



What's On at your library

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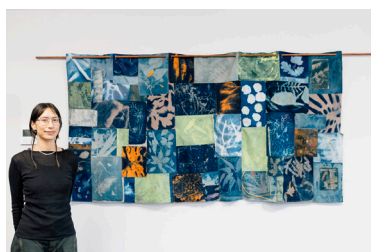
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About the cover image:

Circulation, featured on the cover, is a collaborative artwork created by more than 20 community members in partnership with Moonee Valley Libraries and Incinerator Gallery. Created during free cyanotype workshops led by Naarm-based artist Olivia Chin, participants explored Queens Park, capturing local plant textures before arranging and hand-stitching the final artwork.

Circulation is now permanently installed at Ascot Vale Library.

Photography by Thomas McCammon



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.

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



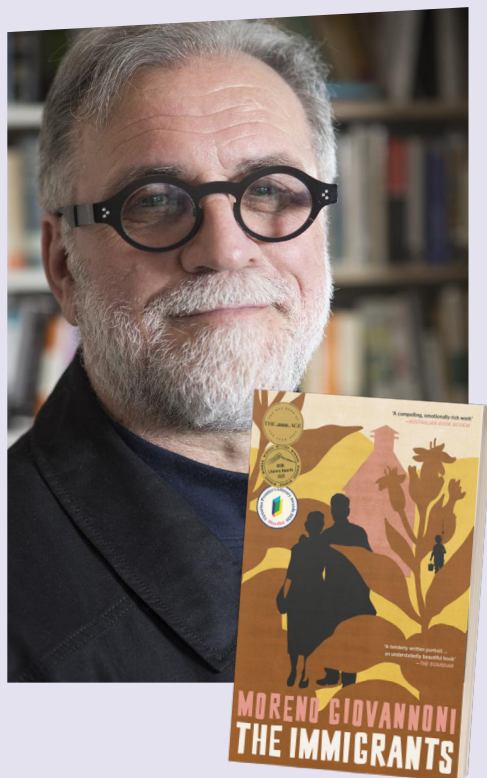
What's on for Adults



AUTHOR & GUEST TALKS

Moreno Giovannoni, *The Immigrants*

Award-winning author Moreno Giovannoni will be in conversation with his son, playwright Dan Giovannoni, to discuss his new novel *The Immigrants*, exploring migration, identity and the search for belonging in regional Australia. Winner of *The Age* Book of the Year Award and the NSW Literary Award for Fiction, Moreno reflects on the experiences that shaped this powerful and deeply human novel. Free. Bookings required.



Sam Merrifield

Monday 14 September,
7pm–8pm



Dr Hannah Gould, *How to die in the 21st Century* in conversation with Cath Moore

Join cultural anthropologist and author Dr Hannah Gould as she answers the questions we are too afraid to ask. This presentation promises to be a comforting and insightful look into modern death. Free. Bookings required.

Flemington

Monday 5 October,
6pm–7pm

The secret lives of Australian fungi

Are you interested in beautiful and rarely documented fungi? Come and learn about Australian macrofungi biodiversity and why that knowledge is so limited with Jeremy Hegge, citizen scientist, mushroom educator, amateur mycologist and photographer.

Free. Bookings required.

Niddrie

Tuesday 1 September,
6pm–7.30pm



Preserving family recipes with Jaclyn Crupi

Do you have a special family recipe? This writing workshop, hosted by author Jaclyn Crupi, will teach you how to record those memories and celebrate your family history.

Free. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Saturday 12 September,
2pm–4pm



It's never too late to learn New Tricks.

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



Getting started with AI

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

Flemington

Friday 9 October,
2pm–3pm

VR meditation station

Escape into a calming virtual world with a guided VR meditation experience using the Meta Quest 2. Perfect for beginners, this relaxing 30-minute session will help you unwind and recharge.

Makerspace Avondale Heights

Friday 2 October,
3pm–5pm

Customise a library bag with Cricut

Give your new library bag a unique look by using our Cricut machines to design, cut and heat-transfer a custom decal. Library staff will help you every step of the way, and you'll take home a personalised bag.

