



What's On at your library

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Bookings

Bookings for programs and events are taken via:

libraryevents.mvcc.vic.gov.au

You may also call the branch hosting the event or visit us in person to book.





What's On for
Adults

AUTHOR TALKS

Emerging Writers' Festival 2025

Moonee Valley Libraries is delighted to partner with Emerging Writers' Festival 2025 (11–18 September) to showcase local emerging writers and connect writing communities and their audiences through a series of workshops and panel events. Bookings for these events can be made via the Emerging Writers' Festival website: emergingwritersfestival.org.au – or scan the QR code.



Panel discussion: Plotting the Path

with Sean Fallon, Kayla Morton and Sam Robert

Every creative journey starts somewhere – but where and how? Join three writers as they explore different approaches to starting a project. Is it better to outline every detail, or dive in and discover as you go? Hear candid insights on the rewards and pitfalls of planning versus improvisation, and how each approach can fuel (or frustrate) inspiration. Whether you're a meticulous plotter or a spontaneous creator, this discussion offers practical wisdom and fresh perspectives to help you get started.

Sam Merrifield

Thursday 11 September, 6pm–7pm



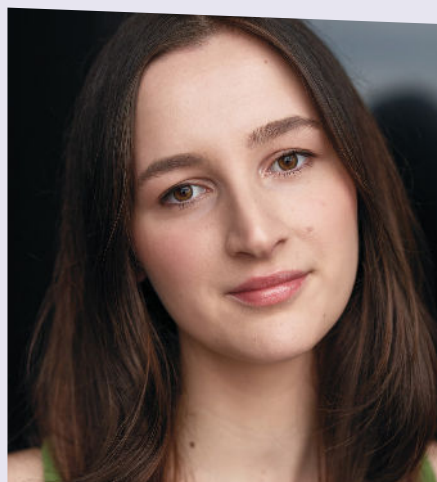
Workshop: Unlikely Authors

with Ivy Crago

Welcome to a whimsical workshop that embraces the absurd. If your favourite coffee mug could talk to you, what would it say? Does your thrifted jumper have a history that you don't know about? What do the streetlights see on a rainy evening? In this workshop, learn to use everyday objects and spaces as sources of inspiration in your writing. Bring in an image or object and begin to craft a story, poem or play by thinking about your object's potential personality. Let go of logic and allow your imagination to take centre stage.

Flemington

Saturday 13 September,
11am–12pm



Comics Industry Roundtable: Drawn Together

with Ariel Ries and Kelly Bull

Take part in a candid conversation with local comic artists as they share insights into navigating the often opaque and competitive world of comics publishing. From agents and advances to career paths and creative autonomy, this roundtable explores both the personal and systemic challenges artists face. Expect honest discussion on labour issues, shifting industry attitudes, and the evolving role of traditional publishers.

Ascot Vale

Tuesday 16 September,
6pm–7pm

Jaclyn Crupi, *Planting for Native Birds, Bees and Butterflies*

Ready to make a difference for native wildlife right in your own backyard? The first step is to start planting. Writer and gardener Jaclyn Crupi reveals how in her new book, *Planting for Native Birds, Bees and Butterflies*. Jaclyn offers loads of practical advice for both seasoned gardeners and enthusiastic beginners. Free, bookings necessary.

Niddrie

Tuesday 14 October, 6pm–7pm



Menopause is not a Use-by Date

with Rachel Matthews, Trish Bolton & Justine Sless

Join authors Rachel Matthews (*Siren, Never Look Desperate*), Trish Bolton (*Whenever You're Ready*), and Justine Sless (*Mistress of Mirth's Comedy Tour, Measured, Silk & Other Stories*) for a lively and light-hearted discussion about life, love, and the later years. Celebrate stories that rethink the outdated notion that women are shelved once they've fulfilled their biological duties, with plenty of laughs along the way.

Free, bookings necessary.

Sam Merrifield

Tuesday 11 November,
6pm–8pm



Free hearing tests

Have you had your hearing tested in the last twelve months? Now is your chance. Book a 15-minute slot for a test and consultation. For those already wearing hearing aids this is an opportunity to have a conversation about any concerns you might have. These tests are for adults only.

Niddrie

Thursday 4 September,
10am–3pm

Sam Merrifield

Thursday 6 November,
10am–3pm



Centrelink Q&As

Confused about Centrelink services like payments, Aged Care or myGov? Book a 30-minute one-on-one session with an expert from Services Australia who can point you in the right direction. Free, bookings necessary.

Niddrie

Thursdays, 1pm–3pm
11 September, 9 October,
23 October, 6 November,
20 November

Avondale Heights

Thursdays, 1pm–3pm
18 September, 16 October,
30 October, 13 November,
27 November

Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 24 September,
10am–12pm

Wednesday 1 October,
1pm–3pm

Tuesday 7 October,
10am–12pm

Wednesday 15 October,
1pm–3pm



Services
Australia

The following programs are held in partnership with My Smart Garden – a free, sustainable gardening program based here in Naarm/Melbourne.



Vertical gardening

Join us in learning the ins-and-outs of making your own vertical garden using DIY and recycled materials. Topics covered include construction, installation and irrigation methods. Presented by Scott Hutchins. Free, bookings necessary.

Niddrie

Tuesday 9 September,
6pm–8pm

Growing herbs for health

Growing your own herbs can have great health benefits. Kaye Roberts-Palmer of Blue Bee Garden Design will cover how to care for your herbs, some unusual herb varieties to grow and their interesting culinary and medical histories. Free, bookings necessary.

Ascot Vale

Wednesday 29 October,
10.30am–11.30am

Composting workshop

Learn how to compost food scraps, grass clippings and garden pruning to make your garden thrive. Find out how to select, site and set-up your compost bin, including options for renters and apartment-dwellers. You can create compost with free, locally available materials, and learn how to avoid common mistakes and problems. Presented by Kat Lavers. Free, bookings necessary.

