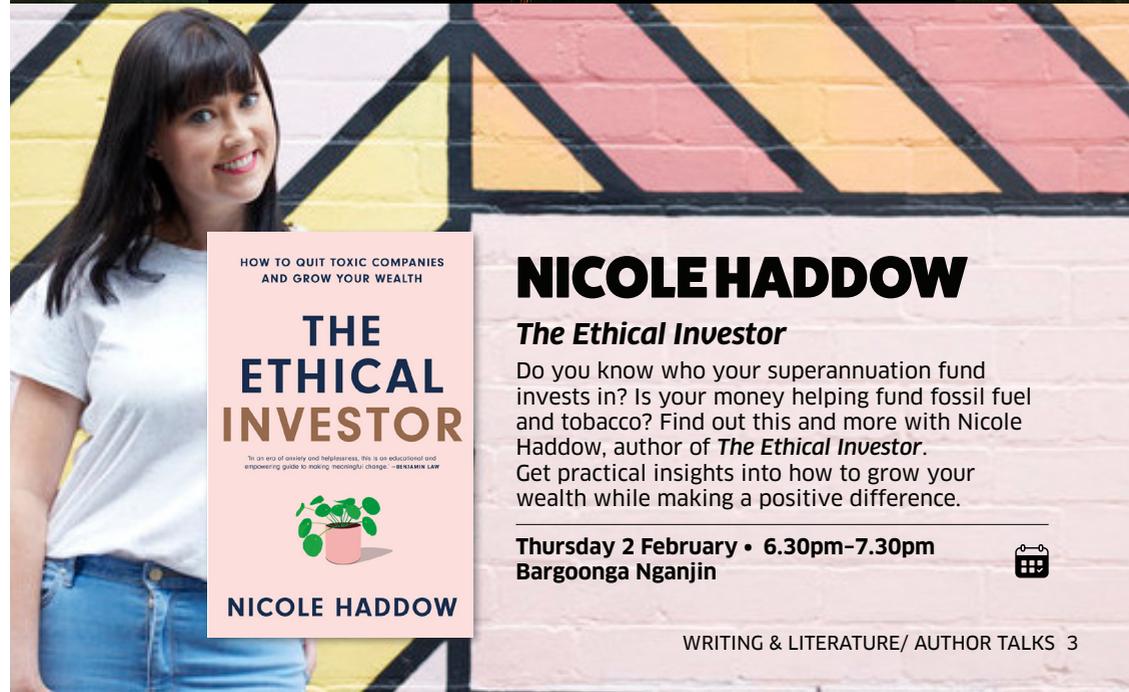
After more than three decades in showbiz, mostly as backing singers, Vika and Linda soared during the pandemic when their harmonies hit the perfect note with two chart-topping albums. *No Bull* is a candid, funny and rollicking yarn about their long road to centre stage.

'A beautiful book. Two voices. Two sides. And at the centre: always music.'

- Julia Zemiro

Vika and Linda will be in conversation with ABC's Jacinta Parsons. Photo: Brian Purnell

Wednesday 8 February • 6.30pm-8pm 
 Bargoonga Nganjin



NICOLE HADDOW

The Ethical Investor

Do you know who your superannuation fund invests in? Is your money helping fund fossil fuel and tobacco? Find out this and more with Nicole Haddow, author of *The Ethical Investor*.

Get practical insights into how to grow your wealth while making a positive difference.

Thursday 2 February • 6.30pm-7.30pm 
 Bargoonga Nganjin

SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL

Events as part of the National Sustainable Living Festival 2023

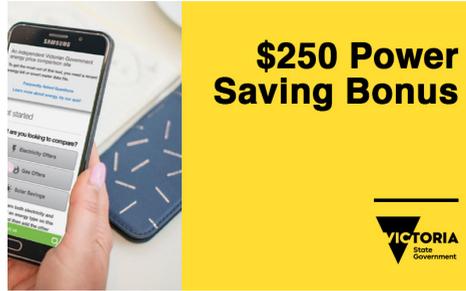


Explore and Document the Yarra River

iNaturalist and Bird ID Workshop

How well do you know the Yarra River? At this interactive river walk, learn about iNaturalist and other smartphone apps to identify birds, plants and animals. Use these resources to get closer to nature and become an expert on the local environment.