Makerspace Avondale Heights

Wednesday 7 October,
2pm–4pm

Read all about it: Exploring history in newspapers

From outer space to your backyard, newspapers have recorded history as it happened. Learn how your library card can unlock these stories.

Ascot Vale

Tuesday 13 October,
1pm–2pm

Digitising family history

Digitise family photos and documents to preserve and share your memories. This session introduces the digitising equipment available at the Makerspace.

Makerspace Avondale Heights

Friday 16 October,
10am–11am



There's an app for that!

Want to know when the next tram is coming, the fastest route to your destination, or find that recipe you've been wanting to try? There's an app for that! Learn how to access information from various apps and use your skills to thrive in the digital environment.

Sam Merrifield

Friday 16 October,
2pm–3pm

Library on your device

Learn how to get the most out of your smart device and your library card. With guidance from one of our librarians, download the apps that will help you explore our full collection of eBooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines.

Sam Merrifield

Friday 23 October,
1pm–2pm

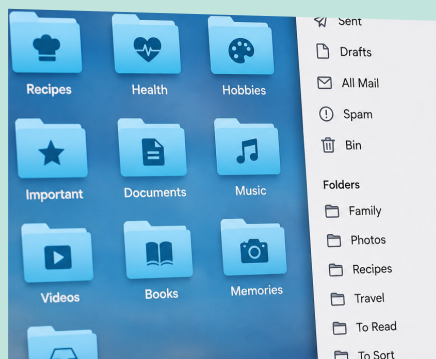


Digital declutter

Overwhelmed by photos, apps and 'storage full' alerts? Learn how to clear clutter, organise your files, and take control of your device. Gain simple, practical skills to make your tech easier to use. Designed for all skill levels. Bring your device and get started.

Ascot Vale

Wednesday 21 October,
2pm–3pm

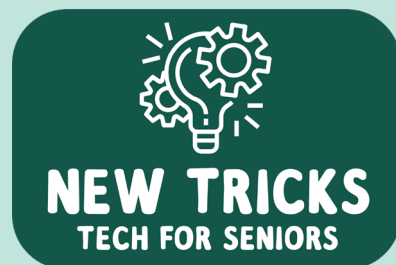


Makerspace open house

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.

Makerspace Avondale Heights

Wednesday 28 October,
2pm–4pm



Unlock the power of your phone camera

Learn how to use your mobile phone camera in ways you may never have considered before. From everyday tips to hidden features you might not know about, you'll discover practical skills to help you get more from your device.

Niddrie

Friday 30 October,
2pm–3pm



COMMUNITY INTEREST

Metro Trains rail safety for seniors

Join Metro Trains Community Education facilitators to gain confidence in using Metro Trains with tips on Myki use, accessibility, journey planning and safety.

Free. Bookings required.

Niddrie

Wednesday 23 September,
1pm–2.30pm



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
3 September, 17 September,
1 October, 15 October,
29 October, 12 November,
26 November

Ascot Vale

Wednesdays,
10.30am–12.30pm
9 September, 7 October,
4 November

Niddrie

Thursdays, 1pm–3pm
10 September, 22 October,
5 November, 19 November
Thursday 8 October,
3pm–5pm

Sam Merrifield

Tuesdays, 10am–12pm
8 September,
22 September, 6 October,
20 October, 17 November



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 years old, 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 & Waste Team.

Free. Bookings required.

Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 28 October,
10am–12.30pm

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.