Sam Merrifield

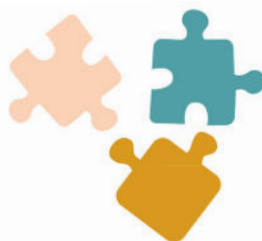
Tuesday 21 October,
6.30pm–8pm



Jigsaw puzzle swaps

Tired of completing the same puzzle over and over again? Bring it along and trade it for one that's new to you.

Puzzles must be at least 500 pieces, in good condition, with no missing pieces. No children's puzzles please. Bookings not required.



Niddrie

Saturday 13 September, 9.30am–10.30am

Saturday 25 October, 9.30am–10.30am



My Aged Care information sessions

Have a question about My Aged Care services and support? Attend an information session run by Council's Aged Care Navigation Officer, and have your questions answered. Light refreshments provided. Free, bookings necessary.

Avondale Heights

Friday 19 September, 10.30am–12.30pm

Friday 14 November, 10.30am–12.30pm

Niddrie

Thursday 16 October, 10.30am–12.30pm



Breast screening information session

Women's Health Week

Early breast cancer detection saves lives. Breast screens are recommended every two years and screening is free. BreastScreen Victoria's information session will highlight the importance of routine breast screening and what to expect during a screen. Free, bookings necessary.

Avondale Heights

Thursday 18 September,
11am–12pm

A history of Flemington racewear

The history of racewear is almost as long as the history of racing, and long before 'Fashions on the Field' was introduced in 1962, Melburnians were dressing mostly elegantly, sometimes colourfully and occasionally wackily, for these important annual events. Join fashion historian and author Nicole Jenkins for an illustrated look at the impact of weather, fashion changes and London models on our local culture. Free, bookings necessary.

Sam Merrifield

Tuesday 23 September,
7pm–8pm



Metro Trains rail safety

Victorian Seniors Festival

Join Metro Trains Community Education facilitators to gain confidence in using Metro Trains with tips on Myki use, accessibility, journey planning and safety. Targeted at seniors but all ages welcome. Free, bookings necessary.

Sam Merrifield

Thursday 2 October,
1pm–2.30pm

Rest easy: sleep sessions for better health and happiness

Do you have trouble sleeping? Sleep encourages the body to repair, manage memories and promote cognitive functioning. It's essential in overall health including mental health. Learn some tips and tricks on how to get healthy sleep and manage your circadian rhythms. Find out how it may benefit you by attending one or all sessions. Free, bookings necessary.

Avondale Heights

All sessions 11am–12pm
Thursday 9 October
Friday 10 October
Thursday 16 October
Friday 17 October

Age Pension answers

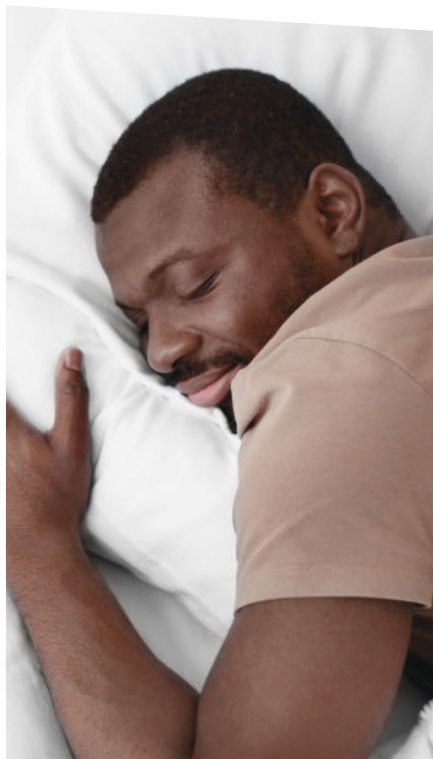
Victorian Seniors Festival

This Seniors Festival, learn more about the Age Pension from the experts at Services Australia. Discover who is eligible, how to claim and what other help is available. Tea and coffee provided. Free, bookings necessary.

Niddrie

Monday 6 October,
1pm–2.30pm

**Victorian
Seniors
Festival**





Spring sounds

Join us for lunchtime harp melodies from acclaimed harpist Hannah Lane. Hannah is one of the world's leading historical harpists, renowned for creating immersive, intimate experiences through her deep connection to music of the past. You'll be transported back in time, all from the comfort of the library. Free, bookings necessary.

Flemington

Friday 17 October,
12.30pm–2pm

Family history Q&As

Stuck on your family tree? Pop in to explore family history resources and techniques with other like-minded genealogists and our Community Heritage Librarian. Free, bookings necessary.

Sam Merrifield

Thursday 23 October,
3pm–4pm

Friday 14 November,
3pm–4pm



Draught proofing workshop

Get ready for summer with this draught proofing workshop. Learn simple, do-it-yourself ways to seal up gaps around windows and doors to make your home more comfortable and save on your cooling bills. Facilitated by industry experts Sapient and presented in partnership with Council's Lets Go Zero sustainability initiative. Free, bookings necessary.

Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 29 October,
6.30pm–8pm



Tai chi & qigong in the park *Victorian Seniors Festival*

Experience a gentle tai chi and qigong class especially for Victorian Seniors Festival. You will learn the basics of this ancient practice as you connect with others. It is a low impact form of exercise and meditation which can improve strength, flexibility and balance. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring your own water bottle and sunscreen and hat. In the case of unsuitable weather this session will be moved indoors and participants notified. Free, bookings necessary.

