



# What's On at your library

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## Bookings

Bookings for programs and events are taken via:

[libraryevents.mvcc.vic.gov.au](https://libraryevents.mvcc.vic.gov.au)

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

Please notify us of all access requirements when booking so we can assist you with your visit.

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# What's On for Adults

## AUTHOR TALKS

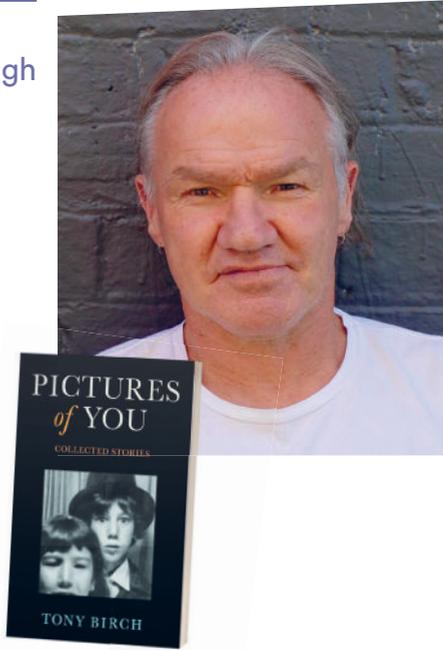
### Tony Birch, *Pictures of You* in conversation with Bec Kavanagh

Award-winning author Tony Birch appears in conversation with Bec Kavanagh to explore *Pictures of You*, his most recent collection of short stories about love, loss, and belonging. Drawing on his Koori heritage and lifelong commitment to social justice, Birch reflects on how personal history, community, and resilience shape his storytelling.

Free. Bookings required.

### Sam Merrifield

Monday 23 March, 7pm–8pm



### Christian White, *The Long Night*

Step into a world of suspense with best-selling Melbourne author Christian White. Hear the inside story behind his gripping new thriller *The Long Night* and uncover how he crafts his trademark gripping plots and unforgettable characters.

Free. Bookings required.

### Sam Merrifield

Tuesday 12 May, 7pm–8pm



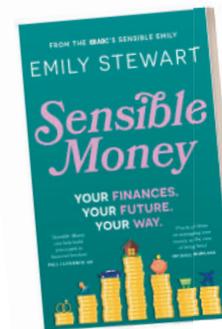
### Emily Stewart, *Sensible Money*

ABC finance reporter Emily Stewart shares insights from her latest book, *Sensible Money*. Discover clear, practical strategies to build confidence, take control of your finances, and create lasting security. This is your chance to move from surviving to thriving.

Free. Bookings required.

### Niddrie

Tuesday 19 May, 6pm–7pm



## COMMUNITY INTEREST

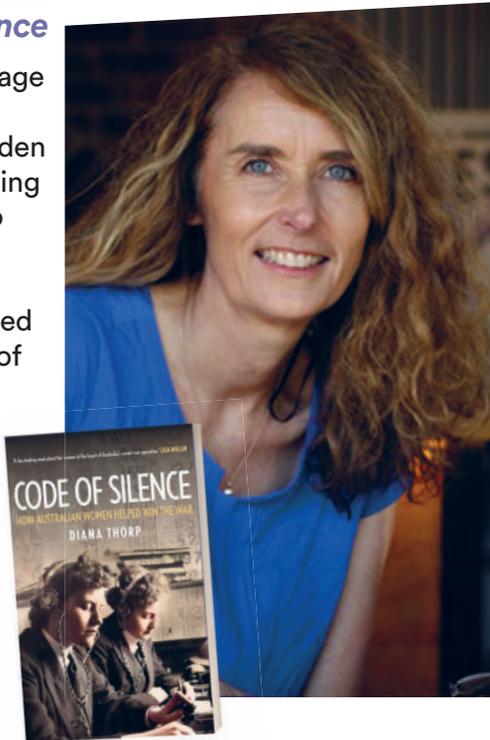
### Diana Thorp, *Code of Silence*

Discover untold stories of courage and secrecy. During WWII, Australian women fought a hidden war, operating in secrecy, shaping history, and then vanishing into civilian life. Sworn to silence, their stories were buried for decades. Diana Thorp, acclaimed journalist, teacher, and author of *Code of Silence*, will reveal the extraordinary lives that helped shape our nation's history.

Free. Bookings required.

### Ascot Vale

Wednesday 11 March,  
6pm–7pm



### Discover the women who shaped your family

#### *International Women's Day*

Celebrate the women who shaped your story. Discover tools and tips to uncover their lives through *Ancestry*, *Find My Past*, and other online resources. Bring their voices out of the archives and onto your family tree.

Free. Bookings required.

### Niddrie

Thursday 5 March,  
1.30pm–3pm

### Neighbourhood history walk: Queens Park

Step back in time and uncover the stories behind Queens Park in this leisurely guided walk around the lake as we explore the park's rich history and hidden gems.

Meet at Sam Merrifield Library. Dress for the outdoors, with sun protection, water, and sturdy footwear. In case of bad weather, the walk will be rescheduled. Assistance animals only.

Free. Bookings required.

### Sam Merrifield

*Meet at the library*

Friday 6 March,  
10.30am–12pm



### Neighbourhood history walk: Ascot Vale

From crime and politics to books and the silver screen, this guided walk of Ascot Vale reveals the fascinating tales behind the suburb's streets.

Meet at Ascot Vale Library. Dress for the outdoors, with sun protection, water, and sturdy footwear. In case of bad weather, the walk will be rescheduled. Assistance animals only.

Free. Bookings required.

### Ascot Vale

*Meet at the library*

Wednesday 25 March,  
3pm–4.30pm



## Tracing the history of your house

Celebrate the stories behind Moonee Valley's homes. This session is perfect for heritage enthusiasts eager to explore local archives, historical maps, and cultural resources.

Free. Bookings required.

