

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a large, colorful quilted blanket. The blanket features a complex geometric pattern in shades of blue, green, and brown. The person is wearing a brown, textured sweater. The image is partially obscured by green geometric shapes that contain text.


# What's On at your library

WINTER

2026

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## About the cover image:

*Incinerator Gallery recently hosted free, hands-on workshops led by Naarm-based artist Olivia Chin, where participants collaborated to create a new public artwork for Ascot Vale Library.*

*Inspired by the natural surrounds of Queens Park, the group explored cyanotype printing outdoors, capturing local plant textures, before coming together at the library to arrange and hand-stitch the final piece.*

*The finished co-designed artwork will be installed in the Quiet Study Space at Ascot Vale Library this June.*

*Photography by Timothy Burgess, Image Play*

## 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.





# What's on for Adults



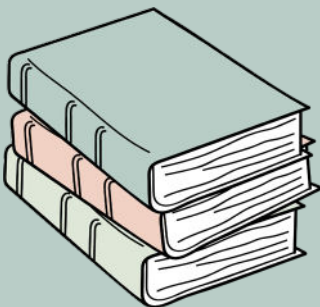
**Cosy up with a good book this winter and fall in love with reading!**

The Warm Winter Read initiative encourages readers (16+) across Victoria to cultivate healthy reading habits. By exploring your current reading practices, you can find more time to enjoy books throughout June, July, and August 2026.

Whether it's listening to an audiobook, flipping through a graphic novel, browsing a magazine, or finding time to sit down and read a book - reading comes in many forms, and it's easier to find time to read than you think.

We'll help you get started with recommendations from authors you love, and you'll also be in the running to win some great bookish prizes!

The Warm Winter Read campaign will run between 1 June and 31 August. Register online at [readbooks.com.au/wwr](https://readbooks.com.au/wwr)



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## **Toni Jordan, *Tenderfoot*** *in conversation with Bruno Lettieri*

Award winning author Toni Jordan chats with Bruno Lettieri about *Tenderfoot*, a coming-of-age story set in 1970s Australia. Toni will talk about her writing process, and all the gossip from the film adaptation of her debut novel, *Addition*. A warm, thoughtful evening for Australian fiction readers.

Free. Bookings required.

**Sam Merrifield**  
Wednesday 29 July,  
7pm–8pm



## **Blackout Poetry**

Do you want to try blackout poetry? In this workshop with writer and artist August Moulang, you'll create poems using newspapers, old books and magazines by crossing out some words and highlighting others. It's a creative way to turn existing text into new poems and discover hidden meanings in words that were already there.

Free. Bookings required.

**Ascot Vale**  
Saturday 4 July,  
10.30am–12pm

## Life after retirement with Jacquie Wise

What does retirement look like for you? This session explores the emotional side of life after work, helping you rediscover purpose, set new goals, and embrace what comes next. Gain practical tools and fresh perspectives.

Free. Bookings required.

### Ascot Vale

Wednesday 3 June,  
10.30am–12.30pm



## 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 required.

### Avondale Heights

Thursdays, 1pm–3pm  
11 June, 25 June,  
9 July, 23 July,  
6 August, 20 August

### Ascot Vale

Wednesdays, 10.30am–12.30pm  
17 June, 22 July, 12 August

### Niddrie

Thursdays, 1pm–3pm  
4 June, 18 June, 2 July, 16 July,  
30 July, 13 August, 27 August

### Sam Merrifield

Tuesdays, 10am–12pm  
2 June, 16 June, 30 June, 14 July,  
28 July, 11 August, 25 August



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## Sound meditation

Immerse yourself in the soothing tones of wind chimes and crystal singing bowls. This gentle meditation supports relaxation, stress reduction, and overall wellbeing. Three 45-minute standalone sessions, suitable for all experience levels.

Free. Bookings required.

## Avondale Heights

Fridays, 10.30am–11.30am

17 July, 24 July, 31 July

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## Thriving with adult ADHD

Hosted by the Victorian Psychology Clinic, this presentation explores how ADHD can present in adulthood and the unique strengths and challenges that often accompany it. The session will provide insights into common experiences of adults with ADHD and increase understanding of ways people support themselves in work, relationships, and daily life.

Free. Bookings required.

## Ascot Vale

Saturday 22 August,  
2pm–3.30pm



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## Jigsaw puzzle swaps

Love jigsaws? Swap one you've completed for your next challenge. Bring a 500+ piece puzzle in great condition (no missing pieces or children's puzzles) and discover something new.

Free. No bookings required.

### Niddrie

Saturdays, 9.30am–10.15am  
4 July, 15 August

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## Puzzle and chat

Unwind with puzzles and friendly conversation at our relaxed jigsaw session. Enjoy a cuppa, meet fellow puzzle lovers, and work together piece by piece. No experience needed. Just drop in and join the fun.

Free. No bookings required.