Rosehill Park, Keilor East

Cnr Rachele Rd & Fawkner Cres

Thursday 30 October,
10.30am–11.30am



Neighbourhood history walk: Ascot Vale

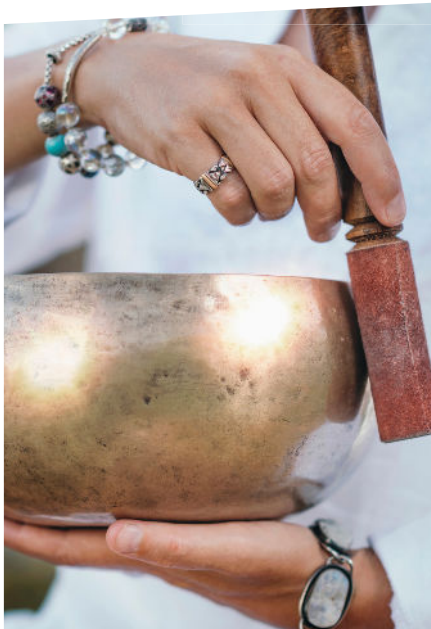
Celebrate the return of Ascot Vale Library to Union Road with a walk back into the suburb's past. Crime, books, politics, the movies, we'll take a peek under the hood at all the stories Ascot Vale can tell. Free, bookings necessary.

Ascot Vale

Meet at the library

Wednesday 5 November,
10am–11.30am

Monday 10 November,
3pm–4.30pm



Sound meditation

Let the harmonious sound vibrations of wind chimes and crystal singing bowls carry you away into a deeper state of peace and calm. A gentle meditative experience to reduce stress and enhance wellbeing. Join us in this series of three 45-minute standalone sessions. Come to one or come to all. Free, bookings necessary.

Niddrie

Tuesdays, 7pm–7.45
11 November, 18 November,
25 November

Finding Anzacs

Use Ancestry, Find My Past and other online resources to discover more about the Anzacs in your family tree. Free, bookings necessary.

Niddrie

Thursday 13 November,
1.30pm–3.30pm



Neighbourhood history walk: Strathmore

Stroll with us through the streets and parks of Strathmore. Admire heritage buildings, learn about past locals, and hear quirky local anecdotes. We'll meet near Strathmore Station and wander to Woodlands Park, where the Library on the Move van will be awaiting us with tea, coffee and books to borrow. Free, bookings necessary.

Strathmore Station

Cnr Woodland St & Amelia Ave
Friday 28 November,
10.30am–11.30am

Seed, plant & produce swap

Do you have a bountiful garden? Come along and share your garden goodies with fellow green thumbs and bring home something new. Bookings not required.

Avondale Heights

Saturday 22 November,
10am–2.30pm



Legal services

Seek confidential legal advice and counselling with Moonee Valley Legal Service. To book, contact Moonee Valley Legal Service directly on 9376 7929.

Flemington

Mondays weekly, 1pm–5pm

Avondale Heights

Tuesdays fortnightly, 1pm–5pm



Justice of the Peace

A Justice of the Peace is available to witness statutory declarations or court affidavits and certify documents. No bookings required.

Avondale Heights

Tuesdays, 2pm–4pm

Thursdays, 10am–12pm

Thursdays, 6pm–7.30pm



Family history group

Passionate about genealogy? Come along weekly to share stories, research skills and knowledge with others. No bookings required.

Sam Merrifield

Tuesdays, 1pm–3pm



Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning Centre

English conversation classes

Do you want to improve and practice your English skills? Aimed at adult learners, these facilitated classes are a great way to practice your English and meet new people in a relaxed setting. All levels of English are welcome.

Classes run during school term.
Free, no bookings required.
For enquiries call 9376 9088.

Niddrie

Tuesdays, 10am–12pm

Avondale Heights

Wednesdays, 1pm–3pm

Flemington

Thursdays, 10am–12pm

Sam Merrifield

Fridays, 9.30am–11.30am

Fridays, 12.30pm–2.30pm



Reading Matters

A shared reading group where a new short story is read aloud and explored each week. Members can simply listen or follow along with a copy of the story, while sampling different literary themes, discussing issues and celebrating the beauty of the English language.

Cost: \$50 annually. Classes run during school term.
For enquiries call 9376 9088.

Flemington

Mondays, 12pm–2pm

Help with Forms

Come to a free 30-minute session to get help with filling out forms, using myGov, or understanding bills.

Sessions run during school term.
Free, bookings necessary. For enquiries call 9376 9088.

Flemington

Thursdays,
12.30pm–2.30pm

CREATE & PARTICIPATE

Craft connect

Whether it's knitting, quilting, felting or something else, bring your own craft, share your skills and ideas with others, and find inspiration for your next creative effort. No bookings required.

Avondale Heights

Mondays, 1pm–3pm

Sam Merrifield

Tuesdays, 1pm–3pm

Sundays, 2pm–4pm

Flemington

Tuesdays, 6pm–7.30pm

Niddrie

Wednesdays, 11am–1pm

Colour me happy

Give your creativity a boost and come along to enjoy the zen of colouring in. No bookings required.

Niddrie

Fridays, 9.30am–11am

Sew and stitch

Interested in sewing or stitching? Bring along your materials, socialise, and be supported by other thread enthusiasts. All are welcome, regardless of skill level. No bookings required.

Avondale Heights

Saturdays, 10am–3pm

20 September, 18 October,

15 November

Create together: art drop-in

Do you want to explore your artistic side and meet other like-minded creatives? Share your skills and knowledge and learn from others. Some materials will be provided, along with ideas for you to explore. Bring along your creativity and imagination. This program is for adult learners, all skill levels welcome. Free, bookings required.

Avondale Heights

Mondays, 5.30pm–7.30pm

1 September, 6 October,

3 November

Mend your clothes by hand

Learn how to sew on buttons, fix small holes, and hand-sew basic hems using simple darning methods and ladder stitching. Hand stitching kits provided. Please bring clothing items to mend, and any scrap material or thread you would like to use. Beginners welcome.