Monday 6 February • 4pm–5.30pm
Collingwood Library



Power Saving Bonus Information Session

Did you know that every household in Victoria is eligible for a one-off payment from the Victorian Government? At this free info session, learn how to identify green energy plans, navigate fine print, compare electricity and gas services, and ease your cost-of-living.

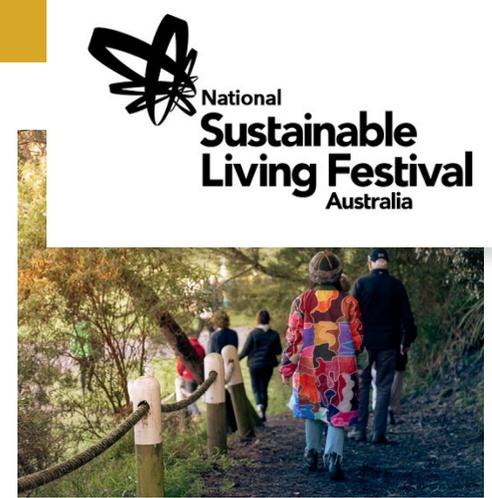
Tuesday 14 February • 6.30pm–7.30pm
Carlton Library



Yarra Seed Library

Love to grow food? Want to learn more? Join the Yarra Seed Library workshops, a new initiative from Yarra Libraries and Cultivating Community. Learn more about Yarra Seed Library and how to get into the garden, with take-home packets free of charge!

Thursdays 19 January & 16 February
10am–2pm • Carlton Library



Yarra Sound Walk with Zoltan Fecso

What sounds can you hear along the Yarra River? As part of the 2023 Sustainable Living Festival, join us for a guided “sound walk” from Collingwood Library to the Yarra Bend Park. With local composer and podcast producer Zoltan Fecso, learn how to listen to the acoustic environment of the Yarra.

Monday 20 February • 4.30pm–6pm
Collingwood Library



Bike Maintenance Workshop

Want to maintain your bike yourself? Avoid pricey trips to the repair shop and learn how inspect and fix-up your bike. Perfect for beginners, and held on the Collingwood Library lawn, join us for this special workshop.

Monday 13 February • 3.30pm–5.30pm
Collingwood Library



Open Table

Our community lunches with Open Table are back! Join us Saturdays from January 14 at 1–2pm for a free, nutritious vegan lunch at Bargoonga Nganjin. Halal options will also be available. Enjoy a meal with your community atmosphere and help save tonnes of food from landfill!

Saturdays • 1pm–2pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



Nature Journaling with Adele Daniele

Wish you could recall every last detail of your nature walks? Nature journaling is an accessible, creative way to document your natural surroundings. In this workshop, multi-disciplinary artist and designer Adele Daniele will introduce you to the craft and take you through Edinburgh Gardens for inspiration.

Wednesday 22 February • 5.30pm–7pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



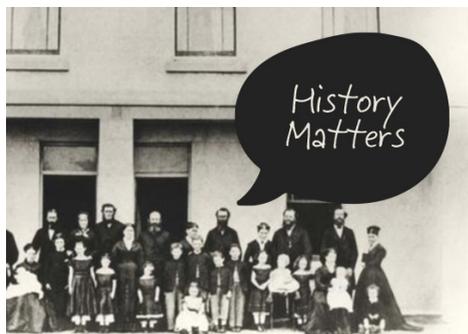
Growing Native Edibles Workshop

Want to know more about native bush foods? Cultivating Community have been pioneers of Melbourne’s urban agriculture community for over 20 years – and they can guide you through identifying, growing, and even tasting native bush foods and bush teas.

Monday 27 February • 6.30pm–8pm
Richmond Library



RECOLLECTION



History Matters

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.

**30 minute session
By appointment**



Preserving your Memories

Do you have old photos, letters, and documents that you're worried about preserving safely long term? Would you like some tips on digital preservation? Come to our presentation on different methods you can use to preserve these memories.

**Wednesday 15 February • 10am-12pm
Collingwood Library**



Retro-Conversion Lab

Digitise your photographs, films, or precious documents. Talk to us about tackling larger projects like your old VHS, vinyl LPs, or grainy home movies. We can show you how to scan, photo-edit and record using our equipment. Convert the retro into the digital and make a booking now.

**Fridays 24 February & 24 March
10.30am-12.30pm
Carlton Library**



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 historian. Discover the range of resources available online and at Yarra Libraries.