Niddrie

Tuesday 17 November,
6.30pm–7.30pm



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



Small space veggie gardening

This spring-focused gardening session helps backyard gardeners make the most of spring growth and small spaces. Find out what to plant now, how to prepare soil after the cooler months, and simple strategies for dealing with weeds, pests and changing weather as you plant your spring crop. Free. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Monday 21 September,
6pm–7pm

Seed, plant & 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

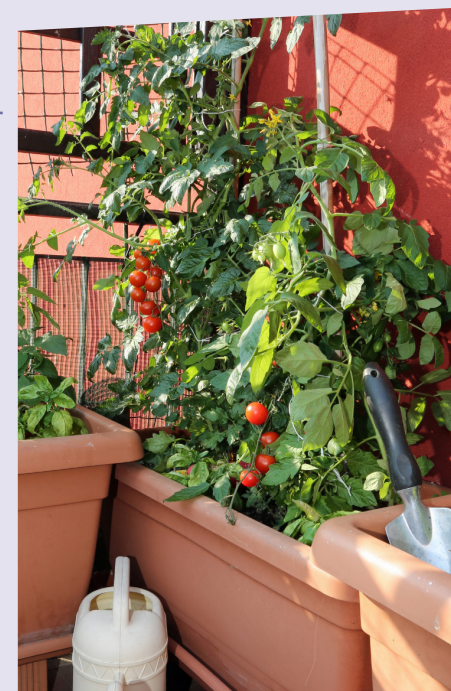
Saturday 12 September,
10am–2.30pm

Active ageing gardening

Gardening is an important and healthy activity at any age but especially as we grow older. In this workshop, gardening consultant Kaye Roberts-Palmer discusses practical garden design, low maintenance planting, and tools that help keep gardening enjoyable. Free. Bookings required.

Niddrie

Tuesday 20 October,
6pm–7pm



LET'S GO ZERO

MOONEE VALLEY

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

Draught proofing your home for summer

Discover simple, DIY techniques to block those sneaky gaps around windows and doors in this workshop. Stay cool, cut energy bills, and make a positive impact on the planet. Delivered by thermal efficiency experts Sapien, in partnership with Council's Let's Go Zero sustainability initiative. Free. Bookings required.

Flemington

Monday 9 November,
6pm–7.30pm



Help Ambulance Victoria save lives

In this session, 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.



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.



Avondale Heights

Thursday 17 September,
10am–11.30am

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–11.30am
17 September, 29 October,
26 November



Interested in growing your own fruit and vegetables? Get started with our free Seed Library, available at all branches. Borrow up to three packets of seeds, plant them, and watch your garden grow.

Scan the QR code for more details.



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
26 September & 7 November

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
26 September,
17 October, 7 November

Avondale Heights

Saturdays, 12pm–3pm
5 September,
3 October, 7 November



Local history at the library

Ferguson Plarre, the Niddrie Quarry, a parrot at the Doutta Galla hotel. If you've ever wondered about local history, the answer could be at the library. This workshop will show you how to discover the stories of people and places in Moonee Valley.

Free. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Friday 18 September,
11am–12pm

Tracing the history of your house

Does your house have a history? This workshop will get you exploring local archives, historical maps, and cultural resources.

Free. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Friday 9 October,
11am–12pm





Neighbourhood history walk: Avondale Heights Tea Gardens

Wander along the river and back in time. Join us in Avondale Heights for a guided history walk along the Maribyrnong River, meeting the library van afterwards for tea, coffee, and books to browse. Free. Bookings required.

Canning Reserve and Tea Gardens (2A Canning St, Avondale Heights)

Friday 20 November,
10am–11.30am

Neighbourhood history walk: Flemington

Explore Flemington's history on this one-hour guided walk, departing from Flemington Library. Free. Bookings required.

Flemington

Monday 23 November,
3pm–4.30pm

Services Australia

Free Services Australia sessions on payments, the Age Pension, carer support, and aged care.

Government payments and services

10.30am–12pm

Avondale Heights

Thursday 3 September

Niddrie

Thursday 24 September

Age Pension Q&A

Senior's Month

Avondale Heights

Thursday 1 October,
10.30am–12pm

Niddrie

Thursday 8 October,
1pm–2.30pm

Carer's info session

Carer's Week

10.30am–12pm

Avondale Heights

Thursday 15 October

Niddrie

Thursday 22 October

Age Care Specialist Officer info session

10.30am–12pm

Niddrie

Thursday 5 November



Services
Australia

CREATE & PARTICIPATE

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
7 September, 5 October,
9 November



Writing group meetup

Take your writing further with Moonee Valley Libraries Writing Group. Connect with fellow writers, receive supportive feedback, and build motivation. All experience levels welcome.