Facilitated by Amanda Loschiavo from Melbourne Fashion Lab. Free, bookings necessary.

Sam Merrifield

Monday 8 September,
6pm–8pm



Budgie life painting

Explore the captivating world of budgerigars with artist and award-winning budgie breeder Vanessa White. Observe these vibrant birds up close while engaging in life drawing and acrylic painting, capturing the birds' colourful plumage and lively personalities on canvas. Suitable for adults of all skill levels. Free, bookings necessary.

Avondale Heights

Monday 10 November,
6pm–7.45pm

Writing group meetup

Whether you're at the ideas stage or polishing a manuscript, joining a writing group can help you achieve your goals and refine your work. This monthly meetup provides a space for you to network with other writers and share your ideas for feedback, motivation and inspiration. No bookings required.

Sam Merrifield

Mondays, 7pm–8.30pm

8 September, 13 October, 10 November

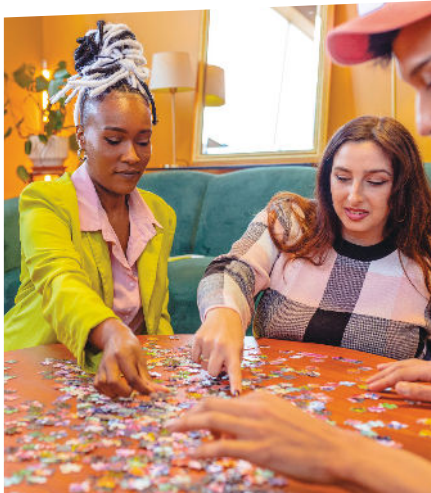
Puzzle and chat

Share conversation and a cuppa while you work together on jigsaw puzzles. It's the perfect way to unwind and meet new friends. All puzzle lovers welcome, including beginners. Ages 18+. No bookings required.

Niddrie

Saturdays, 12pm–3pm

13 September, 25 October,
15 November



Scrabble group

Get together once a month for some fun and friendly competition all while building your vocabulary. Come alone or with a friend. No experience needed. All levels welcome. Ages 16+. No bookings required.

Niddrie

Thursdays, 9.30am–11.30am

25 September, 23 October,
27 November



Makerspace equipment inductions

Do you have a project in mind that requires a sewing machine, 3D printer, laser cutter or Cricut? Or maybe you have some rolls of film lying around that you want to digitise? Our Makerspace inductions will give you the skills to safely operate our equipment. Once inducted on a new machine, you can access Makerspace bookings and create projects independently in your own time.

Free, bookings necessary. Ages 16+. All sessions held in the Makerspace at Avondale Heights Library & Learning Centre.

Flashforge 3D printer

Familiarise yourself with printer hardware and Tinkercad software.

Tuesday 2 September,
1.30pm–2.30pm

Wednesday 5 November,
4pm–5pm

Sewing machines

Learn to safely operate our various sewing machines.

Tuesday 9 September,
1.30pm–2.30pm

Wednesday 12 November,
4pm–5pm

Film scanners

Use our scanners to digitise your photographic film rolls.

Wednesday 10 September,
11am–12pm

Monday 3 November,
3pm–4pm

Emblaser laser cutter

Learn materials, Lightburn design software and safe operations.

Tuesday 16 September,
1.30pm–2.30pm

Wednesday 19 November,
4pm–5pm

Cricut smart cutter

Learn to create stickers, iron-ons, and more with the Cricut smart cutter and Design Space software.

Tuesday 23 September,
1.30pm–2.30pm

Wednesday 26 November,
4pm–5pm



Tech Q&A

Struggling with your computer, smartphone or tablet? Chat one-on-one for 30 minutes with a library staff member for help. Free, bookings necessary.

Ascot Vale

Wednesdays, 10am–12pm

27 August, 24 September,
22 October, 26 November

Avondale Heights

Tuesdays, 9.30am–11.30am

16 September, 7 October,
11 November

Thursdays, 5pm–6pm

11 September, 25 September,
6 November, 27 November

Niddrie

Mondays, 10am–11am

1 September, 15 September,
29 September,
10 November, 24 November

Sam Merrifield

Tuesdays, 10am–12pm

9 September, 23 September,
7 October, 21 October,
18 November

Tech Connect group

Bring along your device, share knowledge and meet new friends. This friendly informal gathering explores technology and teaches you more about devices and their features. It is not a repair workshop. No bookings necessary.

Avondale Heights

Fridays, 9.30am–11.30am

5 September, 24 October,
21 November

Plan your trip online

Save time and money by organising your next holiday online. This session will cover the basics of planning and booking a trip using reputable websites, plus tips for using technology safely while travelling. Free, bookings necessary.

Avondale Heights

**Tuesday 21 October,
9.30am–11.30am**

Cuppa and eSafety: online shopping for the festive season

Want to feel safer and more confident online? Come for a cuppa and watch a webinar hosted by the eSafety Commissioner, all about shopping safely online during the festive season. Tea and coffee provided. Free, bookings necessary.

Avondale Heights

Tuesday 25 November,
10am–11am



Computer classes with Farnham Street

The following classes are facilitated by teachers from Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Cost: \$100 per semester per class. For enquiries call 9376 9088 or visit farnhamst.net

Computer basics

Flemington

Tuesdays, 1pm–3pm

Avondale Heights

Thursdays, 11.30am–1.30pm

Computers: beyond the basics

Flemington

Tuesdays, 10am–12pm

Avondale Heights

Wednesdays, 10am–12pm

Computers for work

Flemington

Mondays, 10am–12pm

Avondale Heights

Wednesdays, 1pm–3pm

Managing your digital life

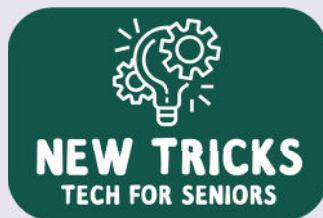
Avondale Heights

Thursdays, 9am–11am

Farnham St
Neighbourhood Learning Centre

It's never too late to learn New Tricks.