### Ascot Vale

Monday 11 May, 3pm–4.30pm

## Family history Q&As

Hit a roadblock with your family tree research? Come along for a relaxed session where you can swap tips, discover handy research tools, and chat with likeminded genealogists including our Community Heritage Librarian.

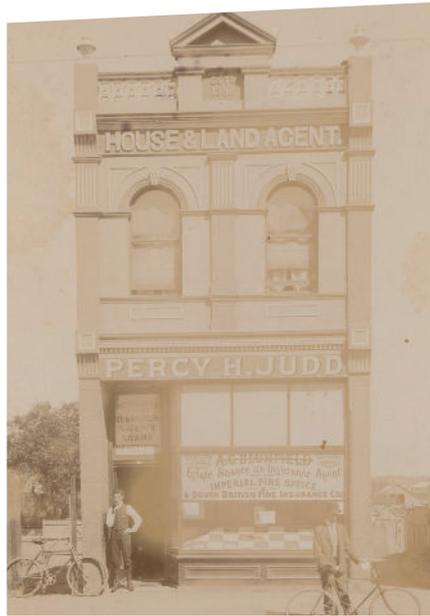
Free. Bookings required.

### Sam Merrifield

Tuesday 28 April, 6pm–7pm

### Ascot Vale

Thursday 7 May, 3pm–4pm



## 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



## Autumn seasonal gardening

Discover how to make your garden thrive this autumn with expert tips from Kaye Roberts-Palmer of Blue Bee Garden Design. Learn about soil improvement, mulch options, planting techniques, organic pest control, and what is best to plant during these cooler months.

This program is held in partnership with My Smart Garden – a free, sustainable gardening program based here in Naarm/Melbourne.

Free. Bookings required.

### Flemington

Saturday 28 March, 11am–12pm



## Seed, plant and produce swap

Got a thriving garden? An overflow of one fruit or vegetable? Swap and share your homegrown treasures with fellow green thumbs and discover something new to take home and eat. All ages welcome.

Free. No bookings required.

### Avondale Heights

Saturday 28 March, 10am–2.30pm



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



### Composting workshop

Turn kitchen scraps into garden gold. Join horticulturalist Scott Hitchins for a hands-on composting workshop. Learn to choose, set up and maintain the perfect system even in small spaces. Whether you're starting from scratch or refining your skills, you'll leave inspired and ready to create nutrient-rich compost at home.

Free. Bookings required.

#### Avondale Heights

Thursday 23 April, 2pm–3pm



### Gardening for small spaces

Chloe Thomson, Editor of *ABC Organic Gardener Magazine*, will deliver an inspiring session on creating lush greenery in compact areas. Learn how to maximise light, select the perfect plants, choose pots and mixes that work, and design layouts that flourish. Plus, get expert tips on watering, feeding, and keeping your potted plants healthy year-round.

Free. Bookings required.

#### Sam Merrifield

Tuesday 26 May, 6.30pm–8pm



### Bike maintenance workshop

Love your bike but not sure how to keep it in top shape? Join Bike it Better for a practical session on essential maintenance. From fixing flats to tweaking brakes, you'll learn the tricks to keep your wheels spinning smoothly.

Free. Bookings required.

#### Avondale Heights

Monday 30 March,  
5.30pm–7.30pm



### Preparing for retirement: downsizing your home with Services Australia

If the garden is getting harder to manage or the house feels too big, join Services Australia experts for practical advice on downsizing. Discover tips to make the transition easier and learn what support is available as you prepare for retirement.

Free. Bookings required.

#### Niddrie

Monday 16 March,  
10am–11.30am



### Declutter and organise your home

This hands-on workshop is packed with smart, practical tips to declutter and create beautifully functional spaces. Discover simple organisation strategies, get inspired by real before-and-after examples, and take home helpful resources to keep the momentum going.

Free. Bookings required.

#### Sam Merrifield

Tuesday 14 April,  
6.30pm–8pm

The following programs are held in partnership with Council's Let's Go Zero initiative, designed to help residents adopt sustainable living practices.



### Draught proofing workshop

Discover simple, DIY techniques to block those sneaky gaps around windows and doors in this workshop. Stay cosy, cut energy bills, and make a positive impact on the planet. Delivered by thermal efficiency experts Sapien.

Free. Bookings required.

### Ascot Vale

Wednesday 25 March,  
2pm–3.30pm

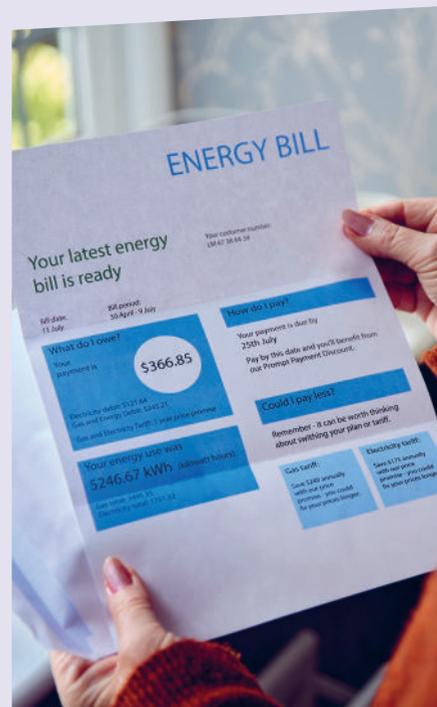
### Home energy efficiency

Want to cut down your energy bills without the stress? Join the friendly experts from Uniting for an easy, practical session. They'll show you how to read your bill, share simple tips to save energy at home, and help you find rebates and concessions you might be missing out on.

Free. Bookings required.