Free. No bookings required.

Sam Merrifield

Mondays, 7pm–8.30pm
14 September,
12 October, 9 November



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

Niddrie

Wednesdays, 11am–1pm

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 fortnightly

September 3, 17
October 1, 15, 29
November 12, 26

Introduction to junk journaling

Build your creative confidence with a relaxed, hands-on junk journaling workshop. Creative expert Tamsien West will be your guide to getting started with 'junk' collage journaling; showing step-by-step how to create layouts, respond to prompts and discover a personal style by focusing on a variety of techniques. Bring your own materials or use the materials provided.

Free. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Saturday 7 November,
10.30am–12.30pm



Christmas card collage with Minna Gilligan

Join artist Minna Gilligan for a festive collage workshop. With Minna's helpful advice and plenty of inspiration, you'll create a collage fit for the holiday season and leave with a handmade card to share with family and friends.

Free. Bookings required.

Flemington

Saturday 14 November,
11am–12.30pm



Minna Gilligan, Untitled handmade card, 2025

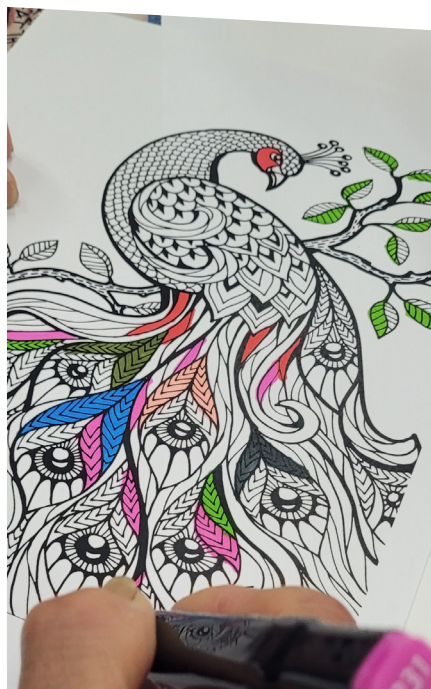
Colour me happy

Give your creativity a boost and come along to enjoy the zen of colouring.

Free. No bookings required.

Niddrie

Fridays, 9.30am–11am



Extra Access is now open

Great news! Extra Access is now officially available at Ascot Vale and Avondale Heights Libraries.

If you've been waiting to enjoy the library outside staffed hours, you can now upgrade your membership and start using Extra Access once you've completed your induction.

How do I sign up for Extra Access membership?

Get started with Extra Access by booking an induction at Ascot Vale or Avondale Heights Library. An induction is required at each location. For members aged 16+.

How does Extra Access work?

Once you have completed an induction and are an approved Extra Access member, you simply:

- Scan your library card
- Enter the one-time code sent to your email
- Access the library during Extra Access hours

Enjoy a quiet, flexible space to read, study, and browse at a time that suits you.

Ready to unlock more library time?

Book your induction today. Scan the QR code to learn more or visit libraries.mvcc.vic.gov.au/ExtraAccess



Extra Access at Avondale Heights Library is supported by the Victorian Government through the Living Libraries Infrastructure Program and Moonee Valley City Council.

MAKERSPACE

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



Upcycled denim houseplant bags

Learn to upcycle secondhand jeans into cute planter bags at our Makerspace. Leave with a new skill and customised, sustainable homeware.

All materials provided.
Free. Bookings required.

Makerspace
Monday 26 October,
6pm–7pm

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.

Sewing machines

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

Tuesday 15 September
1.30pm–2.30pm

Wednesday 14 October
4pm–5pm



Film scanners

Use our scanners to digitise your photographic film.

