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YARRA LIBRARIES

WHAT'S ON

APRIL-JUNE 2024

LEARN, CREATE & EXPLORE!
UNCLE JOEBOY MORGAN
VICTORIAN LAW WEEK
TONY BIRCH & MORE AUTHOR TALKS
NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME
NEW DIGITAL & TECH PROGRAMS



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

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LATEST NEWS

Victorian Law Week

20-26 May 2024



The Law and Our Community
Saturday 25 May · 11am-4pm
Fitzroy Library & The Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room

Join us to celebrate Victorian Law Week throughout Fitzroy Library and The Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room. There will be free workshops and community information stalls presented by Fitzroy Legal Service and Neighbourhood Justice Centre. In The Reading Room, hear keynote presentations from Professor Marcia Langton AO and Jordan van den Berg.

To stay updated with the schedule of events and future announcements, sign up to the Yarra Libraries e-newsletter or follow us online @yarralibraries.

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Fitzroy
Legal
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Marcia Langton AO

Professor Marcia Langton will discuss her recent book: *Law: The Way of the Ancestors*. Marcia Langton and Aaron Corn show how Indigenous law has enabled people to survive and thrive in Australia for more than 2000 generations. The book challenges readers to consider how Indigenous law can inspire new ways forward in the face of global crises. Law is culture, and culture is law. Indigenous law defines what it is to be human. Photo @Casamento Photography

Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room



Jordan van den Berg

Jordan van den Berg, an office-worker in Melbourne, is known for his reviews and visits of the worst rentals Australia has to offer by his audience on TikTok, Instagram, and Youtube. Alongside his reviews, Jordan also uses his platform to passionately contribute to Australian political discourse, educating his audience on anything and everything that society failed to educate young Australians. Photo @carlinjohnstephenson

Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room



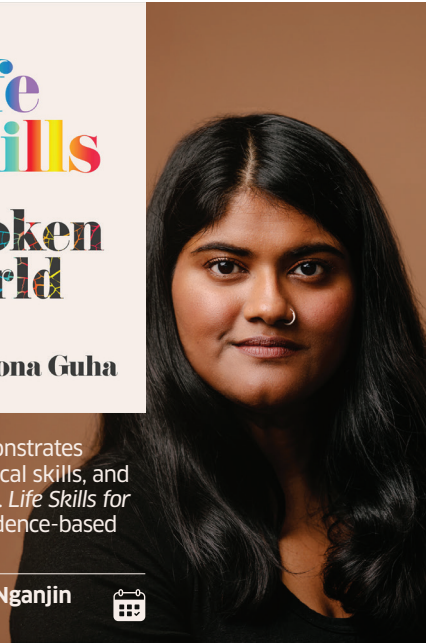
AHONA GUHA

Life Skills for a Broken World

How can I manage heartbreak? How do I cope with death? How can I learn to tolerate anxiety and hold hope? Join Dr Ahona Guha discussing how to cope, thrive, and still feel hopeful for the future. Combining techniques from a range of therapeutic modalities, she demonstrates how we can build a range of essential psychological skills, and apply them to live a more tranquil and joyful life. *Life Skills for a Broken World* provides solid, practical, and evidence-based answers to existential questions, big and small.

Life Skills
for a
Broken
World

Dr Ahona Guha



Wednesday 1 May • 6.30pm-8pm • Bargoonga Nganjin



MELANIE JOOSTEN

Like Fire Hearted Suns

Join Melanie Joosten for an evening discussing her latest book, *Like Fire Hearted Suns*, with fellow acclaimed writer Alice Robinson. Joosten has two acclaimed novels and a collection of essays under her belt, including the award winning 'Berlin Syndrome.'



Wednesday 10 April
6.30pm-8pm
Carlton Library



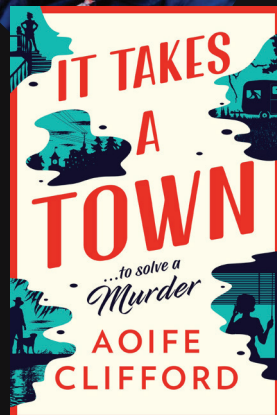
AOIFE CLIFFORD

It Takes A Town Book Launch

with special guest *Sulari Gentill*

Join us for a night of intrigue with the launch of Aoife Clifford's *It Takes A Town* with special guest Sulari Gentill (*The Mystery Writer*). These two multi-award winning Australian mystery/crime writers will celebrate their latest novels, discussing all things writing, mystery, small-town settings & suspense.