### Niddrie

Friday 22 May,  
1.30pm–2.30pm



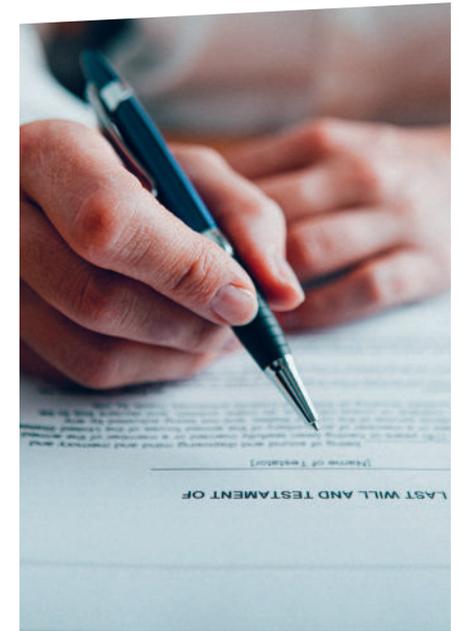
### Wills and probate

What happens if you don't have a will? How does probate work? Join Moonee Valley Legal Service for a free, informative session that answers these important questions and helps you plan with confidence.

Free. Bookings required.

### Niddrie

Monday 20 April,  
1.30pm–2.30pm



### Free hearing tests

Hearing Australia is offering free hearing tests at the library. Already using hearing aids? This is a great chance to chat with a professional about any questions or concerns you may have and get expert advice tailored to your needs.

Please note: tests are for adults only.

Free. Bookings required.

### Flemington

Friday 29 May, 10am–1pm



## Centrelink Q&As

Got questions about Centrelink, Aged Care, or myGov? Book a free one-on-one session with a Services Australia expert who can guide you in the right direction. Get clear answers, personalised support, and peace of mind.

Free. Bookings required.

### Ascot Vale

Wednesdays  
10.30am–12.30pm  
4 March, 18 March,  
15 April, 6 May

### Avondale Heights

Thursdays 1pm–3pm  
5 March, 19 March,  
2 April, 16 April,  
30 April, 14 May, 28 May



### Flemington

Wednesdays 1pm–3pm  
1 April

### Niddrie

Thursdays 1pm–3pm  
12 March, 26 March, 9 April,  
23 April, 7 May, 21 May

### Sam Merrifield

Tuesdays 10am–12pm  
10 March, 24 March, 7 April,  
21 April, 5 May, 19 May

## My Aged Care information sessions

Join us for a free information session with Council's Aged Care Navigation Officer. Discover the services and support available, learn how to access them, and get answers to your questions, all in one place.

Free. Bookings required. All sessions run from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

### Avondale Heights

Friday 20 March  
Friday 22 May

### Flemington

Friday 8 May

### Sam Merrifield

Friday 17 April

### Niddrie

Thursday 23 April



## 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



## Carers information session

Caring for an older loved one? Join us for a friendly and informative session designed for informal carers. Connect with representatives from Carers Victoria, Services Australia, and Council's aged care team to discover practical support and resources for you and your family. Enjoy a light lunch and discover a range of services available to support you in your caring role.

Free. Bookings required.

### Avondale Heights

Thursday 12 March, 10.30am–12.30pm



## 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 terms. Free. No bookings required. For enquiries, call 9376 9088.

#### Niddrie

Tuesdays, 10am–12pm

#### Avondale Heights

Wednesdays, 1pm–3pm

#### Flemington

Thursdays, 10am–12pm

#### Ascot Vale

Thursdays, 1pm–3pm

#### Sam Merrifield

Fridays, 10am–12pm and 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 terms. For enquiries, bookings and payments, call 9376 9088 or visit [farnhamst.net](http://farnhamst.net)

#### 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 terms. Free. Bookings required. For enquiries, call 9376 9088.

#### Flemington

Thursdays, 12.30pm–2.30pm

## The art of draping the saree

### Cultural Diversity Week

Step into the elegance and tradition of Indian culture in this interactive workshop. Join Anusha Balakrishna as she shares the stories behind the saree and demonstrates the graceful techniques of draping this iconic garment. Experience the craftsmanship, creativity, and cultural heritage that make the saree a timeless symbol of artistry.

Free. Bookings required.

#### Niddrie

Tuesday 24 March, 6pm–7.30pm

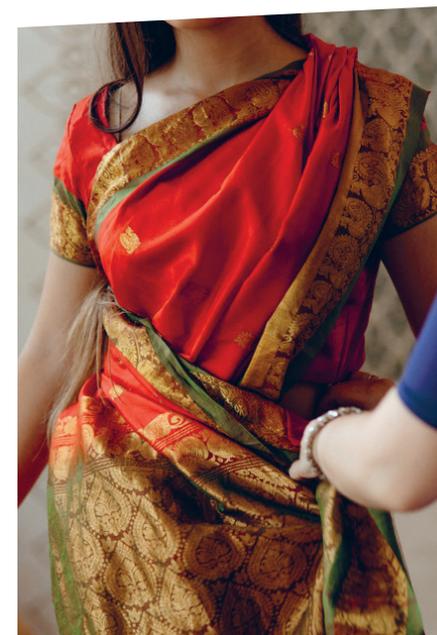
### Scrabble group

Love Scrabble? Join our monthly game sessions for a mix of friendly competition, wordplay, and laughs. Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious, everyone 16+ is welcome. Come solo or bring a friend. No experience needed.

Free. No bookings required.

#### Niddrie

Thursdays, 9.30am–11.30am  
26 March, 28 May



### Jigsaw puzzle swap

Love puzzles? Ready for a fresh challenge? Trade in that puzzle you've mastered for something new to you. Bring along a 500+ piece puzzle in great condition (no missing pieces, no children's puzzles).

Free. No bookings required.

#### Niddrie

Saturdays, 9.30am–10.30am  
11 April, 23 May



## Creative calm with watercolour

Unwind and recharge in a soothing watercolour workshop designed for relaxation and self-expression. Explore gentle techniques, play with vibrant hues, and let creativity guide your mindfulness journey. No experience needed, just bring yourself and enjoy a peaceful, inspiring escape. All materials are provided.

Free. Bookings required.

### Avondale Heights

Monday 4 May, 6pm–7.30pm



## Children's clothing swap

Give your child's wardrobe a sustainable makeover at our fun clothing swap. Bring up to 10 clean, good-quality items for ages 0–8, and trade them for something fresh and fun.