Moonee Valley Libraries is back with another suite of exciting technology sessions for older adults this October. These free workshops will give you an introduction to various new tools and technologies to help you on your digital learning journey. Free, bookings necessary.



Makers Tech: laser cutter & design in action

Makerspace staff will demonstrate how our Lightburn software and laser cutters work, and you'll get to see them working in real time. Watch as the laser etches and cuts and take home your own little laser cut creation.

Makerspace Avondale Heights

Wednesday 8 October,
2.30pm–4pm



Digital tools for family history

The internet is full of family history. But where to begin? And how to make sense of what you find? Join us for a friendly introductory session on how to use Ancestry and Find My Past to uncover your ancestors and start building your family tree.

Makerspace Avondale Heights

Monday 13 October,
3pm–4pm

Games for your brain

Try some games that are fun, and also help keep your mind active. Learn new technology and give your brain a gentle work out.

Niddrie

Tuesday 14 October,
2pm–3.30pm

Makers Tech: Cricut smart cutter & design in action

Makerspace staff will demonstrate how Design Space software and the Cricut work, and you'll get to see them working in real time. Watch as the Cricut works to cut the project, and take home your own little smart cut creation.

Makerspace Avondale Heights

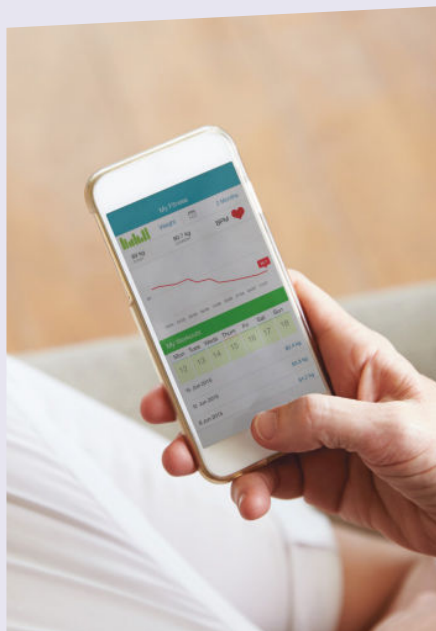
Wednesday 15 October,
2.30pm–4pm

Cuppa & eSafety: Protecting your personal information online

Want to feel safer and more confident online? Join us for a cuppa and watch this free webinar hosted by the eSafety Commissioner, where we will learn about keeping your personal information safe online. Tea and coffee provided.

Niddrie

Tuesday 21 October,
3pm–4pm



From steps to sleep: your smartphone's health apps

Learn how to use your smartphone's health apps to track steps and sleep. This beginner-friendly class will help you understand basic features, set simple goals, and support your daily wellness with easy-to-use tools. Bring your smartphone and get moving toward better health and rest.

Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 22 October,
11am–12pm

Getting started with AI generative tools

Discover how AI-powered generative tools like ChatGPT and Copilot can assist with writing, creativity, and problem-solving. In this session, we'll explore how these technologies work and how they can assist in making everyday tasks easier.

Flemington

Thursday 23 October,
1pm–2.30pm

Virtual reality meditation station

Unwind and recharge with a virtual reality guided meditation experience. Immerse yourself in a calming virtual environment using the Meta Quest 2. Whether you're new to VR, new to meditation, or both, this experience will leave you feeling refreshed and relaxed. One 30-minute session per person.

Sam Merrifield

Tuesday 28 October,
1.30pm–3pm

Ascot Vale

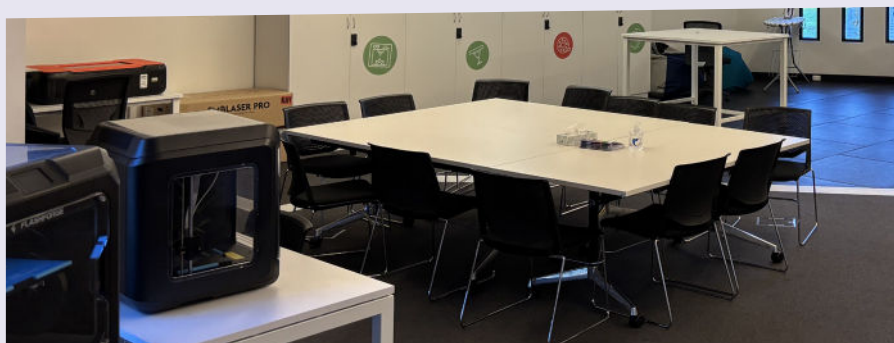
Monday 27 October,
1.30pm–3pm

Makerspace open house

Want to learn New Tricks? Drop in to our Makerspace open house for the final New Tricks session and see all the tech in action. Feel free to bring along your own device and we can also assist with your tech questions. Bookings are not required for this session.

Makerspace Avondale Heights Library

Wednesday 29 October, 10am–12pm



Join us for free screenings of documentaries, international, arthouse, and vintage films. Films are screened with subtitles whenever possible. Free, bookings necessary.

Films at Avondale Heights

Poison

R U OK? Day

A couple is reunited years after tragedy drove them apart. Their brief and intense meeting brings simmering pain and resentment to the surface but is a reminder too of cherished intimacies and the love they once shared.

89 mins, rated M.