Monday 14 September
3pm–4pm

Wednesday 18 November
10am–11am



Cricut smart cutter

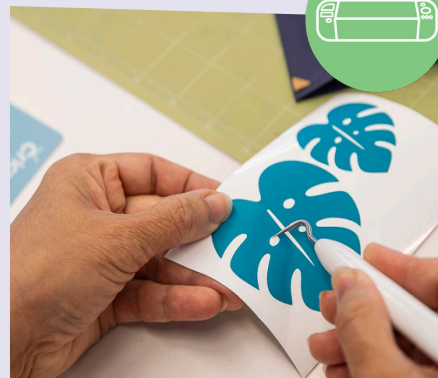
Learn to create stickers, iron-ons, and more with the Cricut smart cutter and Design Space software.

Tuesday 29 September
1.30pm–2.30pm

Monday 12 October
6pm–7pm

Wednesday 4 November
4pm–5pm

Monday 30 November
6pm–7pm



Emblaser laser cutter

Learn materials, Lightburn design software and safe operations.

Monday 14 September
6pm–7pm

Wednesday 23 September
4pm–5pm

Monday 19 October
6pm–7pm

Tuesday 17 November
1.30–2.30pm



Flashforge 3D printer

Familiarise yourself with printer hardware and Tinkercad design software.

Wednesday 9 September
4pm–5pm

Tuesday 27 October
1.30pm–2.30pm

Thursday 19 November
6pm–7pm



Parental controls for devices

This session will help you navigate and understand the parental control options built into common devices such as iPads and gaming consoles, and help you feel reassured and confident about your child's tech use.

Free. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Saturday 28 November,
11.30am–12.30pm



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
30 September, 28 October,
25 November

Niddrie

Mondays, 10am–11am
14 September, 5 October,
9 November

Avondale Heights

Tuesdays, 2pm–3pm
22 September, 13 October,
24 November

Thursdays, 5pm–6pm
10 September, 8 October,
12 November

Sam Merrifield

Tuesdays, 10am–11am
1 September, 29 September,
27 October, 24 November

Flemington

Fridays, 10.30am–11.30am
11 September, 9 October,
13 November

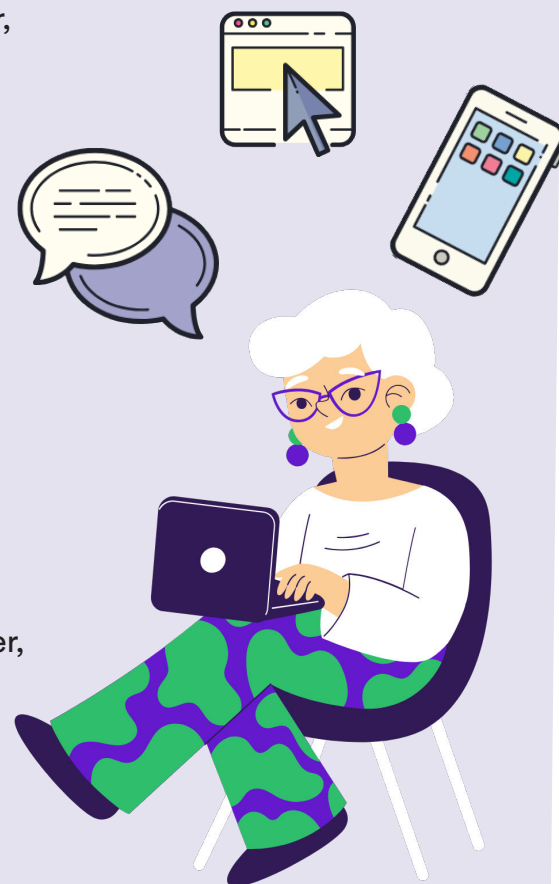
Plan your trip online

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
4 September, 23 October



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
18 September,
30 October, 27 November



FILMS

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

Films at Avondale Heights

The Last Journey (2025)

R U OK? Day

This uplifting documentary follows Swedish television duo Filip and Fredrik as they journey to France on a deeply personal mission to help reignite the spark in Filip's aging father and remind him of the joy still waiting to be lived.