Clothing only. No toys or adult clothing. Places are limited. In partnership with Moonee Valley City Council's Circular Economy and Waste team. Free. Bookings required.

### Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 6 May,  
10am–12pm



## Puzzle and chat

Love puzzles and good conversation? Drop in to our relaxing jigsaw session over a cuppa. Connect with fellow puzzle enthusiasts and piece things together, literally. No experience needed, just drop in.

Free. No bookings required.

### Avondale Heights

Saturdays 12pm–3pm  
7 March, 18 April, 9 May

### Niddrie

Saturdays 12pm–3pm  
21 March, 11 April, 2 May



## Create together: art drop-in

Experience a relaxed and friendly environment where everyone is valued, whether you're an experienced artist or exploring creativity for the first time. Enjoy meaningful conversations, share your skills, and learn from others in a supportive community. Bring along your current project or simply come with your imagination. We'll provide a variety of art materials to inspire you. This program is for adults, and all skill levels welcome.

Free. Bookings required.

### Avondale Heights

Mondays, 6pm–7.30pm  
2 March, 13 April, 11 May

## Yarn craft social group

Bring your current knitting or crochet project and connect with fellow makers in a relaxed, friendly space. Share tips, swap ideas, and spark inspiration for your next creative piece. All skill levels are welcome, whether you're a beginner or an experienced crafter. Enjoy tea and coffee while you create.

Free. No bookings required.

### Niddrie

Thursdays fortnightly, 6pm–7.45pm, starting 5 March

## 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. This program is for adults.

Free. No bookings required.

### Avondale Heights

Mondays, 1pm–3pm

### Sam Merrifield

Tuesdays, 1pm–3pm  
Sundays, 2pm–4pm

### Flemington

Tuesdays, 6pm–7.30pm

### Ascot Vale

Tuesdays, 2pm–4pm

### Niddrie

Wednesdays, 11am–1pm

## Colour me happy

Relax, recharge, and explore your creativity through mindful colouring-in sessions for adults. Discover the calming benefits and take time for yourself. This program runs during school terms.

Free. No bookings required.

### Niddrie

Fridays, 9.30am–11am



## Writing workshops: so you want to write?

Ready to explore your creativity? These workshops are designed for adults who love writing and want to grow their skills.

Whether you are creating a memoir, writing for children, experimenting with poetry, or refining the voice of your narrative, these sessions will give you the tools and confidence to elevate your craft.

Guided by acclaimed authors and creative experts, you will discover practical techniques and fresh ideas to inspire your next piece. Bookings are essential, so secure your place today.

so you want to write?

### So you want to write a memoir? with Alice Pung

Discover the art of memoir writing with award-winning author Alice Pung. In this hands-on workshop, Alice will guide you through techniques to shape your personal stories into compelling narratives. Perfect for writers eager to explore their voice and craft authentic, memorable writing.

Free. Bookings required.

#### Ascot Vale

Saturday 14 March,  
2pm–4pm



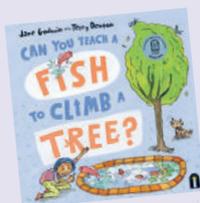
### So you want to write a picture book? with Jane Godwin

Join acclaimed children's author Jane Godwin for an inspiring workshop on writing picture books. Learn how to create characters kids will adore and craft stories with rhythm and language that captivate young readers. Ideal for writers keen to bring imaginative tales to life.

Free. Bookings required.

#### Ascot Vale

Saturday 21 March,  
2pm–4pm



### So you want to write poetry? with Joel McKerrow

Discover the power of words with poet Joel McKerrow in this interactive workshop. Explore techniques to unlock creativity, craft vivid imagery, and express your unique voice through poetry. Perfect for writers ready to find the poet within and bring their ideas to life.

Free. Bookings required.

#### Ascot Vale

Saturday 28 March,  
2pm–4pm



### So you want to write with an authentic voice? with Sian Prior

Join inspiring author and creative writing teacher Sian Prior for a hands-on workshop on finding the perfect voice for your story. Learn techniques to shape tone, style, and perspective, bringing authenticity and depth to your writing. Aimed at writers who are ready to elevate their craft.

Free. Bookings required.

#### Ascot Vale

Saturday 18 April,  
2pm–4pm



### Writing group meetup

Have a story brewing or an idea ready to take shape? The Moonee Valley Libraries Writing Group is a welcoming space to spark creativity, share ideas, and refine your craft. Connect with fellow writers for feedback, motivation, and inspiration.

Free. No bookings required.

#### Sam Merrifield

Mondays, 7pm–8.30pm  
16 March, 13 April, 11 May





Visit our Makerspace and learn some new skills! All sessions held in the Makerspace at Avondale Heights Library & Learning Centre.

## Sew your own reusable mesh produce bags

Make your own reusable mesh produce bags and reduce plastic waste. Learn sewing basics in our Makerspace, get familiar with our sewing machines, and create something practical and sustainable. Book your spot today and start crafting eco-friendly solutions for everyday shopping.

All materials provided.

Free. Bookings required.

### Makerspace

Tuesday 28 April,  
1.30pm–2.30pm



## Customise a library bag with Cricut

Create a fresh look for your library bag using our Cricut machines. Design, cut, and heat-transfer a custom decal with guidance from our staff. Reserve your spot today and personalise your bag with style and creativity.

All materials provided.

Free. Bookings required.

### Makerspace

Wednesday 6 May,  
2.30pm–4pm



## Makerspace equipment inductions

Explore the possibilities of our Makerspace machines through hands-on inductions. Discover how they work, understand safety essentials, and learn how to book equipment for independent creative projects.

Please note: prior experience with sewing machines or computers is required. These sessions are not beginner tutorials or introductions to sewing, digital design or photo editing.

Free. Bookings required. Ages 16+. All sessions held in the Makerspace at Avondale Heights Library & Learning Centre.