Wednesday 17 April
6.30pm-8pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



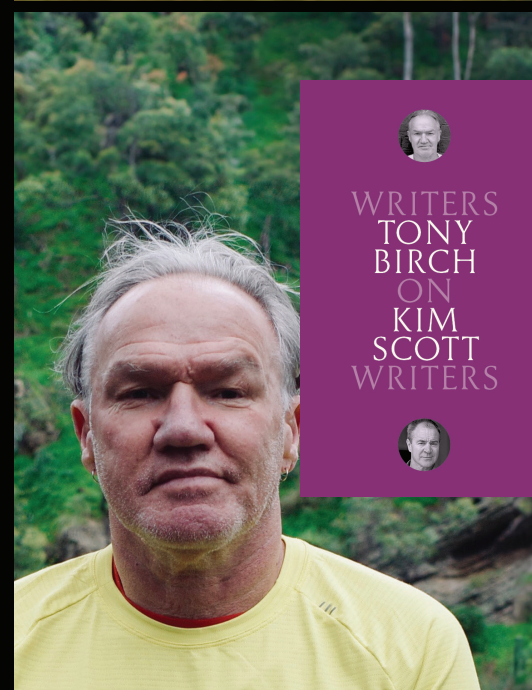
WRITERS
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WRITERS

TONY BIRCH

Writers on Writers: *Tony Birch On Kim Scott*

Join us for an engaging discussion with acclaimed author Tony Birch as he delves into the captivating world of Noongar writer Kim Scott. In the latest instalment of the *Writers on Writers* series, Birch offers profound insights into Scott's unique approach to storytelling, exploring how fiction serves as a powerful conduit to truth.

Wednesday 5 June
6.30pm-8pm
Carlton Library

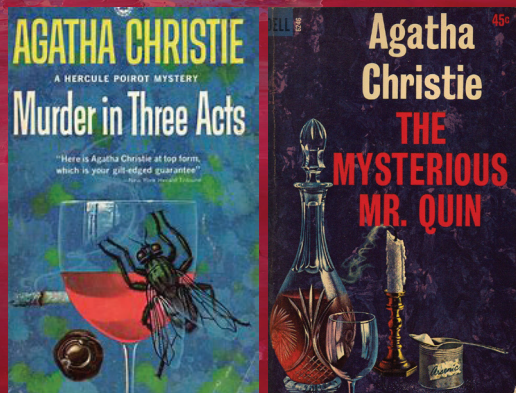


REVISITING AGATHA

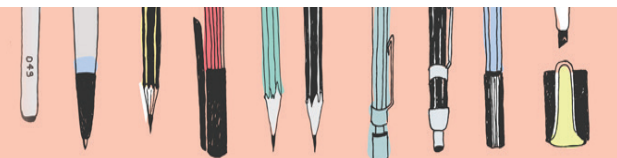
with Angela Savage, Dennis Altman and Christos Tsiolkas.

Agatha Christie continues to be the best-selling crime writer of all time, with new adaptations of her works appearing frequently on film and television. Join Dennis Altman, Angela Savage and Christos Tsiolkas to explore the ongoing fascination with the works of a writer whose racism and elitism seem increasingly out of place in the modern world.

Thursday 20 June
6.30pm-8pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



Book Clubs & More



The Write-In

Community Writing Group

A monthly community-led creative writing group, where creative writers come together to workshop and share their pieces. BYO writing materials. Ages 17+

Wednesdays 17 April & 15 May • 6pm-8pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



Workshop

A facilitated workshop covering different writing skills & techniques to improve your creative writing. BYO writing materials. Ages 17+.

Thursdays 11 April & 9 May • 6pm-8pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



Bring Your Own Book Club

Love reading? Love chatting about what you've been reading? So do we! Come along for a cuppa and a chance to share what we've been reading. Warning: your 'to be read' list will grow!