### Niddrie

Saturdays, 10.30am–1.30pm  
13 June, 4 July, 15 August



### Avondale Heights

Saturdays, 12pm–3pm  
6 June, 11 July, 1 August



## Charge ahead: exploring electric vehicles

Cut through the confusion around electric vehicles (EV) with expert Bryce Gatton. Learn how EVs work, explore charging options for renters and homeowners, and get practical advice on buying new or used. A must-attend session for anyone curious about EVs.

Free. Bookings required.

### Avondale Heights

Monday 10 August,  
6pm–7pm

# LET'S GO ZERO



## MOONEE VALLEY

The following programs are brought to you in partnership with Moonee Valley City Council's Let's Go Zero sustainability initiative.

### Bike maintenance workshop

Curious about caring for your bike? Bike it Better presents a practical demonstration covering essential bicycle maintenance, including brake adjustment and puncture repair. Suitable for all ages, with clear guidance and time for questions.

Free. Bookings required.

#### Sam Merrifield

Tuesday 23 June,  
6.30pm–8.30pm



### My Aged Care: info and Q&A

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

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

#### Ascot Vale

Wednesday 10 June

#### Niddrie

Thursday 18 June  
Thursday 20 August

#### Avondale Heights

Wednesday 8 July

#### Sam Merrifield

Thursday 30 July

## Help Ambulance Victoria save lives

In these sessions, paramedics will teach you how to recognise and respond in an emergency, building awareness and confidence, and ensuring you know how to take appropriate action when needed. Free. Bookings required.



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### Parents and caregivers of young children

Education on common childhood illnesses, when to seek care, basic first aid, and available health services.

#### Sam Merrifield

Monday 6 July,  
10am–10.45am

#### Flemington

Friday 7 August,  
10am–10.45am

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### Call Push Shock

This CPR and awareness session breaks down barriers to helping in a cardiac emergency. Learn when to *Call* triple zero (000), how to perform Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and *Push* on the patient's chest, and how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) to *Shock* the heart.

#### Flemington

Friday 7 August, 11am–11.45am

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### Chain of Survival

Designed for older audiences, covering recognition and response to heart attack, stroke, and cardiac arrest, including what to expect when an ambulance arrives.

#### Sam Merrifield

Monday 6 July,  
11am–11.45am



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## All about sleep

Sleep supports repair, memory, and cognitive function, and underpins physical and mental health. Discover practical ways to improve sleep quality, understand circadian rhythms, and build habits that support wellbeing.

Free. Bookings required.

### Niddrie

Tuesday 25 August,  
6.30pm–7.45pm



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## 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. Free. Bookings required.

### Avondale Heights

Friday 12 June, 10am–4pm

### Sam Merrifield

Thursday 23 July, 10am–4pm

# National Family History Month



## Digitising family history

Turn your family history into digital files you can share, store, and enjoy. This hands-on session introduces the digitising equipment available in the Makerspace and shows you how to get started on your own projects.

Free. Bookings required.

**Makerspace  
Avondale Heights**

Wednesday 5 August,  
10am–12pm

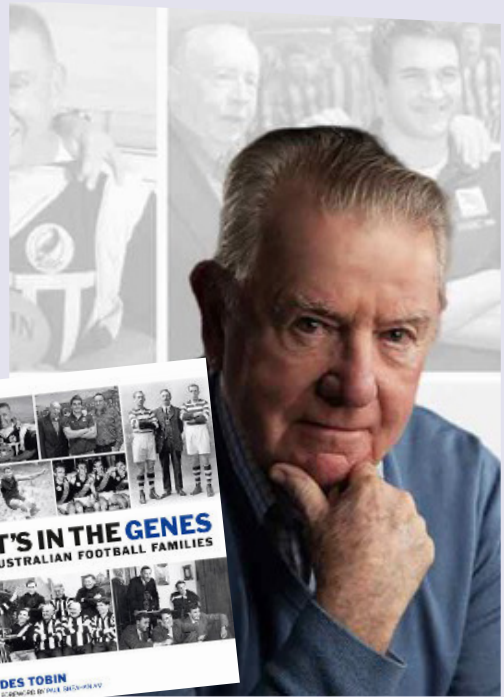
## Des Tobin, *It's in the Genes: Australian Football Families*

This Family History Month, explore Australia's great football dynasties with author Des Tobin. From legendary surnames to multi-generation players, discover how family, talent and tradition has shaped the game. Perfect for footy fans, history lovers, and genealogy enthusiasts alike.

Free. Bookings required.

**Sam Merrifield**

Tuesday 18 August,  
7pm–8pm



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## Family history for beginners

Discover how to start tracing your family history with confidence. This introductory workshop covers essential tools, library databases, and beginner research tips to help you uncover your past. No experience needed. Just bring your curiosity.

Free. Bookings required.

### Ascot Vale

Monday 3 August,  
3pm–4pm

### Sam Merrifield

Tuesday 11 August,  
7pm–8pm

### Niddrie

Friday 14 August,  
1pm–2pm

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## Family history beyond the basics

This workshop builds on your existing research skills, exploring advanced features of Trove, Ancestry and Findmypast and introducing further resources to help you uncover even more about your family's past. Free. Bookings required.