### Cricut smart cutter

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

Tuesday 24 March,  
1.30pm–2.30pm

Wednesday 20 May,  
4pm–5pm

### Emblaser laser cutter

Learn materials, Lightburn design software and safe operations.

Wednesday 18 March,  
4pm–5pm

Tuesday 5 May,  
1.30pm–2.30pm

### Film scanners

Use our scanners to digitise your photographic negatives or prints.

Monday 30 March, 3pm–4pm

Wednesday 20 May, 10am–11am

### Sewing machines

Learn to safely operate our various sewing machines.

Tuesday 10 March,  
1.30pm–2.30pm

Wednesday 22 April,  
4pm–5pm

Thursday 14 May,  
6pm–7pm

### Flashforge 3D printer

Familiarise yourself with printer hardware and Tinkercad software.

Wednesday 4 March,  
4pm–5pm

Tuesday 7 April,  
1.30pm–2.30pm

Thursday 7 May,  
6pm–7pm

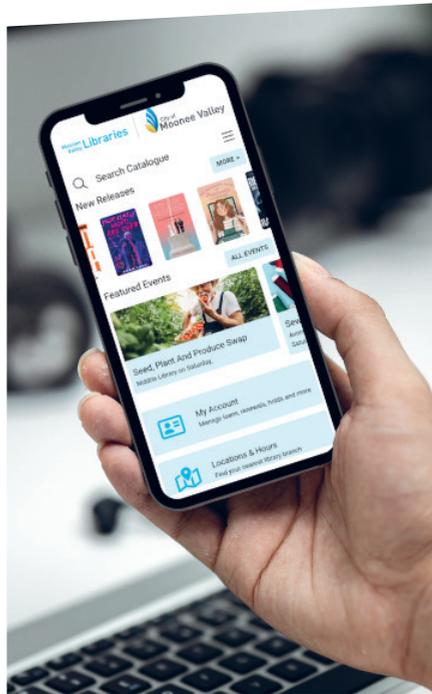
## Library from home: eBooks, audiobooks and streaming

Learn how to read or listen to books on your own device, and explore Moonee Valley Libraries' digital collection. Bring your library card and your phone or tablet. Secure your place today and discover a new way to enjoy reading.

Free. Bookings required.

### Ascot Vale

Wednesday 15 April,  
2pm–3pm



## Smartphone basics

Smartphone basics is designed for absolute beginners. Learn how to navigate your phone, explore apps, and send messages. Bring your own device, along with your email and login details, and take the first step toward feeling more confident using your phone.

Free. Bookings required.

### Avondale Heights

Tuesday 21 April,  
9.30am–11.30am



## Plan your trip online

Plan your next adventure online with confidence. Learn the basics of booking travel, and discover smart tips for using technology safely while away. Reserve your spot today and make your holiday planning simple and secure.

Free. Bookings required.

### Avondale Heights

Fridays, 9.30am–11.30am  
6 March, 15 May

## VR 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.

Free. Bookings required.

### Niddrie

Thursday 14 May,  
2pm–4pm



## Cuppa and eSafety: helpful apps for your smart device

Enjoy a cuppa while watching a webinar from the eSafety Commissioner. Learn about helpful apps for your smart device, discover where to find and download them, and get tips for managing apps with confidence. Reserve your spot today and make your device work smarter for you.

Tea and coffee provided.  
Free. Bookings required.

### Niddrie

Thursday 30 April, 3pm–4pm

## 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.

Free. Bookings required.

### Sam Merrifield

Thursday 16 April, 2pm–3pm

### Flemington

Thursday 21 May, 2pm–3pm

## Express tech help

Have a quick question about using your laptop, smartphone or tablet? Book an express session with a staff member and build confidence in solving minor tech issues. Bring your device and a question, and take a step toward feeling more capable online.

Free. Bookings required.

### Ascot Vale

Wednesdays, 10.30am–11.30am  
25 March, 29 April, 27 May

### Avondale Heights

Tuesdays, 2pm–3pm  
17 March, 19 May  
Thursdays, 5pm–6pm  
26 March, 9 April

### Niddrie

Mondays, 10am–11am  
23 March, 20 April, 18 May

### Sam Merrifield

Tuesdays, 10am–11.30am  
10 March, 31 March,  
21 April, 12 May



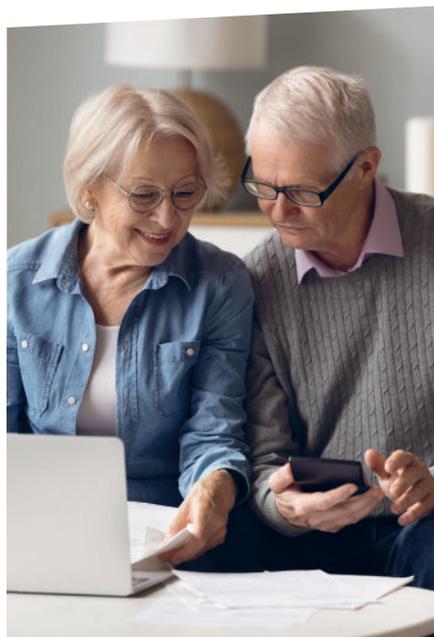
## Cuppa and eSafety: Protect yourself against scams

Relax with a cuppa while watching a webinar from the eSafety Commissioner. Learn how to spot common scams, including the latest tax and Medicare scams, discover what to do and what not to do, and find out where to get help. Reserve your spot today and stay scam smart.

Tea and coffee provided.  
Free. Bookings required.

### Sam Merrifield

Tuesday 24 March, 3pm–4pm



## Tech Connect group

Connect with others, share tech tips, and explore your device's features in a relaxed group setting. Bring your device, contribute your knowledge, and discover something new. Facilitated by library staff, these sessions focus on learning and sharing, not repairs.

Free. No bookings required.