Avondale Heights

Friday 12 September, 1pm

The Teacher Who Promised the Sea

The buried memories of the Spanish Civil War are unearthed as a woman searches for the remains of her grandfather's father and discovers the story of an idealistic young teacher from Tarragona.

Spanish with English subtitles.
105 mins, rated M.

Avondale Heights

Friday 14 November, 1pm

Touch

Victorian Seniors Festival

Touch follows one man's emotional journey to find his first love who disappeared 50 years ago...before his time runs out.

English, Icelandic & Japanese language with English subtitles.
121 mins, rated M.

Avondale Heights

Friday 10 October, 1pm



Films at Flemington

Blaze

R U OK? Day

After accidentally witnessing a violent crime, a young girl is left struggling to make sense of what she saw. She turns to her own imagination to help process her anger as she tries to find a path forward.

101 mins, rated MA15+.

Flemington

Wednesday 17 September, 1pm

My Favourite Cake

Mahin lives alone in Tehran since her husband's death and her daughter's departure for Europe, until an afternoon tea with friends leads her to break her solitary routine and revitalise her love life.

Persian with English subtitles.
97 mins, rated M.

Flemington

Wednesday 15 October, 6pm



Blueback

National Recycling Week

When the quiet reef at her coastal hometown starts to attract commercial fishing operators, Abby, inspired by her activist mum, stands up to poachers and developers to protect what she loves. An adaptation of Tim Winton's best-selling novella, Blueback showcases the extraordinary beauty of the world's oceans and wildlife.

102 mins, rated PG.

Flemington

Wednesday 19 November, 1pm

Classic film matinees at Sam Merrifield

Relive the classic films of yesteryear with other film buffs. Films are screened with subtitles whenever possible. Free, bookings necessary.

Rear Window (1954)

A professional photographer with a broken leg (James Stewart) whiles away the time by spying on his neighbours through his window. However, his pastime becomes serious when he witnesses an apparent murder.

112 mins, rated PG.

Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 10 September, 2pm

Steel Magnolias (1989)

A young beautician, newly arrived in a small Louisiana town, finds work at the local salon, where a close-knit group of women welcome her into the fold. Starring Sally Field, Julia Roberts and Dolly Parton.

117 mins, rated G.

Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 8 October, 2pm



Sense and Sensibility (1995)

When Elinor Dashwood's father dies, her family's finances are crippled. After the Dashwoods move to a cottage in Devonshire, Elinor's sister Marianne is torn between the handsome John Willoughby and the older Colonel Brandon. Starring Emma Thompson, Kate Winslet, Greg Wise and Alan Rickman.

135 mins, rated PG.

Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 12 November, 2pm



What's On for Young People

Young Voices, Big Stories

Emerging Writers' Festival workshop with Kayla Morton

Calling all young writing enthusiasts. Whether you prefer fantasy, romance, dystopia, or real-life drama, shape your voice and sharpen your skills in the young adult genre. Through writing exercises, group discussion, and practical tips, explore what makes young adult fiction powerful and personal. Come with ideas, or just curiosity, and leave with a new writing crew, and fresh tools to take into your writing practice.

Ages 14-17. Free, bookings necessary via the Emerging Writers' Festival: emergingwritersfestival.org.au or scan the QR code.

Sam Merrifield

Tuesday 16 September,
6.30pm–7.30pm



EMERGING WRITERS' FESTIVAL



Game Off!

Come and show off your skills in a Nintendo Switch Smash Bros Ultimate video game tournament. Compete for your chance to win prizes. All games rated PG. Ages 12-25. Free, bookings necessary.

Avondale Heights

Thursday 25 September,
1pm–5pm

VR gaming

The future is here in Moonee Valley with Virtual Reality. Try our VR headsets on for size and experience the brave new world of 3D gaming. While you wait for your turn, take our Nintendo Switch for a spin. All games rated PG. Ages 12-17. Free, bookings necessary.

Flemington

Tuesday 30 September,
2pm–3pm & 3pm–4pm

Mindful weaving for Swifties

Explore the art of weaving woolen pictures while chilling out to Taylor Swift tunes. Ages 12–18.

Free, bookings open now.

Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 1 October,
1pm–3pm



Study space at Flemington

Looking for the perfect place to prepare for your end-of-year exams? We're setting up our meeting rooms as a quiet study zone just for students, complete with free tea and coffee to enjoy as you revise. Bookings not required.

Flemington

Monday 20 October –
Saturday 8 November,
weekdays 3pm–closing time,
Saturdays all day



The Lab

The Lab program is a tech club for young people aged 10 to 25 years on the autism spectrum. The Lab offers mentoring in programming, 3D digital design and gaming, as well as the chance to meet others with similar interests. Register online at www.thelab.org.au



Niddrie

10–17 years

Tuesdays, 4.30pm–6.30pm

Avondale Heights

18–25 years

Wednesdays, 4.30pm–6.30pm

Sam Merrifield

10–17 years

Saturdays, 10am–12pm
& 1pm–3pm



What's On for
Children

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Bookings are necessary for all school holiday activities and will open at 10am on Monday 15 September unless otherwise stated. Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult during all activities.

Recycled craft

It's not rubbish, it's whatever you want it to be. Dive into a pile of rescued recycling to build anything your imagination can dream up.

Ages 5–12.

Sam Merrifield

Monday 22 September,
10.30am–11.30am

Niddrie

Tuesday 23 September,
10.30am–11.30am

LEGO Spike

Do you love LEGO? Do you like to experiment? Unlock the magic of motion and learn coding basics with our specialised LEGO Spike sets.

Ages 6–12.

Flemington

Monday 22 September,
2pm–3.30pm

Wooden star weaving

Decorate a wooden star with various drawing materials and use the art of weaving with wool to create a gorgeous hanging ornament.

Ages 5–12.