### Sam Merrifield

Tuesday 25 August,  
6pm–7.30pm

### Ascot Vale

Monday 31 August,  
3pm–4.30pm



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## Legal services

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

### Flemington

Mondays weekly, 1pm–5pm

### Avondale Heights

Tuesdays fortnightly, 1pm–5pm



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## Justice of the Peace

A Justice of the Peace is available to witness statutory declarations or court affidavits and certify documents.

Free. No bookings required.

### Avondale Heights

Tuesdays, 2pm–4pm

Thursdays, 10am–12pm

Thursdays, 6pm–7.30pm



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## Family history group

Passionate about genealogy? Come along weekly to share stories, research skills and knowledge with others.

Free. 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

### Ascot Vale

Thursdays, 1pm–3pm

### 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 required.

For enquiries call 9376 9088.

### Flemington

Thursdays,  
12.30pm–2.30pm



## 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.

Free. No bookings required.

## Avondale Heights

Mondays, 1pm–3pm

## Ascot Vale

Tuesdays, 2pm–4pm

## Sam Merrifield

Tuesdays, 1pm–3pm  
Every third Sunday of the month, 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.

Free. No bookings required.

## Niddrie

Fridays, 9.30am–11am

## Scrabble group

Love words, games, and good company?

Join our monthly Scrabble Group for relaxed, friendly play, and plenty of laughs. Whether you're a seasoned wordsmith or brand new to the game, everyone aged 18+ is welcome. Come along on your own or bring a friend. No experience needed.

Free. No bookings required.

## Niddrie

Thursdays, 9.30am–11am  
25 June, 23 July, 27 August



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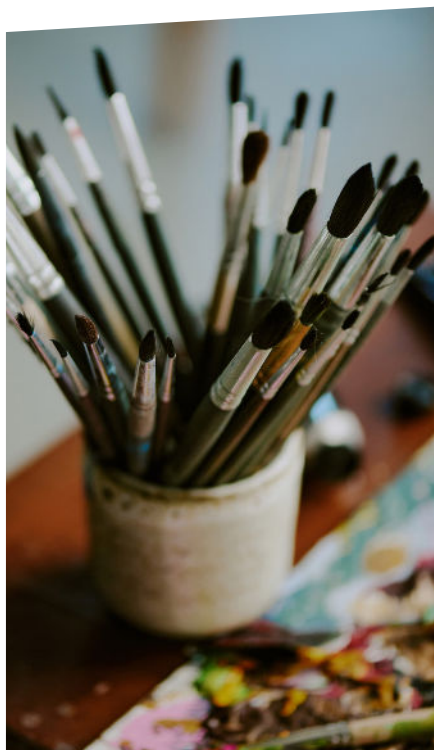
## Writing group meetup

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.

Free. No bookings required.

### Sam Merrifield

Mondays, 7pm–8.30pm  
15 June, 13 July, 10 August



## Create together: art drop-in

Do you want to explore your artistic side while you 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, 6pm–7.30pm  
1 June, 6 July, 3 August

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## Crochet 101

Curious about crochet? Learn the basics in this relaxed, beginner-friendly workshop. Follow a simple pattern, pick up new skills, and enjoy creating alongside others.

Free. Bookings required.

### Niddrie

Tuesday 16 June,  
6pm–8pm



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## Yarn craft social group

Bring along your knitting or crochet project and enjoy a relaxed social crafting session. Connect with fellow makers, share ideas and learn from each other in a welcoming space. Suitable for all skill levels. Tea and coffee provided.

Free. No bookings required.

### Niddrie

Thursdays, 6pm–7.45pm  
fornightly from 11 June

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## Knitting 101

Interested in knitting but don't know where to begin? Learn the basics in this relaxed, beginner-friendly workshop led by an expert maker. BYO knitting needles. Yarn supplied.

Free. Bookings required.