### Avondale Heights

Fridays, 9.30am–11.30am  
13 March, 17 April, 29 May



## Computer classes with Farnham Street

The following classes are facilitated by teachers from Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Cost: \$100 per semester per class. Bookings are required. For enquiries, bookings and payments, call 9376 9088 or visit [farnhamst.net](http://farnhamst.net)

### Digital basics

#### Flemington

Tuesdays, 1pm–3pm

#### Avondale Heights

Thursdays, 11.30am–1.30pm

### Digital basics plus

#### 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



Films at Avondale Heights

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

**The Widow Clicquot (2024)**  
*International Women's Day*

After her husband's sudden death, Barbe-Nicole Ponsardin Clicquot takes control of their young wine business. Despite financial uncertainty, she proves her critics wrong and revolutionises the champagne industry. Her bold leadership and innovations make her one of the world's first great businesswomen.

86 mins. Rated M.

**Avondale Heights**  
Friday 6 March, 1pm

**The Movie Teller (2023)**

A girl's gift for recounting the events in Hollywood movies transforms her family's fortunes in rural 1960s Chile. Spanish with English subtitles. This film is brought to you by Kanopy.

116 mins. Rated M.

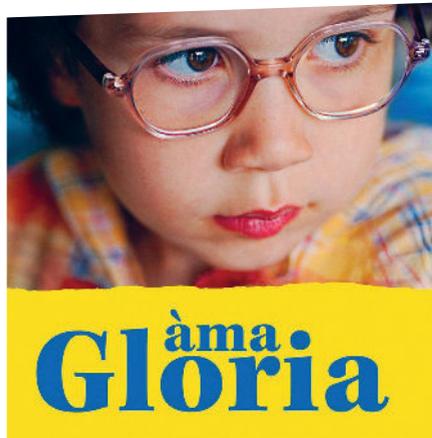
**Avondale Heights**  
Friday 10 April, 1pm

**Àma Gloria (2023)**

Cleo lives with her widowed father but has been raised by her devoted nanny Gloria, who provides comfort and stability. When Gloria must return home to care for her own children, she invites Cleo to spend one last summer on her island. There Cleo discovers a completely different way of life. French with English subtitles. This film is brought to you by Kanopy.

105 mins. Rated M.

**Avondale Heights**  
Friday 15 May, 1pm



Films at Flemington

**Tea With the Dames (2018)**  
*International Women's Day*

Spend a delightful afternoon with four legends of British stage and cinema, Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Eileen Atkins and Joan Plowright, as they spill the tea on life, love and art.

83 mins. Rated M.

**Flemington**

Wednesday 18 March, 6pm



**The Life of Chuck (2025)**

A life-affirming story of an ordinary man, Charles 'Chuck' Krantz as he experiences the wonder of love, the heartbreak of loss, and the multitudes contained in all of us. Starring Tom Hiddleston and Chiwetel Ejiofor. Based on Stephen King's novella.

111 mins. Rated M.

**Flemington**

Wednesday 15 April, 1pm

**Housekeeping for Beginners (2023)**

*International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersex Discrimination, and Transphobia*

Dita never wanted to be a mother, but circumstances force her to raise her girlfriend's two daughters, tiny troublemaker Mia and rebellious teen Vanesa. A battle of wills ensues as the three continue to butt heads and become an unlikely family that must fight to stay together.

Macedonian with English subtitles.

107 mins. Rated MA15+.

**Flemington**

Wednesday 20 May, 6pm

## 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 required.

### *That Touch of Mink* (1962)

Cary Grant and Doris Day star in this romantic comedy about a wealthy businessman who pursues a relationship with a woman seeking respectability. As misunderstandings grow around their differing expectations, the story follows their attempts to balance personal values, social pressure, and the possibility of a future together.

95 minutes. Rated PG.

#### Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 11 March, 2pm

### *Vertigo* (1958)

James Stewart stars as a former detective hired to follow a woman, played by Kim Novak, whose strange behaviour worries her husband. As he becomes increasingly involved in her life, the investigation leads to emotional complexity, mistaken identities, and a series of events shaped by obsession and unresolved trauma.

128 minutes. Rated PG.

#### Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 8 April, 2pm

### *To Kill A Mockingbird* (1962)

Gregory Peck stars as Atticus Finch, a lawyer defending a Black man wrongly accused of a serious crime in a small Southern town. Seen through his children's experiences, the film explores justice, morality, and the challenges of confronting prejudice within their community during a period of social tension.

129 minutes. Rated PG.

#### Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 13 May, 2pm



What's On for  
Young People

## Zine making workshop

Unleash your creativity in this hands-on mini zine workshop. We'll teach you how to fold, write, and design your own booklet that can be about anything you like! Decorate and take home a unique hand-crafted publication.

Ages 12–17. Free. Bookings required.

### Ascot Vale

Thursday 16 April, 2pm–3pm



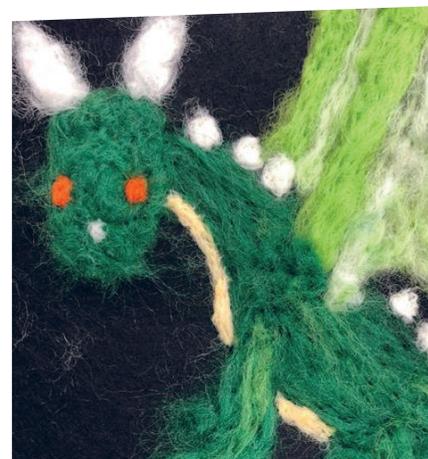
## Felting workshop

Discover the fun of needle felting in this hands-on class. We'll teach you how to sculpt and paint with colourful wool. Create a fuzzy, nature-inspired artwork to take home.

Ages 12–17. Free. Bookings required.

### Sam Merrifield

Friday 17 April, 2pm–3.30pm



## Game Off!

Test your skills in a Nintendo Switch tournament featuring Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros Ultimate. Compete for a shot at glory, challenge your friends, and show what you can do. Sign up now and get ready to race, battle, and rise to the top.

Ages 12–17. All games rated PG. Free. Bookings required.