95 mins. Rated PG.

Avondale Heights

Friday 11 September, 1pm

Song Sung Blue (2026)

Based on a true story, two down-on-their-luck musicians (Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson) form a joyous Neil Diamond tribute band, proving it's never too late to find love and follow your dreams.

133 mins. Rated M.

Avondale Heights

Friday 9 October, 1pm

Hamnet (2026)

William Shakespeare and his wife, Agnes, celebrate the birth of their son, Hamnet. However, when tragedy strikes and Hamnet dies at a young age, it inspires Shakespeare to write his timeless masterpiece *Hamlet*. Based on the book by Maggie O'Farrell.

126 mins. Rated M.

Avondale Heights

Friday 13 November, 1pm

Films at Flemington

Safe Spaces (2020)

R U OK? Day

A family comes together to support their grandmother during her final days of life, and hilarity ensues. No one is handling things well, especially Josh, who is dealing with the fallout from his controversial behaviour as a college professor while his sister unexpectedly moves in. A warm comedy that proves even the most chaotic families can pull together when it counts.

94 mins. Rated M.

Flemington

Wednesday
16 September, 6pm

Holy Cow (2025)

18-year-old Totone spends most of his time drinking beers and partying in the Jura region, until he's suddenly left caring for his 7-year-old sister. With everything on the line, he dives into cheesemaking, chasing a gold medal and €30,000 at the local agricultural show.

92 mins. Rated M. French with English subtitles.

Flemington

Wednesday 18 November, 6pm

The Upside (2019)

National Carers Week

Quadriplegic billionaire Philip Lacasse hires Dell, a recently paroled ex-convict, to help with his day-to-day routine. They're from different worlds, but the odd-couple pairing turns into a life-affirming friendship. Starring Kevin Hart and Bryan Cranston.

126 mins. Rated M.

Flemington

Wednesday 21 October, 1pm



Classic film matinees at Sam Merrifield

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

Kind Hearts and Coronets (1949)

In this darkly funny tale of revenge, Dennis Price stars as Louis, a poor distant relative of the aristocratic Duke of D'Ascoyne. Desperate to avenge his late mother, who was estranged from the family, Louis plots to inherit the Duke's title by murdering the eight other heirs who stand ahead of him in the line of succession.

102 mins. Rated PG.

Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 9 September, 2pm

Clue (1985)

Tim Curry leads an ensemble cast in this comedy mystery based on the popular board game. Invited to a secluded mansion, six strangers become suspects when murder disrupts the evening. As the investigation unfolds, hidden identities, unexpected alliances, and multiple possible endings keep audiences guessing until the final reveal.

94 mins. Rated PG.

Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 11 November, 2pm

A Streetcar Named Desire (1949)

Vivien Leigh stars as Blanche DuBois, a troubled woman who moves in with her sister Stella, (Kim Hunter), and her brother-in-law Stanley Kowalski, played by Marlon Brando. As tensions rise within the household, long-buried secrets and conflicting personalities lead to a powerful emotional confrontation.

119 mins. Rated M.

Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 14 October, 2pm



Spring into a great read

Wherever spring takes you, into the garden, to the park or on the go, your next great read is just a tap away.

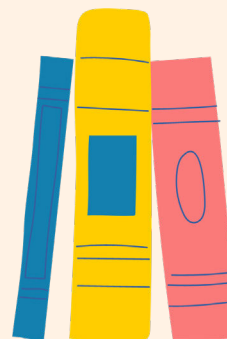
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Open the BorrowBox, Libby or PressReader app and log in with your library card and PIN.

Need help getting started? Drop by your local branch and chat with our friendly team. For more info, scan the QR code or visit: 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.





What's on for Young People

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. Winners will earn a spot on our champion's board.

Sign up now and get ready to race, battle, and rise to the top.

Ages 12-18. All games rated PG.

Free. Bookings required.