Ascot Vale

Monday 22 September,
10.30am–11.30am



Family movie screenings: *Dog Man*

After a policeman and his police dog are fused together to turn into Dog Man, he must stop the villainous Petey the Cat from cloning himself and creating an evil kitten, doubling his evil abilities. Based on Dav Pilkey's *Dog Man* series.

94 mins, rated PG.

Ages 5–12.

All sessions at 10.30am.

Avondale Heights

Tuesday 23 September

Flemington

Wednesday 24 September

Ascot Vale

Thursday 25 September

Niddrie

Friday 3 October

Sam Merrifield

Friday 3 October



Playground Storytime

Join us for a special storytime focusing on themes of play and imagination, in celebration of Incinerator Gallery's international blockbuster exhibition, *The Playground Project Melbourne* (showing 28 June–12 October).

Ages 3–5. No bookings required.

Incinerator Gallery

180 Holmes Road, Aberfeldie

Wednesday 24 September,

11am–12pm



For exhibition information, visit incineratorgallery.com.au – or scan the QR code.



Magic wand nature craft

Turn fallen twigs, shimmering ribbons, bio-friendly glitter and glue into a magic wand. All supplies (and plenty of library magic) are provided, so just bring your sense of wonder.

Ages 3–12.

Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 24 September,
10.30am–11.30am

Spring drop-in craft

Draw, create and colour to your heart's content at our drop-in craft session.

Ages 3–12. No bookings required.

Flemington

Thursday 25 September,
10am–12pm

Stop motion animation

Learn the basics of stop motion animation. Unleash your creativity to craft your own story and try out a variety of animation techniques.

Ages 8–12.

Niddrie

Tuesday 30 September,
10.30am–11.30am

Code your own bracelet

In this fun activity you will discover how computers use binary code, all while creating your own beaded bracelets with secret messages.

Ages 5–12.

Sam Merrifield

Monday 29 September,
10.30am–11.30am

Make a wind chime

Paint and decorate a wooden wind chime to add colour and sound to your outdoor space.

Ages 5–12.

Sam Merrifield

Thursday 25 September,
10.30am–11.30am



Moon Festival

Come along to celebrate the Moon Festival by making your own lantern.

Ages 5–12.

Avondale Heights

Wednesday 1 October,
10.30am–11.30am

Flemington

Thursday 2 October,
10.30am–11.30am



Bedtime storytimes

Come to the library for a special evening performance by ABC Kids artist and Disney Theatrical performer, Jemma Armstrong. Pyjamas and plushies are encouraged.

Ages 2–7. Free, bookings necessary.

Sam Merrifield

Tuesday 30 September,
6pm–7pm

Avondale Heights

Thursday 2 October,
6pm–7pm

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Join us for some afternoon fun during the school term.

Suitable for primary school aged children. Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult. **Bookings are necessary and will open at 10am two days before each session.**

Chess Club

Learn to play chess or practice your existing skills.

Sam Merrifield

Mondays, 4pm–4.45pm
1 September, 6 October,
3 November

Niddrie

Tuesdays, 4pm–4.45pm
2 September, 7 October

Avondale Heights

Wednesdays, 4pm–4.45pm
3 September, 5 November



Lego Club

Join like-minded builders in Lego challenges or come just for fun.

Sam Merrifield

Mondays, 4pm–4.45pm
8 September, 13 October,
10 November

Niddrie

Tuesdays, 4pm–4.45pm
9 September, 14 October,
11 November

Avondale Heights

Wednesdays, 4pm–4.45pm
10 September, 8 October,
12 November

Ascot Vale

Fridays, 4pm–4.45pm
12 September, 10 October,
14 November



Art Club

Give the right side of your brain a workout with fellow creatives.

Sam Merrifield

Mondays, 4pm–4.45pm
15 September, 20 October,
17 November

Niddrie

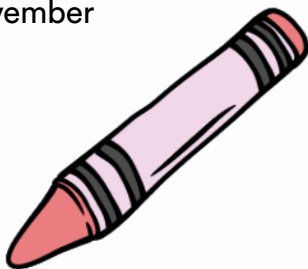
Tuesdays, 4pm–4.45pm
16 September, 21 October,
18 November

Avondale Heights

Wednesdays, 4pm–4.45pm
17 September, 15 October,
19 November

Ascot Vale

Fridays, 4pm–4.45pm
19 September, 17 October,
21 November

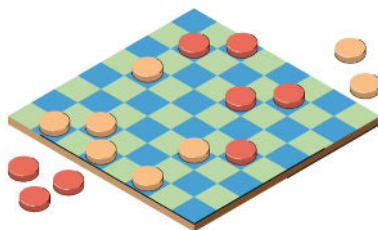


Board Games Club

Play your favourite games or try a new one. You won't be bored!

Ascot Vale

Fridays, 4pm–4.45pm
5 September, 7 November



Makers Club

Join us for STEM challenges and experiments of all kinds.

Sam Merrifield

Mondays, 4pm–4.45pm
27 October, 24 November

Niddrie

Tuesdays, 4pm–4.45pm
28 October, 25 November

Avondale Heights

Wednesdays, 4pm–4.45pm
22 October, 26 November

Ascot Vale

Fridays, 4pm–4.45pm
24 October, 28 November



Make a wind chime

Paint and decorate a wooden wind chime to add colour and sound to your outdoor space.

Ages 5–12. Free, bookings necessary.

Flemington

Monday 8 September,
4pm–5pm

Make a board game

Design a game based on the classic 'Snakes and Ladders' using a board made in our Makerspace. Decide on a theme, set your rules and take your game home to play with friends and family. Game board provided.

Ages 5–12. Free, bookings necessary.

Flemington

Thursday 16 October,
4pm–5pm

Coding with Scratch

Design and code your very own multi-level video game using the programming language Scratch.