**Wednesday 15 March • 6.30pm-8pm
Bargoonga Nganjin**



Events sponsored by
**THE THOMAS, SAMUEL
& GEORGE EWING TRUST**



Bridges to Harmony

In honour of Harmony Week, a celebration of Australia's diversity, Bridges to Harmony Festival will be held in partnership with our friends at Fitzroy Learning Network. Head on down and celebrate Fitzroy's vibrant multicultural heritage with music, food, art and fun activities for the whole family!

**Friday 24 March • 4pm-7pm
Condell Street Reserve**



Trans Day of Visibility

Transgender Victoria, The Ewing Trust and Yarra Libraries have come together for this incredible event celebrating Trans Day of Visibility. All LGBTQIA+ community and allies are welcome - come help us celebrate our wonderful community!

**Friday 31 March • 6pm-8.30pm
Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room**



First Home Buying 101 with Amy Lunardi

Thinking about buying your first home but don't know where to start? Saving for a deposit but not sure what comes next? Amy Lunardi, host of popular podcasts **The Buyers Bible** and **The Property Playbook**, will demystify mortgages, break down bank loans, and help you take on the property-buying journey.

**Wednesday 22 March • 6.30pm-7.45pm
Richmond Library**



Annual Dignity Drive

Access to period products is a right, not a privilege. But 1 in 5 Australians have been unable to afford period products at some point. To help out, we're taking part in Share The Dignity's Dignity Drive. We accept all products in original packaging, including pads, tampons, maternity pads, period undies, menstrual cups and incontinence products.

1-31 March • All branches



Introduction to Brush Pen Calligraphy with Maria Montes

Come along to this exciting workshop by professional artist Maria Montes and learn the art of brush calligraphy. With her twenty years of professional experience, let Maria Montes teach you the foundations of the alphabet through rhythm, contrast and composition. Perfect for beginners.

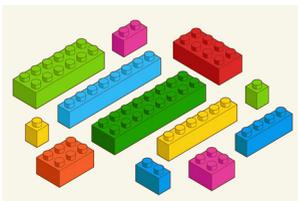
Tuesdays 7 February & 7 March
6-8pm • Online via Zoom



Textiles Lab

Create your own garments and master our fancy new sewing machines. This season, we'll stitch together a tote bag from *Lotta Jansdotter Everyday Style*, a tried-and-tested t-shirt, and a 'not quite Prada' bucket hat. With gender-inclusive project options and all materials provided, this is the perfect time to try your hand at digital embroidery and stretch sewing.

Fridays 20 January, 10 February, 17 March
10.30am-12.30pm • Carlton Library



LEGO for All Make & Take Sessions

If you missed out on Lego for Adults last year, then listen up! After a bumper 2022 launch, we are excited to announce that Lego for All will be bigger and better in 2023. With trickier sets and extra sessions, this is a safe, welcome spot for all fans of Lego.

Saturday 4 February
10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm
Richmond Library



Night-in at the Movies

Classic cinema, foreign films, riveting TV, and spellbinding docs - all for free? You can stream endless, award-winning content with your membership. Learn how to do so from any device at this session.

Tuesday 7 February
2pm-3pm
Online via Zoom



Collage Club

Check out our monthly community collage workshop. These fun, engaging classes will explore analogue cut-and-paste techniques, looking at composition, colour, trompe l'oeil, surrealism, and photo-montage. Inclusive and open to all abilities, with all materials supplied, there's no excuse not to come.

Tuesdays 21 February, 21 March
5.30-7.30pm
Richmond Library



CHESS

Intro to Chess

Learn the ins and outs of chess in a series of workshops delivered by FIDE Master Grant Szuveges from GS Chess.

Thursdays 23 February
9 & 23 March
6pm-8pm • Carlton Library

Saturdays 25 February
11 & 25 March • 2pm-4pm
Richmond Library

Free Play

Drop into the library and play chess with one of our tournament-grade sets.