Wednesdays 17 April, 15 May & 12 June
10.30am-11.30am
Carlton Library

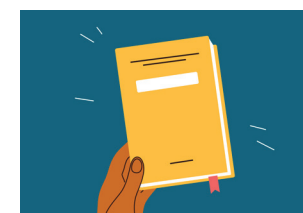
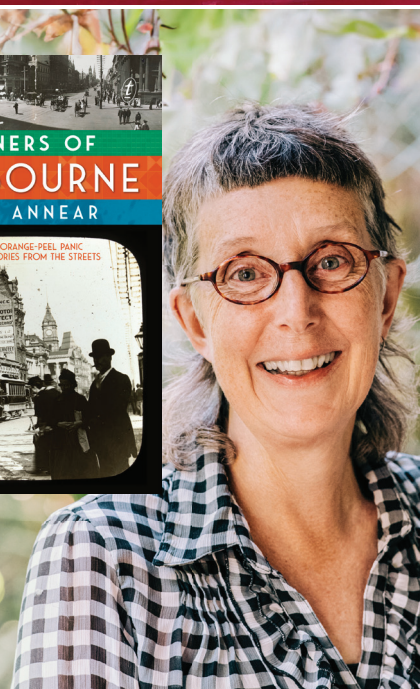
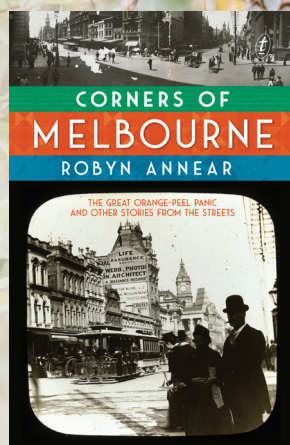


ROBYN ANNEAR

Corners of Melbourne

What better defines a city than its street corners? A corner gives you a starting point, a destination and a place to turn. It's furnished with pillar boxes, newsstands and tram stops, and lamp-posts for light and lounging. Where would you be likeliest to find a pub? At the corner, of course. And who better than Robyn Annear to usher you around the corners of Melbourne, and reveal their bizarre, baroque and mostly forgotten stories?

Tuesday 25 June • 6.30pm-7.30pm
Fitzroy Library



Bargoonga Nganjin Second Thursday Book Club

One of our clubs is looking for new members! Join us for our first meeting in April and return on the second Thursday of each month for bookish chats, hot drinks and the next novel to take home. You can collect April's book, *Kim Jiyoung, Born 1982*, from Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy Library today.

Thursdays 11 April, 9 May & 13 June • 6.30pm-7.30pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



The Short Story Club

Want to join a book club but don't always have the time? This is the club for you! Each month we choose one short story or piece of narrative non-fiction to share and discuss with other club members. See the online event listing for links to each month's story.

Wednesdays:
3 April, 1 May & 5 June
2 Sessions:
1pm-2pm OR 6.30pm-7.30pm
Online via Zoom



Yarra Chinese Mini Fiction Writing Group New Book Launch 微型小說協會新書發佈會

Yarra Chinese Mini-Fiction Writer's Association will launch their 2024 new book *Subtle Melodies: gathered works* which contains short stories and essays by more than 40 local writers.

Saturday 4 May • 2pm-4pm
Richmond Library



UNCLE JOEBOY MORGAN



Uncle Joeboy Morgan at the Fig Tree in Carlton Gardens, 2018. Photo: James Henry.



A Night with Uncle Joeboy Morgan

Uncle Joeboy Morgan is a proud Latje-Latje, Yorta Yorta and Mutthi Mutthi man, who has lived in Fitzroy since the early 1980s. He is an avid reader, poet, musician, Stolen Generations Survivor and a loud and proud community Elder. He was born under a tree on the 15th of January 1962, in Robinvale, on Latje Latje Country, which he says has the best little fishing hole on the Murray River.

Uncle Joeboy lived along the banks of the River Murray until he was about four-years old with his parents (Noreen Dorothy Charles and Joseph Albert Morgan) and siblings. His family lived in an area known as the Badlands, in huts made from materials they gathered from the nearby tip. These huts were often made from tin, wire, flour bags or potato sacks and had dirt floors.

When Uncle Joeboy was about five, his family was moved to a nearby Mission called Munatunga Settlement. This was the first time he had lived in a house with a concrete floor. Then, when the Government decided to integrate the Aboriginal community with the white folk, his family was moved to Robinvale. Families were separated and children were put into 'city holiday foster homes', which many never returned from. Uncle Joeboy was only about eight-years old when he was taken from his parents. Joeboy and his brother Leon were sent to Miralee Reception Centre in Mildura and were made 'wards of the state'. Later they were moved to St Augustine's Orphanage in Highton, Victoria—an institution that was established, ironically, by a Christian association called The Friendly Brother's Society.

Please join us on Monday 8 April from 6pm to hear Uncle Joeboy read some of his poems, sing a few songs and share some stories about his life and lived experiences, from the Badlands to Fitzroy.