### Flemington

Saturday 11 July,  
11am–1pm



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## Recycled textile art

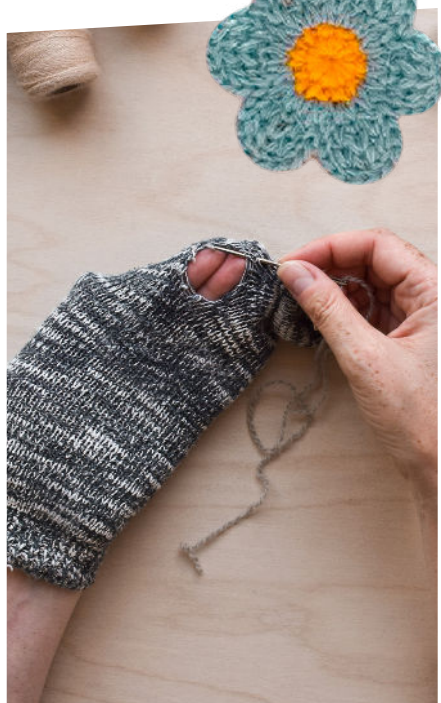
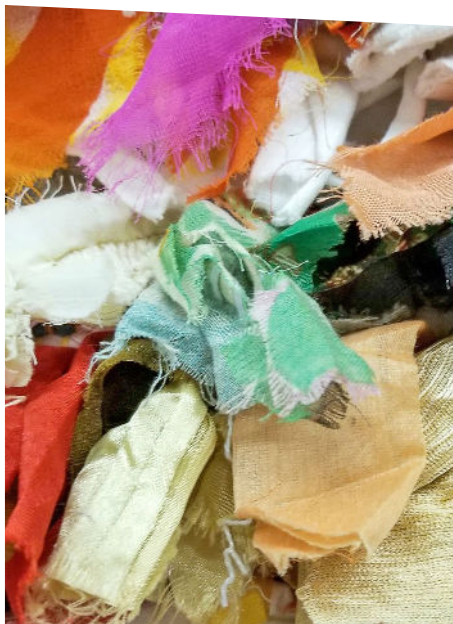
*In partnership with Melbourne Fashion Lab*

Turn textile scraps into works of art. This hands-on workshop will show you how to transform leftover fabric, yarn, and trims into unique creative pieces. Guided by textile artist Amanda from Melbourne Fashion Lab, explore sustainable making, collage, and creative play, while keeping beautiful materials out of landfill.

Free. Bookings required.

## Avondale Heights

Monday 20 July,  
6pm–7.30pm



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## Mend your winter woollies with Laneway Learning

Breathe new life into your winter woollies. Learn visible mending with Laneway Learning and turn repairs into creative features. A hands-on, sustainable workshop. Bring one wool or natural-fibre item to work on.

Free. Bookings required.

## Ascot Vale

Wednesday 15 July,  
10.30am–11.45am



# MAKERSPACE

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



## Digital stitch: embroider your library bag

Experiment with our digital stitch tech to customise your library bag. Library staff will help you unlock fun pre-set stitches on our smart sewing machines, and you'll walk away with a bag that's uniquely yours.

All materials provided.

Free. Bookings required.

### Makerspace

Wednesday 22 July,  
2pm–3pm & 4pm–5pm

## Digital to decal: custom water bottle decals

Create a custom waterproof, dishwasher safe decal for your water bottle or reusable coffee cup. Staff will guide you through digital design, then you'll watch our smart cutter bring your creation to life. Bring your own bottle or cup.

Free. Bookings required.

### Makerspace

Wednesday 12 August,  
1.30pm–3pm



## Makerspace equipment inductions

Get the skills to use our makerspace equipment. After an induction you can book and create independently.

These are not beginners classes. Basic computer skills are required. Library membership required. Ages 16+. Free. Bookings required.

### Cricut smart cutter

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

Tuesday 30 June  
1.30pm–2.30pm

Friday 24 July  
10am–11am

Wednesday 12 August  
10am–11am



### Flashforge 3D printer

Familiarise yourself with printer hardware and Tinkercad design software.

Wednesday 24 June  
10am–11am

Tuesday 7 July  
1.30pm–2.30pm

Thursday 23 July  
6pm–7pm



### Sewing machines

Learn the different functions of our sewing machine models and how to safely operate them.

Tuesday 16 June  
1.30pm–2.30pm

Wednesday 15 July  
10am–11am

Thursday 13 August  
6pm–7pm



### Emblaser laser cutter

Learn materials, Lightburn design software and safe operations.

Wednesday 17 June  
10am–11am

Friday 10 July  
10am–11am

Tuesday 4 August  
1.30–2.30pm



### Film scanners

Use our scanners to digitise your photographic film.

Wednesday 3 June  
10–11am

Monday 27 July  
3–4pm



## Using your smartphone's accessibility features

Unlock the full potential of your smartphone and discover built in accessibility features to make life easier. Please bring your smartphone and charger.

Free. Bookings required.

### Ascot Vale

Wednesday 1 July,  
10.30am–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

Friday 12 June,  
9.30am–11.30am

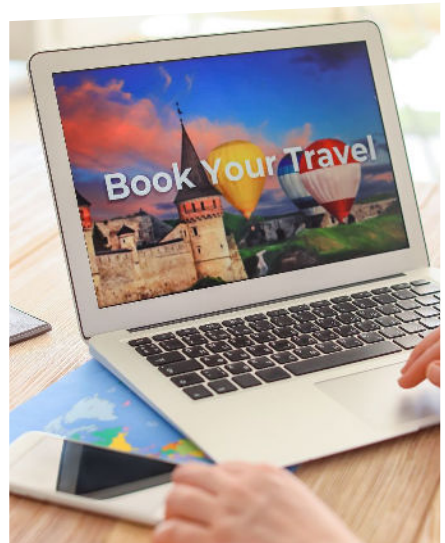
## Tech Connect group

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  
26 June, 31 July, 21 August



## Games for your brain

Give your brain a boost with engaging games perfect for active seniors. Try new technology at your own pace in a welcoming session. Free. Bookings required.