Thursdays 2, 16 & 30 March
6pm-8pm • Carlton Library

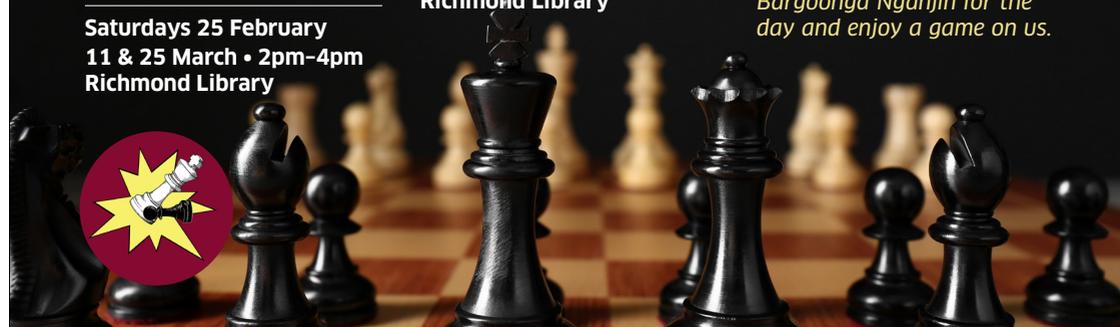
Saturdays 4 & 18 March
1 April • 2pm-4pm
Richmond Library

Play in the Park

Join us in the park for a game or two in the sun.

Friday 3 March • 5pm-7pm
Edinburgh Gardens Chess Tables

Want more chess in your life? Borrow a set from Bargoonga Nganjin for the day and enjoy a game on us.



Outreach supported by Yarra Libraries



Fitzroy Community Market

We'll be hosting the Fitzroy Community Market at Atherton Gardens! Interact with local stall holders, community service organisations and Yarra Libraries. With free fresh food from our community partners Open Table and Cultivating Community, and meals from FareShare available for everyone.

Friday 3 March • 3.30pm-5.30pm
Atherton Gardens, 125 Napier Street, Fitzroy



Rotary on Church

Celebrate your Saturday with the Rotary on Church, with fun for the whole family, including activities for kids, Rotary BBQ, artisanal local makers and preloved books. Presented in partnership with Rotary Club of Richmond. For more info on attending or hosting a stall visit www.rotaryonchurch.com.au

Saturdays 18 February, 18 March
10am-1pm • Richmond Library



CINEMA YARRA

FILM SCREENINGS AT YARRA LIBRARIES

COLLINGWOOD SCREENINGS



2040 (PG)

Award-winning director Damon Gameau explores what the year 2040 would look like if we simply embraced the best solutions already available to us to improve our planet. A visual letter to his 4-year-old daughter, Damon blends documentary with drama and visual artistry to create a vision board for his daughter and our planet.

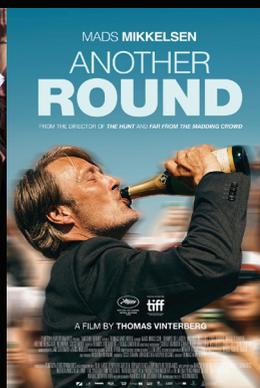
Wednesday 1 February • 1pm-3pm
Collingwood Library



Another Round (M)

Theory: all humans ought to have a small amount of alcohol in our blood, because modest inebriation opens our minds, diminishing our problems and increases our creativity. Experiment: Martin and three of his friends, all weary high school teachers, embark on maintaining a constant level of intoxication throughout the workday.

Wednesday 1 March • 1pm-3pm
Collingwood Library



RICHMOND SCREENINGS



Undermined: Tales from the Kimberley (M)

What is the true cost of doing business? *Undermined* investigates the politics of the so-called "future economic powerhouse of Australia", the vast, unspoiled Kimberley. As pressure from industry exposes the limits of Indigenous land rights, what will remain of over 200 remote Indigenous communities?

Tuesday 28 February • 2pm-3.30pm
Richmond Library



Inventing Tomorrow (PG)

Inventing Tomorrow follows six passionate teenagers around the globe creating cutting-edge solutions to the most complex environmental issues facing humanity. Take an emotional journey with these inspiring teens as they prepare for the biggest high school science fair in the world, all while navigating adolescence.

Tuesday 28 February • 6pm-7.45pm
Richmond Library



The Wrecking Crew (PG)

The Beach Boys, The Byrds, The Monkees. They had (and have) their devoted fans – but they also had their backing bands. Come celebrate "The Wrecking Crew," who provided thousands of pitch-perfect instrumentals through the 60s and 70s.

Tuesday 28 March • 2pm-3.45pm
Richmond Library



The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith (M)

An internationally acclaimed masterpiece and shocking tale of an Indigenous man driven to madness and revenge. After years of racism, rejection, and oppression from white society, Jimmie explodes with fury. Escaping into the bush, he cuts a bloody path of retribution upon the society that has forsaken him.