Monday 8 April • 6pm–8pm • Fitzroy Library

RECOLLECTION



Clifton Hill Walking Tour

Discover the area now known as Clifton Hill. Learn how Quarries Park on Ramsden Street provided much of the bluestone for Melbourne's lanes from the late 1840s. View intact contractor houses, houses of early Melbourne politicians, trade unionists, private schools, former leather and boot factories and the imposing Italianate former Royal Hotel. Tour led by history enthusiast and accredited professional tour guide Isabel Simpson.

Monday 13 May • 10am–12pm
Meet on the corner of Berry and Spensley Streets, Clifton Hill at 9.45am



Scan and Save your Memories

Want to digitise your photographs, slides, film, or something else? Book an induction to learn to use our Epson Perfection V850 Pro Scanner and other equipment – then come back at your leisure!

Fridays 26 April & 24 May 2pm–3pm • Carlton Library

Tuesdays 21 May & 11 June • 10am–11am
Fitzroy Library



Fitzroy True Crime Walking Tour

Come on a journey from Fitzroy's wealthy beginnings through to the heights of the gang war and its repercussions. Tour guide Michael Shelford, shares insights gathered from original police files as he takes you past the former brothels, sly grog shops and crime dens of the era.

Monday 15 April • 10am–12pm
Fitzroy Library
Meet at 9.45am



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.

By appointment

Artist Workshop: Stephanie Hicks

Join us for an enriching talk and workshop led by visual artist Stephanie Hicks. Learn about the historical and contemporary uses of collage and assemblage, including their enduring relationship to feminist practice. Embracing principles of uncertainty and intuition, participants will be guided to develop their own collages supported by Stephanie's technical and creative expertise. All materials provided, but please bring any images or objects that you'd like to work with on the day.

Saturday 11 May
11am–12.30pm
Carlton Library



Collage Club

A monthly facilitated collage workshop. Explore analogue cut and paste techniques. Working via creative themes, looking at composition, trompe l'oeil, surrealism, photomontage and colour.

Tuesdays 9 April, 14 May
& **11 June • 5.30pm–7.30pm**
Richmond Library



Pop-in Collage

A free, unfacilitated pop-in collage session for anyone interested in analogue cut and paste art. All materials supplied. All abilities welcome. Join us weekly at Richmond Library to try your hand at Collage.

Tuesdays • 1.30pm–3.30pm
Richmond Library



Open Table Community Lunches

Join us Saturdays 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



Fitzroy Sewing Club

Come along to our sewing club to make friends and work on your sewing projects or mending! Use one of four sewing machines, try your hand at the embroidery machine, or work on your hand sewing. Meet other locals who like to sew and share tips and tricks.

Mondays 15 April, 13 May,
27 May & 10 June
10am–12pm
Fitzroy Library



Drop-In Sewing

Do you know how to sew but don't have a machine at home? Use one of our sewing machines! Two machines are available to book. Scissors and thread can be collected from the library staff. Please note, that prior experience is required, as this is not a sewing class. We would love to see what you are making!

Thursdays 4 & 14, 25 April
& **2 May • 11am–12pm**
Carlton Library



Sew-Amazing: Sewing Workshops

Learn to sew with beginner-friendly sewing patterns including a microwavable cosy for a bowl, a reversible bag from *Lotta Jansdotter Everyday Style*, and a 'not quite Prada' bucket hat. Gender-inclusive projects and all materials provided!

Mondays 22 April, 20 May
& **24 June • 10am–12pm**
Fitzroy Library

Thursdays 11 April & 6 June
1.30pm–4pm
Carlton Library



Acrylic Pouring

Dive into Creative Bug, an online learning platform available with all Yarra Libraries memberships and discover and nurture your creative potential. Learn to make colourful artworks with acrylic pouring, perfect for any skill level in this hands-on workshop. Materials supplied.

Tuesday 4 June
6pm–7.30pm
Richmond Library



Make a Bath Soak and Body Scrub

Dive into Creative Bug, an online learning platform available with all Yarra Libraries memberships. Make a customisable bath soak or body scrub with body-loving botanicals of your choice to leave your skin feeling pampered and fresh. Materials supplied.

Wednesday 12 June
6pm–7.30pm
Bargoonga Nganjin



English Reading Practice Book Club

Are you interested in getting better at English? Join our reading practice book club! We'll read simple English materials together, giving you the chance to practice and enhance your English skills. New learners are welcome and encouraged.