### Avondale Heights

Thursday 9 April, 1pm–5pm



## DIY photo stands

Craft a handmade photo stand using air dry clay. Perfect for displaying your favourite memories and adding a personal touch to your space.

Ages 12–17. Free. Bookings required.

### Flemington

Friday 17 April, 11am–12.30pm

## 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 [thelab.org.au](http://thelab.org.au)



### Avondale Heights

Ages 18–25  
Wednesdays, 4.30pm–6.30pm

### Sam Merrifield

Ages 18–25  
Saturdays, 10am–12pm

Ages 10–17  
Saturdays, 1pm–3pm

# What's On for Children

## Teddy Bears' Picnic in the park

Bring a picnic rug, snacks and a favourite teddy for our Teddy Bears' Picnic Storytimes in the park. Running in five of our fabulous parks, these sessions replace regular Preschool Storytimes during the first week of March.

Our Library on the Move van will be at most sessions for borrowing and memberships. In poor weather, sessions will move back to library branches. See our events page, Facebook and Instagram for exact locations.

Ages 3–5. Free.  
No bookings required.

**Queens Park, Moonee Ponds**  
Monday 2 March, 10.30am

**Woodlands Park, Essendon**  
Tuesday 3 March, 10.30am

**Rosehill Park, East Keilor**  
Wednesday 4 March, 10.30am

**Coronet Park, Flemington**  
Thursday 5 March, 10.30am

**Debneys Park, Flemington**  
Friday 6 March, 10.30am



## Bilingual Storytimes

### Cultural Diversity Week

Share the joy of language with songs, rhymes, and stories in Woi Wurrung, Somali, Spanish, Italian and Vietnamese. Celebrate our community's rich cultural heritage, while also supporting literacy and learning. These special sessions are part of our regular Preschool Storytime for ages 3–5. Free. No bookings required.

### Sam Merrifield

**Spanish**  
Monday 16 March, 10.30am

### Niddrie

**Italian**  
Tuesday 17 March, 10.30am

### Avondale Heights

**Vietnamese**  
Wednesday 18 March, 10.30am

### Ascot Vale

**Woi-wurrung with Aunty Gail**  
Thursday 19 March, 10.30am

### Flemington

**Somali**  
Friday 20 March, 10.30am



## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Bookings are required for all school holiday activities and will open at 10am on Monday 30 March unless otherwise stated. Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult during all activities.

### Make a suncatcher

Brighten up your windows with a unique suncatcher made by your little artist. We will use paper plates and colourful tissue paper to create vibrant designs that catch the light. Join us for this fun, hands-on craft activity.

Ages 5–12. Free.  
Bookings required.

#### Ascot Vale

Thursday 9 April,  
10.30am–11.30am



### Drop-in craft

Encourage your child to explore their creativity through drawing, colouring, and craft. Drop in anytime during session hours and let them enjoy making something unique with the materials provided.

Ages 3–12. Free. No bookings required.

#### Flemington

Thursdays, 10am–12pm  
9 April, 16 April

### Family movie screenings: *The Bad Guys 2* (2025)

Enjoy a hilarious heist with this screening of *The Bad Guys 2*, based on the popular book series by Aaron Blabey. Parents can relax while the kids laugh at the latest antics from Mr. Wolf and the gang. Don't miss this perfect family-friendly outing.

104 mins. Rated PG. Ages 5–12. Free. Bookings required.

All sessions start at 10.30am.

#### Flemington

Wednesday 8 April

#### Niddrie

Friday 10 April

#### Ascot Vale

Monday 13 April

#### Avondale Heights

Tuesday 14 April

#### Sam Merrifield

Thursday 16 April



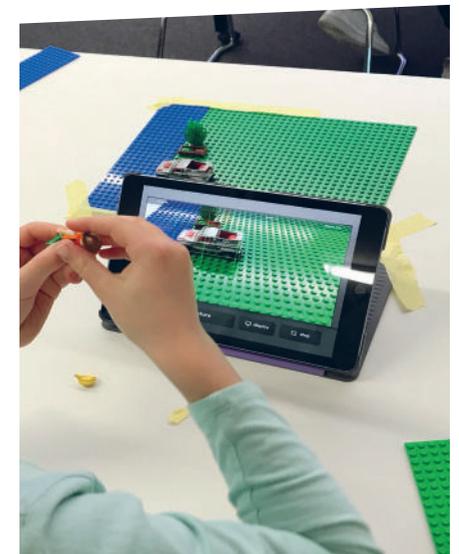
### Stop motion animation

Learn the basics of stop motion animation. Unleash your creativity and craft your own stories using everyday objects and your imagination.

Ages 8–12. Free.  
Bookings required.

#### Sam Merrifield

Monday 13 April,  
10.30am–11.30am



## Lego Spike

Give your child the chance to explore, create, and code with our Lego Spike kits. Children will discover engineering concepts while building exciting projects in this hands-on experience.

Ages 6–12. Free. Bookings required.

### Niddrie

Tuesday 14 April,  
10.30am–11.30am



## Lego in motion

Looking for an exciting activity? Our BricQ Motion session lets kids explore science through hands-on building and play. They'll learn about forces and motion while having fun creating amazing models.

Ages 8–12. Free.  
Bookings required.

### Avondale Heights

Wednesday 15 April,  
10am–11.30am

## 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 required and will open at 10am two days before each session.**

### Chess Club

Try out chess for the first time or sharpen your skills with friendly matches. All experience levels are welcome to enjoy the game and learn together.

#### Sam Merrifield

Mondays 4pm–4.45pm  
2 March, 4 May

### Niddrie

Tuesdays 4pm–4.45pm  
3 March, 5 May

#### Avondale Heights

Wednesdays 4pm–4.45pm  
4 March, 1 April, 6 May



### Lego Club

Love building with Lego? Connect with other creative builders, take on fun challenges, or simply enjoy making something new.