Ages 5–12. Free, bookings necessary.

Flemington

Thursday 9 October,
4pm–5pm

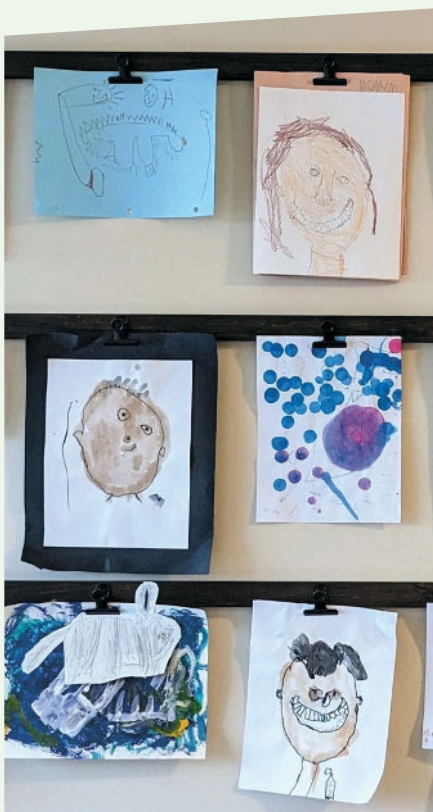
Mini art show

Calling all budding artists and aspiring creatives. Join us for a series of crafty art classes where you will create a collection of masterpieces to show off at a mini art show for your family and friends.

Ages 5–12. Free, bookings necessary. Attend all sessions or pick and choose dates.

Flemington

Tuesdays, 4pm–5pm
11 November, 18 November,
25 November, 2 December



Celebrating Children's Week with yoga

Join Sunny Time Yoga as we introduce yoga and mindfulness to your child. We'll teach your child how to connect with their breath while taking them on an imaginative yoga story. We will play yoga games and have a range of mindful craft activities for children to enjoy during and after the session.

Ages 2–5. Free, bookings necessary.

Avondale Heights

Monday 20 October,
10am–11am



Halloween Spooktacular in the park

Get ready for a spooky adventure at our Halloween extravaganza in the park. We invite you to join us for a frightfully fun evening of ghoulish games and freaky fun.

Come along in your scariest or most enchanting costume and be part of the costume parade.

Ages 5–12. Free, bookings open 10am on Monday 13 October.

Woodlands Park

Winifred Street entrance

Friday 31 October,
6pm–7.30pm

EARLY YEARS LITERACY

These sessions occur weekly during the school term. Bookings not required. In the case of a cancelled session, this will be announced on our Facebook and Instagram stories as soon as practicable.



	Ascot Vale	Avondale Heights	Flemington	Niddrie	Sam Merrifield
Baby Rhyme Time	Mondays 11.15am	Tuesdays 11.15am	Thursdays 11.15am	Fridays 11.15am	Wednesdays 11.15am
Toddler Time	Mondays 10.15am	Tuesdays 10.15am	Thursdays 10.15am	Fridays 10.15am	Wednesdays 10.15am
Preschool Storytime	Thursdays 10.30am	Wednesdays 10.30am	Fridays 10.30am	Tuesdays 10.30am	Mondays 10.30am
Saturday Storytime	Saturdays 10.30am (commencing Term 4)	Saturdays 10.30am	Saturdays 10.30am	Saturdays 10.30am	Saturdays 10.30am

Baby Rhyme Time (0–18 months)

Introduce your baby to the sounds, rhythm and movement of language through songs and nursery rhymes.

Toddler Time (18 months–3 years)

Share stories, songs, rhymes and movements with your toddler. The perfect transition into Preschool Storytime.

Preschool Storytime (3–5 years)

Children will listen to books, sing and dance, and participate in a simple activity. Storytime helps your child develop listening, reading, and fine motor skills in preparation for primary school.

Saturday Storytime (18 months–5 years)

We love sharing books, songs and rhymes with our youngest library members, and Saturdays provide even more opportunities to attend fun-filled Early Years Literacy sessions.

Nature Book Week storytimes

Some of our regular storytimes will take place in parks and reserves throughout Moonee Valley in honour of Nature Book Week. We will be reading books that inspire a love of nature – from the soil below to the canopy above.

Held in partnership with Moonee Valley City Council Parks and Gardens and the Wilderness Society. Please check our social media for updates the morning of each event in case of inclement weather.

Ages 3–5. Bookings not required.

Woodlands Park, Essendon

Winifred Street entrance

Tuesday 14 October, 10.30am–11.30am

JH Allan Reserve, East Keilor

Near Allan Reserve playground

Wednesday 15 October, 10.30am–11.30am

Debneys Park, Flemington

Victoria Street entrance near playground

Friday 17 October, 10.30am–11.30am

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Society**
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Literature



Seniors storytimes

To celebrate Victorian Seniors Festival, bring an older person who is loved in your life for a special storytime.

Ages 3–5. Bookings not required.

All branches during Preschool Storytime

Monday 20 October–
Friday 24 October,
10.30am–11.15am

**Victorian
Seniors
Festival**



Contact your library

Moonee Valley Libraries
libraries.mvcc.vic.gov.au

☎ 03 9243 1900

Ascot Vale Library
165 Union Road
Ascot Vale, VIC, 3032

☎ 03 9243 1990

Avondale Heights Library
and Learning Centre
69-79 Military Road
Avondale Heights, VIC, 3034

☎ 03 9243 1940

Flemington Library
313 Racecourse Road
Flemington, VIC, 3031

☎ 03 9243 1975

Niddrie Library
483 Keilor Road
Niddrie, VIC, 3042

☎ 03 9243 1925

Sam Merrifield Library
762 Mt Alexander Road
Moonee Ponds, VIC, 3039

☎ 03 9243 1950



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