Mondays 8 April, 6 May
& **3 June • 1pm–2pm**
Fitzroy Library





CINEMA YARRA

FILM SCREENINGS AT YARRA LIBRARIES



Man on Wire

On August 7, 1974, a young Frenchman named Philippe Petit stepped out on a wire illegally rigged between the World Trade Centre's twin towers in New York. Academy Award winner. Official Selection at the Sundance Film Festival. Directed by James Marsh. (English, French, PG, 2008).

Thursday 4 April • 1pm-2.30pm
Collingwood Library



Lemon Tree

Salma Zidane lives on the Palestinian West Bank, in a little house flanked by lemon trees planted by her great grandparents. However, when the Israeli Defence Minister builds a house next to hers, her lemon trees are deemed a security risk. Salma hires a lawyer to prevent the powerful man from having her ancestral trees removed. Things seem bleak, but hope unexpectedly arises when the minister's neglected wife develops sympathy for Salma's plight. English subtitles. (Arabic/Hebrew, PG, 2008)

Thursday 30 April • 2pm-4pm
Richmond Library



Iris

A documentary about the late fashion icon Iris Apfel (1921-2024), the style maven who had an out-sized presence on the New York fashion scene for decades, from legendary late 88-year-old documentary filmmaker Albert Maysles. (English, PG, 2014)

Thursday 2 May • 1pm-3pm
Collingwood Library



Vai

Made by an all-women Pacifica directors crew, Vai connects eight moments of seemingly different lives. Beautifully shot over seven Pacific countries, and played by a different indigenous actress in each place, Vai links a story of family, culture, and at times, isolation. An exploration into the meaning of growth, adaptation, and most notably, a connection to water and home. (Various, PG, 2019)

Tuesday 28 May • 2pm-4pm
Richmond Library



The Fringe Dwellers

This award winning film is a powerful story of Trilby, a young Aboriginal woman living with her people on the outskirts of everyday Australian society. When her family move to the suburbs, which are inhabited mostly by wealthy white families, Trilby is forced to deal with the culture clash. With xenophobic neighbours casting constant judgment, Trilby and her boyfriend, attempt to find joy in their new environment. (English, PG, 1986)

Thursday 6 June • 1pm-3pm
Collingwood Library



Bad Hair: Pelo Malo

Directed by Mariana Rondón, Bad Hair is a heartwarming story of a boy with an obsession of straightening his hair. The unique features covering the entire gender spectrum make this film even more special. (Spanish, PG, 2013)

Tuesday 25 June • 2pm-4pm
Richmond Library



YARRA STEAM LABS



AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS



MAKER LAB
Program robots, make music, shoot movies, draw animations, and learn about all things STEAM! Ages 8+ Bookings essential.

**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+

**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**

**Labs run during term time (excluding public holidays):
Bookings for Maker Lab Essential.
Bookings for Art Lab and LEGO Lab not required.**



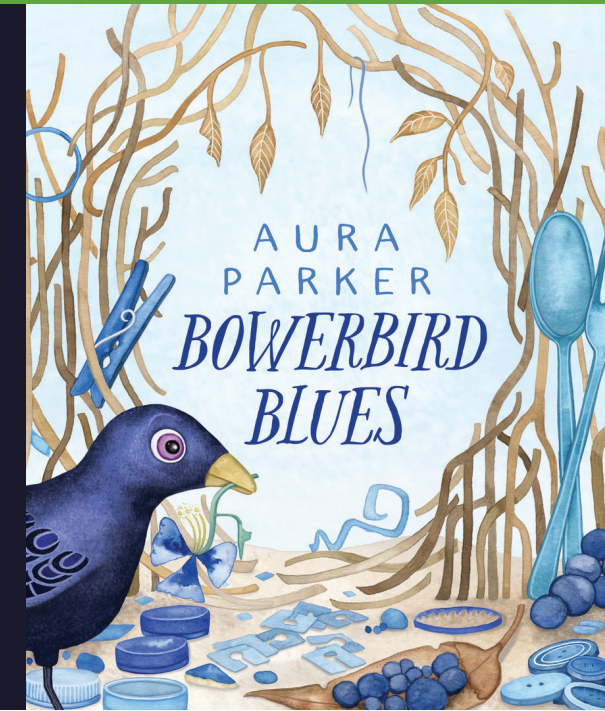
Early Literacy Programs

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 yarralibraries.vic.gov.au.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2024

Join us for National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS)! Held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), a picture book by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, preschools, childcare centres, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 24th successful year, this vibrant and fun event aims to promote the value of reading and literacy. This year we'll be reading *Bowerbird Blues* by Aura Parker.