#### Sam Merrifield

Mondays 4pm–4.45pm  
11 May

### Niddrie

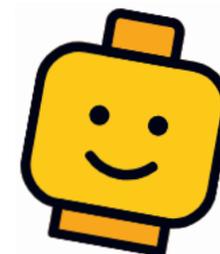
Tuesdays 4pm–4.45pm  
10 March, 12 May

#### Avondale Heights

Wednesdays 4pm–4.45pm  
11 March, 13 May

### Ascot Vale

Fridays 4pm–4.45pm  
13 March, 8 May



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 required and will open at 10am two days before each session.**

### Art Club

Encourage your imagination, meet fellow creatives, and explore new ideas together.

#### Sam Merrifield

Mondays 4pm–4.45pm  
16 March, 20 April, 18 May

#### Niddrie

Tuesdays 4pm–4.45pm  
17 March, 21 April, 19 May

#### Avondale Heights

Wednesdays 4pm–4.45pm  
18 March, 20 May

#### Ascot Vale

Fridays 4pm–4.45pm  
20 March, 15 May

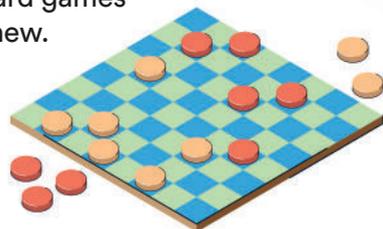


### Board Games Club

Enjoy your favourite board games or discover something new.

#### Ascot Vale

Fridays 4pm–4.45pm  
6 March, 1 May



### Makers Club

Explore hands-on STEM challenges and creative experiments to spark curiosity.

#### Sam Merrifield

Mondays 4pm–4.45pm  
23 March, 27 April, 25 May

#### Niddrie

Tuesdays 4pm–4.45pm  
24 March, 28 April, 26 May

#### Avondale Heights

Wednesdays 4pm–4.45pm  
25 March, 22 April, 27 May

#### Ascot Vale

Fridays 4pm–4.45pm  
27 March, 24 April, 22 May



### Mini film festival

Your child will craft a story and bring it to life through stop-motion animation. Three creative sessions will lead to a special film screening in the fourth week, giving your child an opportunity to share their animation with family and friends.

Ages 5–12. Free.  
Bookings required.

#### Flemington

Tuesdays 4pm–4.45pm  
10 March, 17 March,  
24 March, 31 March



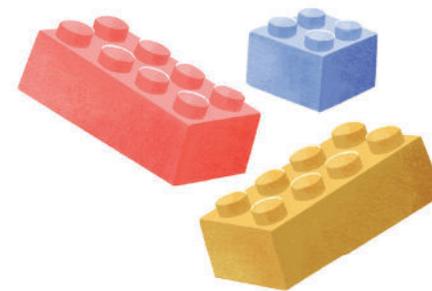
### Animal portraits

Got a pet or favourite animal? Kids can turn them into art! Bring a photo and let your child create a colourful canvas portrait that captures their creature's unique character.

Ages 5–12. Free.  
Bookings required.

#### Flemington

Tuesday 5 May, 4pm–4.45pm



### Lego Spike

Give your child the chance to explore, create, and code with our Lego Spike kits. Children will discover engineering concepts while building exciting projects in this hands-on experience.

Ages 6–12. Free.  
Bookings required.

#### Flemington

Tuesday 12 May, 4pm–4.45pm



## EARLY YEARS LITERACY

These sessions occur weekly during the school term. No bookings required. In the event of a cancelled session, this will be announced on our Facebook and Instagram stories as soon as possible.



	Ascot Vale	Avondale Heights	Flemington	Niddrie	Sam Merrifield
<b>Baby Rhyme Time</b>	Mondays 11.15am	Tuesdays 11.15am	Thursdays 11.15am	Fridays 11.15am	Wednesdays 11.15am
<b>Toddler Time</b>	Mondays 10.15am	Tuesdays 10.15am	Thursdays 10.15am	Fridays 10.15am	Wednesdays 10.15am
<b>Preschool Storytime</b>	Thursdays 10.30am	Wednesdays 10.30am	Fridays 10.30am	Tuesdays 10.30am	Mondays 10.30am
<b>Saturday Storytime</b>	Saturdays 10.30am	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.

## Somali Storytimes

Join us for Somali Storytime.

Bring your children to enjoy an hour of language, culture, and connection. These bilingual storytimes celebrate the beauty of Somali and English through stories, songs, and craft.

Free. No bookings required. For ages 3-5 and siblings.

*These sessions will be presented in Somali and English.*

### **Djerring Flemington Hub**

*25 Mt Alexander Road, Flemington*

Wednesdays 4pm–5pm

25 March, 1 April, 8 April

### **Flemington Library**

Wednesday 15 April, 4pm–5pm

## Wakhtiga sheeko Soomaaliga

Nagu soo biir wakhtiga sheeko soomaaliga.

Soo kaxee carruurtaada oo ku raaxeyso hal saacad oo luuqad, dhaqan iyo isku xirnaan ah. Wakhti sheekeedkan labada luuqadood quruxda soomaali iyo Ingiriiska oo sheekooyin lagu sheegayo, heeso iyo farshaxan.

Waa bilaash. Looma baahna wax ballan ah. Kaalay uun.

Wixii ah carruurta jirta 3-5 sanno iyo wallaalahood.

*Kulamadaan waxaa lagu soo jeedin doonaa Ingiriis iyo Soomaali.*



## National Simultaneous Storytime in the park: *Luna Roo*

Join thousands of children in libraries, schools, kindergartens and childcare centres around Australia as we all read the same book at the very same time.

This year's National Simultaneous Storytime book is *Luna Roo: The Kangaroo Baller*, written by Adam Jackson and Adrian Lloyd, and illustrated by Jake Minton. It follows the spirited kangaroo Luna and her friends as they chase their football dreams across the outback, blending action, teamwork and fun to inspire young readers.

Ages 3–5. Bookings required.

### **Woodlands Park**

*Winifred St entrance, Essendon*

Wednesday 27 May, 12pm–1pm



## 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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