### Niddrie

Tuesday 28 July,  
2pm–3pm



## 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](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



## 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  
24 June, 29 July, 26 August

### Avondale Heights

Tuesdays, 2pm–3pm  
2 June, 14 July, 11  
August, 25 August

Thursdays, 5pm–6pm  
18 June, 9 July, 6 August

### Niddrie

Mondays, 10am–11am  
22 June, 20 July, 17 August

### Sam Merrifield

Tuesdays, 10am–11.30am  
9 June, 7 July, 4 August



## Cuppa and eSafety: protect your personal information online

Nearly every app, social media platform or website asks you for some personal information. Personal information includes your name, email address and phone number. It's important to always think twice about sharing personal information. Learn why protecting your personal information is so important and steps to take to protect your data. Tea and coffee provided.

Free. Bookings required.

### Sam Merrifield

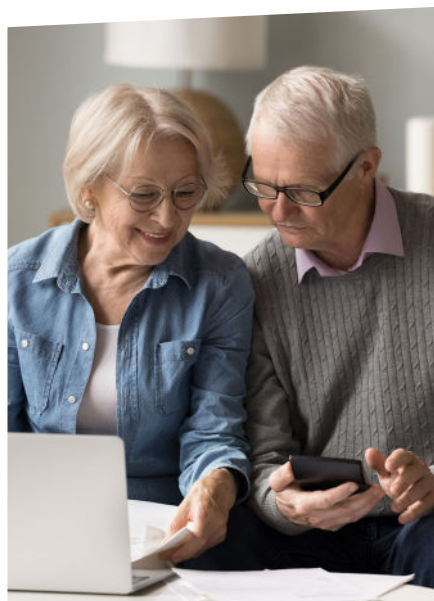
Tuesday 16 June, 3pm–4pm



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Be Connected

Every Australian online.



# Get reading this winter

Whether you're curled up on the couch, commuting through the cold or enjoying a quiet night in, your next great read is just a tap away.

Download eBooks and audiobooks to enjoy offline, or stream digital magazines anytime you're connected.

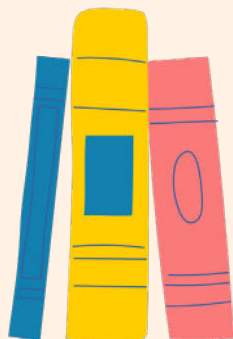
Open the BorrowBox, Libby or PressReader app and log in with your library card and PIN.

Need help getting started? Drop by your local branch and chat with our friendly team, we're here to help. For more info, scan the QR code or visit: [libraries.mvcc.vic.gov.au/digital-library](http://libraries.mvcc.vic.gov.au/digital-library)



your next

## THREE READS



Not sure what to read next?

Let our reading experts handpick and reserve three suitable titles based on your reading habits.

Fill in a request form on our website or at the library and we'll have it ready for you at your branch of choice.



## FILMS

Films are screened with closed caption subtitles whenever possible. Free. Bookings required.

### Films at Avondale Heights

#### The Penguin Lessons (2024)

A disillusioned Englishman (Steve Coogan) accepts a job at a prestigious Argentine boarding school in 1976. Expecting an easy ride, he discovers a divided nation and a class of unruly students. But when he rescues a penguin from an oil-slicked beach, an unexpected bond forms. This film will be screened on Kanopy, our free streaming service.

111 mins. Rated M.

#### Avondale Heights

Friday 19 June, 1pm

#### Rabbit-Proof Fence (2002)

##### *NAIDOC Week*

In 1931, three Aboriginal girls are stolen from their families and taken to a remote settlement to be trained as domestic staff. In response they attempt the impossible and embark on a daring escape and set off on a 1,600 kilometre trek across the outback on an epic journey to find their way back home.

94 mins. Rated PG.

#### Avondale Heights

Friday 10 July, 1pm



# kanopy

THOUGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT

#### Mr Burton (2024)

In the Welsh town of Port Talbot, 1942, Richard Jenkins lives as a wayward schoolboy, caught between the pressures of his struggling family, a devastating war and his own ambitions. However, a new opportunity arises when Richard's natural talent for drama catches the attention of his teacher, Philip Burton.

119mins. Rated M.

#### Avondale Heights

Friday 21 August, 1pm

## Films at Flemington

### One Life (2023)

#### *Refugee Week*

British stockbroker Nicholas Winton visits Czechoslovakia in the 1930s and forms plans to assist in the rescue of Jewish children before the onset of World War II, in an operation that came to be known as the Kindertransport. An emotional biographical drama starring Anthony Hopkins and Helena Bonham-Carter.

110 mins. Rated PG.