Tuesday 28 March • 6pm-7.50pm
Richmond Library



LUNAR NEW YEAR



2023
YEAR OF
THE RABBIT



Laser Cut Paper Lanterns

激光切割製作燈籠

請來和我們一起製作屬於你的中式燈籠慶祝兔年春節！我們會教你如何設計，切割和組裝。

Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit and create your very own Chinese paper lantern. We'll walk you through how to design, laser cut, and assemble from start to finish.

Saturday 4 February • 2pm-4pm
Richmond Library



Vietnamese New Book Day

Ngày Giới Thiệu DVD mới và sách mới tại Collingwood

Chào mừng Tết Nguyên Đán 2023 sẽ là Ngày Giới Thiệu Sách mới và DVD mới sẵn sàng cho mượn tại Thư Viện Collingwood vào Thứ Sáu 10 tháng Hai năm 2023

Browse new Vietnamese books, DVDs, and CDs, all available to borrow.

Friday 10 February
10am-4pm
Collingwood Library



Bilingual Tai Chi Fitness workshop

中英雙語太極學習班

學習太極的好機會。東武聯盟的教練親自教授太極基本動作，報名從速。Join us to learn Tai Chi! Presented in both English and Mandarin, delivered by coaches from the Australian Oriental Martial Arts Taichi Inc, get around the basics of a martial art designed to relax your body and mind.

Saturday 11 February
1.30pm-3.30pm
Richmond Library



Chinese New Book Day

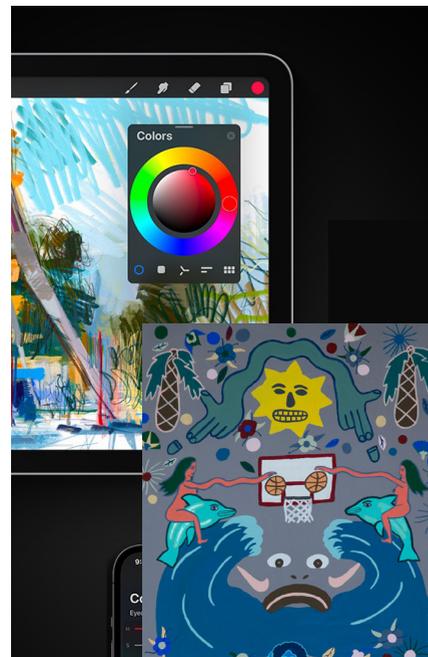
中文新書日

該日在Carlton 圖書館有中文新書和影碟供借閱。

To celebrate Lunar New Year, head on down to Carlton Library to peruse a wide range of newly purchased Chinese books, DVDs and CDs, all available for borrowing.

Sunday 12 February
2pm-5pm
Carlton Library

DISCOVER DIGITAL



iPad Drawing with

Procreate®

Join Melbourne artist Esther Olsson to learn the basics of drawing on an iPad using Procreate. There's an iPad and Apple Pencil provided. Places are limited, so don't miss out.

Tuesday 14 February
6pm-7.30pm • Richmond Library



Thursday 16 March
6pm-7.30pm • Bargoonga Nganjin



Finding reliable websites for health and wellbeing

Ever tried to self-diagnose with Dr. Google? Wondering whether you can trust what you're finding? Come along and learn how to finding reliable information online. We'll show you how to navigate the best sources for medical conditions, medications, and general well-being.

Monday 6 March • 11am-12pm
Online via Zoom

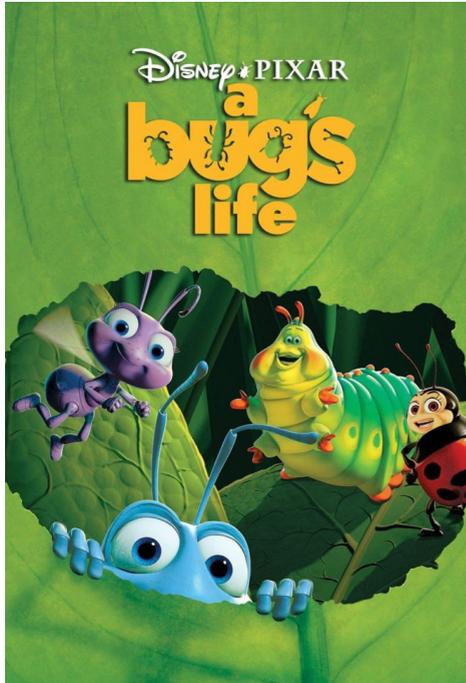


Creative Photoediting

Learn the basics of photo editing using free online applications like Photopea. Understand these digital tools and get to know how to make creative adjustments with levels, curves, layers and compositing. You'll be able to improve your digital photos and share them with others!