**Wednesday 22 May • 11am-12pm
Fitzroy Library**



Teach body safety to your kids

Join Body Safe Australia for a two-hour practical workshop that will empower you with safety tools that can be used within the home, school and community. Designed for families of school-aged children, this session aims to inform you of strategies you can implement to keep your child safe and how you can keep the conversation going. This session is aimed at adults and is not suitable for children.

**Thursday 4 April • 6.30pm-8.30pm
Fitzroy Library**



Kids' Clothing Swap

Join us for an under-5 clothing Swap! A sustainable way to stock up for your child's next growth spurt. Bring a bag of children's clothes in good condition and take home a bag in return. All leftover clothes will be donated to local charities. We'll have free preloved library books available to take home; the venue is pram accessible, with changing facilities and comfortable couches to relax and feed bubs if required. In partnership with *Mum's in Yarra*.

**Saturday 15 June • 10am-12pm
Richmond Library**

Digital & Technology Programs



Computer Essentials: Keyboard Skills

Designed for keyboard beginners. From mastering the Function keys to navigating shortcuts, discover the essentials of efficient typing. This interactive session will empower you to confidently navigate your devices. Through hands-on exercises and practical demonstrations, gain valuable insights to boost your typing confidence and proficiency.

Tuesday 16 April • 10.30am–11.30am
Carlton Library 



Online Shopping Scams with Cheryl Wong

Don't fall victim to scams! Protect yourself online by attending an informative session led by Cheryl Wong. Learn how to recognise common scams, how to protect yourself online, and what to do if you suspect you've been scammed.

Friday 14 June • 10.30am–11.30am
Carlton Library 

Learn to use Google Apps

Want to be more productive? Learn how Google's free suite of apps like Gmail, Drive and Docs can help. Discover how to simplify tasks, collaborate more in this hands-on workshop.

Tuesday 9 April • 1pm–2pm • Fitzroy Library

Friday 3 May • 11am–12pm • Carlton Library

Tuesday 4 June • 10.30am–11.30am
Bargoonga Nganjin 




Make Tax-Time Easy with Tech

Streamline your taxes and discover savvy ways to leverage technology to manage important receipts and documents. Navigate year-end finances seamlessly, understand your tax responsibilities, and stay informed in this comprehensive workshop.

Monday 17 June • 6.30pm–7.30pm
Carlton Library 

Pixels & Parents: A Parent's Guide to Safe Online Gaming

Uncover the essentials of safe online gaming, from mastering parental controls to deciphering gaming platforms. Navigate and support your children's gaming adventures with confidence. Learn what your young ones are doing, who they are talking to and how they are spending money in online games.

Wednesday 8 May
7pm–8pm
Bargoonga Nganjin 



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Book your session via
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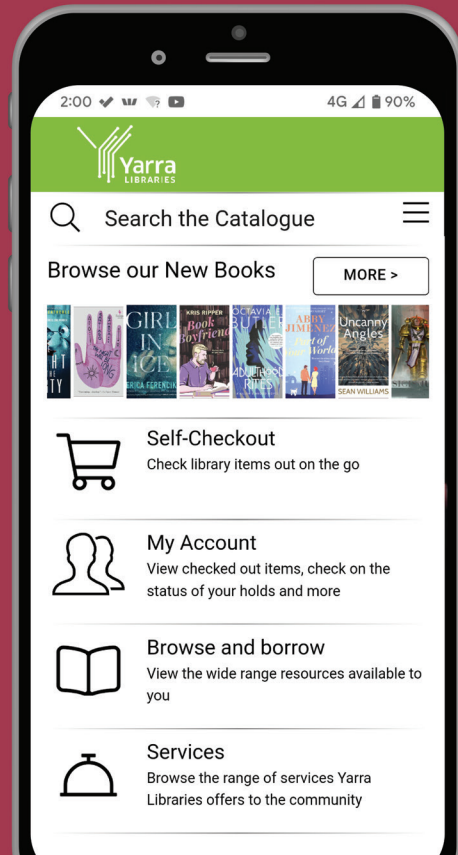
Libraries Victoria App

Great news! The Libraries Victoria mobile app has been restored and is available to use now for all Yarra Libraries members!

The Libraries Victoria mobile app allows our members to access their accounts on-the-go, anywhere, anytime.

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

There are additional benefits to the app including the ability to link accounts. Families can link multiple accounts through the app, making it convenient to manage the loans of the entire family in one place.



Make the most of your Yarra Libraries membership.



With a Yarra Libraries membership, you can:



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our free PCs or Wi-Fi



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



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Not yet a member?



Join online:
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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.



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