#### **Flemington**

Wednesday 17 June, 1pm

### A Difficult Year (2023)

Compulsive spenders Albert and Bruno are in debt up to their necks. When they encounter a group of eco-activists, they are more attracted by the free beer and snacks than their arguments, but soon Albert and Bruno find themselves joining the movement...without much conviction.

French with English subtitles.

120mins. Rated M.

#### **Flemington**

Wednesday 19 August, 1pm

### Top End Wedding (2019)

#### *NAIDOC Week*

Successful Sydney lawyer Lauren and her fiancé Ned are engaged and in love. They have just ten days to find Lauren's mother who has gone AWOL somewhere in the remote far north of Australia, reunite her parents and pull off their dream wedding. A fun, feel-good romcom.

98mins. Rated M.

#### **Flemington**

Wednesday 15 July, 6pm



## Classic film matinees at Sam Merrifield

Films are screened with closed caption subtitles whenever possible. Free. Bookings required.

### The Great Gatsby (1974)

Robert Redford stars as Jay Gatsby, a wealthy and mysterious man who pursues a reunion with his former love, Daisy Buchanan, played by Mia Farrow. Adapted from F. Scott Fitzgerald's roaring '20s novel, the film follows Gatsby's attempts to recapture the past amid social ambition, romantic idealism, and the realities of class and expectation.

137 minutes. Rated PG.

### Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 10 June, 2pm

### Who's Got the Action? (1962)

Dean Martin and Lana Turner star in this comedy about a gambler whose habit creates complications for his marriage and finances. As attempts to control his behaviour lead to further misunderstandings, the couple navigates schemes while trying to manage the consequences of risk-taking and deception.

128 mins. Rated PG.

### Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 8 July, 2pm

### Legal Eagles (1986)

Robert Redford and Debra Winger star as opposing lawyers who become involved in a complex case of art theft and conspiracy. As their professional rivalry develops into a personal relationship, they uncover hidden motives and conflicting interests, forcing them to reassess loyalties while pursuing the truth in court.

116 mins. Rated PG.

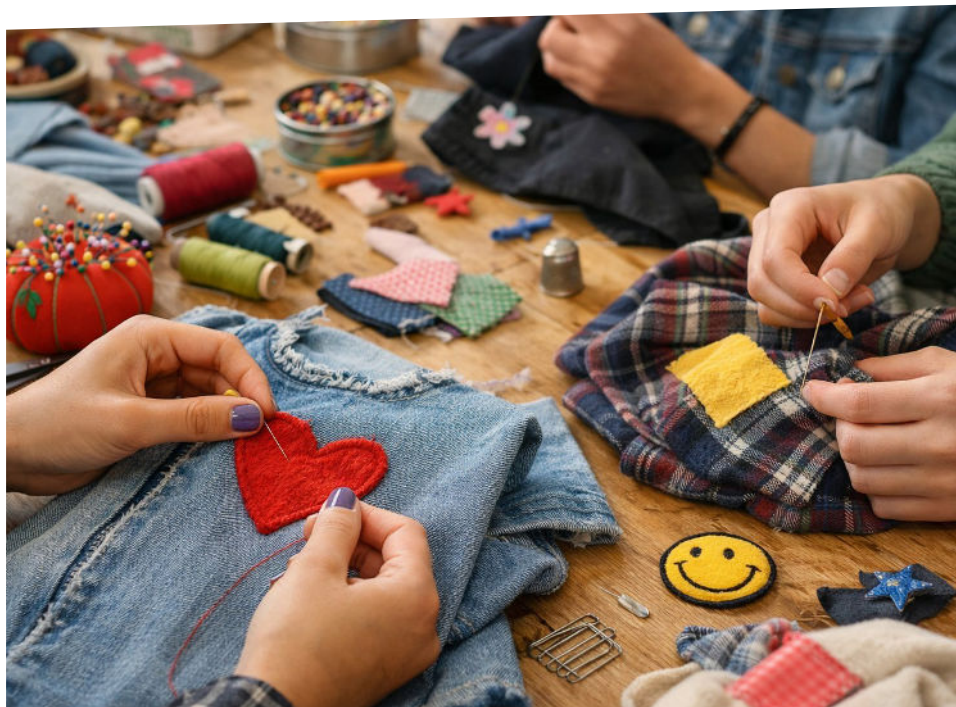
### Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 12 August, 2pm





What's on for  
**Young People**



## Hand sewing upcycle and repair

*In partnership with Melbourne Fashion Lab*

Learn to repair and restyle your clothes in this fun, beginner-friendly workshop on hand sewing and visible mending. Bring your own clothes and gain practical skills to give well-loved garments a creative second life.

Ages 12–18.

Free. Bookings required.

### Ascot Vale

Monday 29 June,  
11am–12.30pm



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## Discover virtual reality games

Try Virtual Reality at the library. Explore immersive games and interactive adventures in a safe setting. While you wait for your turn, take our Nintendo Switch for a spin.

No experience needed, equipment and guidance provided.

All games rated PG.  
Ages 12–18.

Free. Bookings required.

### Sam Merrifield

Monday 29 June,  
3pm–4.30pm



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## Game Off!