Friday 10 March • 4pm-5.30pm
Online via Zoom





A Bug's Life 25th Anniversary Screening and Crafternoon

Calling all lovers of the insect world! To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Disney Pixar classic *A Bug's Life*, we'll be making creepy-crawly crafts and watch the story of one little ant who, with the help of a bumbling trope of circus bugs, battles a pack of bullying grasshoppers. All ages - but adult supervision is needed for those under 10.

Thursday 9 February • 4pm-6pm
Fitzroy Library



Preschool Clothing Swap

Clothing swap time! In partnership with our friends at Mums in Yarra, stock up for your child's next growth spurt. Bring along a bag of children's clothes in good condition and take home a bag in return. Do the right thing for both the environment and your household budget! Free, preloved library books will also be available.

Saturday 25 February • 10am-12pm
Richmond Library



PLANKS

Green Hat's PLANKS Workshop inspires creativity and skill with an exciting construction program like no other. Using dynamic building blocks to inspire minds, this workshop will engage children in hours of creative play. Ages 5+.

Planks Sessions are 3.30pm-5.30pm:
Monday 20 February • Richmond Library
Thursday 23 February • Carlton Library
Thursday 2 March • Collingwood Library
Tuesday 14 March • Bargoonga Nganjin
Friday 17 March • Fitzroy Library

BIG Summer Read: Statewide Reading Challenge for kids

Participate in Victoria's first statewide summer reading program! It's a fun way to track your reading over Summer which offers you activities and challenges, plus the opportunity to win great prizes! BIG Summer Read is sponsored by **The Little Bookroom**.

1 December 2022 - 31 January 2023

Early Literacy Programs

We support early literacy through regular preschool programs, including **Storytime**, **Babytime** and **Rhymetime**. Held weekly during school term, these sessions are super fun, casual, and run by our world-class children's librarians. Visit bit.ly/YLibtickets

YARRA STEAM LABS

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Labs run during term time. Bookings essential via Eventbrite.

MAKER LAB

Program robots, make music, shoot movies, draw animations, and learn about all things STEAM! Ages 8+

Mondays • 4pm-5pm
Richmond Library

Tuesdays • 4pm-5pm
Bargoonga Nganjin

Thursdays
3.45pm-4.45pm
Carlton Library

ART LAB

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

Tuesdays • 3.45pm-4.45pm
Carlton Library

Wednesdays • 4pm-5pm
Richmond Library

Thursdays • 3.45pm-4.45pm
Collingwood Library

Fridays • 3.45pm-4.45pm
Fitzroy Library

LEGO LAB

Build a LEGO creation all by yourself! Each week, we'll take on new, exciting challenges. Ages 5+

Thursdays • 4pm-5pm
Bargoonga Nganjin

Free sessions with library staff

Book free, one-on-one sessions with an experienced member of our team. Call us on **1300 695 427**, visit yarralibraries.vic.gov.au to complete a webform or ask someone at your nearest library branch.



"A friend introduced me to Resume Rescue and what I learnt is invaluable. I made an appointment online through the library website which was very easy...and everything else just fell into place."



Resume Rescue

Need to smarten up your resume? Sign up for our staff's amazing assistance and make your next job application fabulous. We'd love to help with your cover letters, selection criteria, and interview preparation.

Book your session at: bit.ly/ResRescue



Digital Help

Have a new phone, tablet or laptop? Unsure where to start or keep getting stuck? Let us get you solving your digital dead-ends. We can help you build your confidence online, navigate all manner of devices, and troubleshoot technical issues. Book today and learn a new set of skills!

Book your session at: bit.ly/YLDigiHelp



Form Filling

Struggling with forms, websites, and the painful world of paperwork? We can lend a hand! Get some professional help with tricky applications, frustrating bureaucracies, and difficult government services, like MyGov and Centrelink.

Book your session at: bit.ly/FormFilling

Make the most of Yarra and get a Yarra Libraries membership.



How to 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



In-person:

Head to any Yarra Libraries branch with a copy of your current address and sign up in person. If you're under 18, a parent or guardian will need to sign on your behalf.

What does my membership give me?

With a Yarra Libraries membership, you can:



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.



Access

our free PCs or Wi-Fi



Reserve

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



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