Test your skills in a Nintendo Switch 2 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. All games rated PG. Ages 12–18.

Free. Bookings required.

### Avondale Heights

Thursday 2 July,  
1pm–5pm

## School holiday teen movie: *Ghost Cat Anzu*

Join us at the library for a free movie screening. Bring a friend and your favourite snacks and we'll provide the popcorn.

Eleven-year-old Karin is sent to live with her grandfather, a monk in a quiet Japanese town. There she meets Anzu, a mischievous ghost cat tasked with caring for her, and an unexpected adventure begins.

94 minutes. Rated PG. Ages 11–16.

Free. Bookings required.

**Sam Merrifield**

Friday 10 July,  
1.30pm–3.15pm



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



### Avondale Heights

**Ages 18–25**

Thursdays, 4.30pm–6.30pm

### Sam Merrifield

**Ages 18–25**

Saturdays, 10am–12pm

**Ages 10–17**

Saturdays, 1pm–3pm

# What's on for Children





## Storytime with a garbage truck driver

### *World Environment Day*

Do you have a garbage-truck obsessed preschooler? We are celebrating World Environment Day at Avondale Heights Library during our regular Preschool Storytime in the first week of June. Learn about the coloured bins and have your photo taken with a real garbage truck!

Ages 3–5. Free. No bookings required.

### Avondale Heights

Wednesday 3 June,

10.30am–11.30am



**WORLD  
ENVIRONMENT  
DAY**

**CLEANAWAY**

Bookings open 10am on Monday 22 June unless otherwise stated. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

## Woi-wurrung language for kids

### NAIDOC Week

Feel history come alive with a hands-on learning experience presented by the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation in celebration of NAIDOC Week. In this session children will learn Woi-wurrung greetings, numbers, animals, and body parts from Wurundjeri Educators. Each child will receive a boomerang to paint and take home.

Ages 4–10. Free. Bookings required.

All sessions 10.30am–11.30am

**Sam Merrifield**

Monday 29 June

**Niddrie**

Tuesday 30 June

**Avondale Heights**

Wednesday 1 July

**Ascot Vale**

Thursday 2 July

**Flemington**

Friday 3 July



## Family movie screenings

Join us for some family fun at the library. Our seats may not recline, but we have a decent sized screen, and kids get a bag of popcorn! Free, bookings open at 10am on Monday 22 June.

### Paddington in Peru (2024)

With the Brown family, Paddington returns to South America to visit his beloved Aunt Lucy, only to discover she has gone missing. Plunged into an unexpected, and action-packed adventure through the wilds of the Amazon rainforest, can Paddington find his Aunt Lucy?

106 minutes. Rated PG. Ages 5–12.

Free. Bookings required.

Screening 10.30am–12.15pm

#### Ascot Vale

Monday 6 July

#### Avondale Heights

Tuesday 7 July

#### Sam Merrifield

Thursday 9 July

#### Niddrie

Friday 10 July



Image credit: StudioCanal/Paddington in Peru

## Nintendo Switch games now available

Explore favourites like Pokémon, Zelda, Mario, Sonic, and Dragon Quest and many more. Borrow, play, return, repeat.

Free to borrow with your membership.

Three-week loans, up to two renewals, and a limit of two games per membership.



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## Ozobots

Ozobots are tiny programmable robots that enable children to develop coding and computational thinking skills. Use creativity and problem-solving skills to guide your Ozobot around racetracks and through mazes using colour-coded commands.

Ages 8–12.

Free. Bookings required.

## Ascot Vale

Thursday 9 July, 10.30am–11.30am

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## 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.

## Niddrie

Wednesdays, 1pm–3pm  
1 July, 8 July

## Flemington

Thursdays, 10am–12pm  
2 July, 9 July

## Avondale Heights

Fridays, 10am–12pm  
3 July, 10 July

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## LEGO in motion

Looking for an exciting activity? This LEGO 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 6–12.

Free. Bookings required.

## Flemington

Friday 10 July, 10.30am–12pm



## Celebrating Science

National Science Week

### After School Science

Ignite your child's curiosity this Science Week with a daily dose of hands-on discovery at the library. Our free after-school workshops will turn your child's afternoon into a scientific adventure. Bookings open 10am Monday 10 August.

Ages 5–12.

Free. Bookings required.

All sessions 4pm–4.45pm

### Sam Merrifield

Monday 17 August

### Niddrie

Tuesday 18 August

### Avondale Heights

Wednesday 19 August

### Flemington

Thursday 20 August

### Ascot Vale

Friday 21 August



### Space Storytime with Tanya Hill

Discover the magic of the night sky with astronomer and author Dr Tanya Hill in this special storytime to mark National Science Week. Enjoy a reading of *When the Stars Come Out* followed by songs, games and a space-themed craft activity.

Ages 3–5.

Free. No bookings required.

### Flemington

Friday 21 August,

10.30am–11.30am



## Design a bookmark competition

Calling all arty kids in Moonee Valley aged 3–12.

Design the main image for our 2027 What's On for Children bookmark - draw, paint or collage your creation.

Winners from three age categories will receive a \$50 book voucher. You can vote for your favourite shortlisted entry on our website.

**Entries are open from 1 August to 31 August**

Pick up a template from your library branch during these dates. For full terms and conditions please see our website.



## Children's Book Week

Celebrate Children's Book Week with us. Meet much loved author/illustrators Chris Kennett, Anna Zobel and Zeno Sworder at special sessions across our libraries. Enjoy stories, explore illustration and discover the creative process together.

Ages 5–12.

Free. Bookings required.

**All sessions 4pm–5pm.**

**Sam Merrifield**  
*with Chris Kennett*  
Monday 24 August

**Niddrie**  
*with Chris Kennett*  
Tuesday 25 August

**Avondale Heights**  
*with Zeno Sworder*  
Wednesday 26 August

**Flemington**  
*with Anna Zobel*  
Thursday 27 August

**Ascot Vale**  
*with Zeno Sworder*  
Friday 28 August



# 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  
1 June, 3 August

### Niddrie

Tuesdays 4pm–4.45pm  
2 June, 4 August

### Avondale Heights

Wednesdays 4pm–4.45pm  
3 June, 5 August



## 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  
13 July, 10 August

### Niddrie

Tuesdays 4pm–4.45pm  
9 June, 14 July, 11 August

### Avondale Heights

Wednesdays 4pm–4.45pm  
10 June, 12 August

### Ascot Vale

Fridays 4pm–4.45pm  
12 June, 14 August



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## Art Club

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

### Sam Merrifield

Mondays 4pm–4.45pm  
15 June, 20 July

### Niddrie

Tuesdays 4pm–4.45pm  
16 June, 21 July

### Avondale Heights

Wednesdays 4pm–4.45pm  
17 June, 15 July

### Ascot Vale

Fridays 4pm–4.45pm  
19 June, 17 July



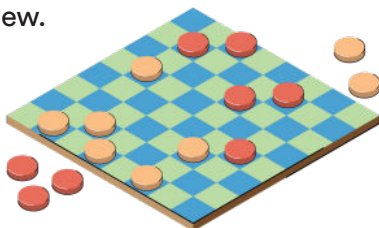
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## Board Games Club

Enjoy your favourite board games or discover something new.

### Ascot Vale

Fridays 4pm–4.45pm  
5 June, 7 August



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## Makers Club

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

### Sam Merrifield

Mondays 4pm–4.45pm  
22 June, 27 July, 17  
August (Science Week)

### Niddrie

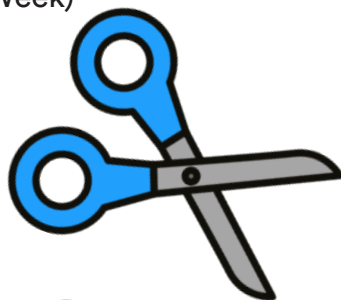
Tuesdays 4pm–4.45pm  
23 June, 28 July, 18 August  
(Science Week)

### Avondale Heights

Wednesdays 4pm–4.45pm  
24 June, 22 July, 19 August  
(Science Week)

### Ascot Vale

Fridays 4pm–4.45pm  
26 June, 24 July, 21 August  
(Science Week)



## Mini fashion show

Let your child's creativity shine as they design and create an outfit for their very own wooden model. Participants will explore colours, fabrics and style over two weeks before they share their creations in a fun runway show in the final week.

Ages 5–12.

Free. Bookings required.

## Flemington

Tuesdays 2 June, 9 June,  
16 June  
4pm–4.45pm

## Mini design expo

Young creatives will dive into the world of interior and product design as they dream up bold ideas, sketch imaginative concepts, and build mini prototypes. After three hands-on sessions, they'll proudly present their finished models in an exhibition for family and friends.

Ages 5–12.

Free. Bookings required.

## Flemington

Tuesdays 21 July, 28 July,  
4 August, 11 August  
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        |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Baby Rhyme Time     | Mondays<br>11.15am   | Tuesdays<br>11.15am   | Thursdays<br>11.15am | Fridays<br>11.15am   | Wednesdays<br>11.15am |
| Toddler Time        | Mondays<br>10.15am   | Tuesdays<br>10.15am   | Thursdays<br>10.15am | Fridays<br>10.15am   | Wednesdays<br>10.15am |
| Preschool Storytime | Thursdays<br>10.30am | Wednesdays<br>10.30am | Fridays<br>10.30am   | Tuesdays<br>10.30am  | Mondays<br>10.30am    |
| Saturday Storytime  | Saturdays<br>10.30am | Saturdays<br>10.30am  | Saturdays<br>10.30am | Saturdays<br>10.30am | Saturdays<br>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.

## Contact your library

### Moonee Valley Libraries

[libraries.mvcc.vic.gov.au](http://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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scan the QR code, or phone us.