Avondale Heights

Thursday 24 September,
1pm–5pm



DIY bag charms

Create a custom bag charm using colourful beads, ribbons and fun decorative pieces. You'll leave with a one-of-a-kind accessory for your bag, keys or pencil case.

Ages 12–18.

Free. Bookings required.

Flemington

Tuesday 29 September,
2.30pm–3.30pm



Young adult movie *Wicked: For Good (2025)*

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

Branded the Wicked Witch of the West, can Elphaba stop the Wizard's corruption? And can she and Galinda reconcile to change Oz for good?

137 mins. Rated PG.

Ages 12–18.

Free. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Thursday 24 September,
1.30pm–3.45pm

Sam Merrifield

Friday 2 October,
1.30pm–3.45pm

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.



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



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Bookings open 10am on Monday 14 September unless otherwise stated. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Build a dinosaur

Encourage your child to get creative and explore the prehistoric world by designing and building their own dinosaur! We'll provide a variety of materials, including everyday recyclables you might find at home, to inspire their imagination.

Ages 5–12. Free. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Monday 21 September,
10.30am–11.30am



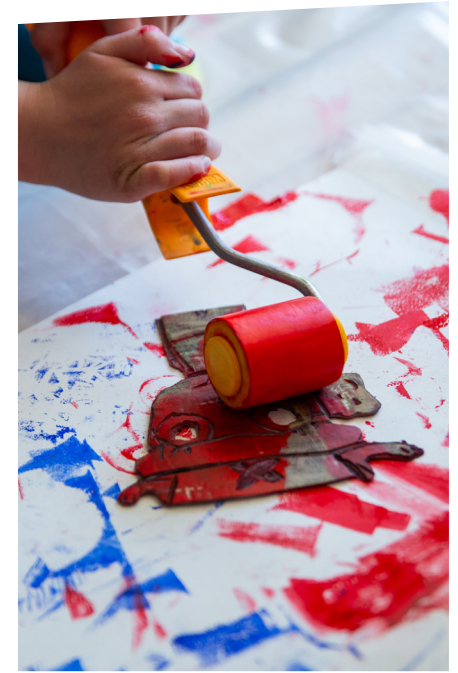
Hands-on fun: printmaking workshop

Children will discover the art of printmaking in this hands-on workshop. They'll engrave their own design onto a foam plate, use colourful, washable inks to create a unique print, and take their artwork home.

Ages 5–12.
Free. Bookings required.

Sam Merrifield

Monday 21 September,
2pm–3pm



Paint it, wear it: custom cap workshop

Children will design and decorate their own custom cap, transforming a plain white hat into a unique wearable masterpiece using paint, colour and imagination. Please dress your child in old clothes or bring an art smock, as things will get a little messy.

Ages 5–10.
Free. Bookings required.

Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 23 September,
10.30am–11.30am



Advanced LEGO® in motion

Do you have a keen LEGO builder at home? This LEGO BricQ Motion Prime session lets your older child expand their creativity through hands-on building and play.

Ages 10–13.
Free. Bookings required.

Niddrie

Tuesday 22 September,
Session 1: 9.30am–10.30am
Session 2: 11am–12pm



LEGO® SPIKE

Explore engineering, coding and creative thinking with our LEGO SPIKE kits. Children will design, build, and bring their interactive creations to life through hands-on challenges and imaginative problem-solving.

Ages 5–12.
Free. Bookings required.

Sam Merrifield

Monday 28 September,
4pm–5pm

Avondale Heights

Wednesday 30 September,
Session 1: 10am–11am
Session 2: 1pm–2pm

Moon festival

Join us for a hands-on Moon festival activity at the library. Your child will make their own lantern and discover the traditions behind this special celebration.

Ages 5–12.
Free. Bookings required.

Flemington

Tuesday 22 September,
3pm–4pm

Avondale Heights

Wednesday 23 September,
10.30am–11.30am

Paper bag puppets

Craft it, create it, character it. Children will turn ordinary paper bags into extraordinary puppets using a variety of crafty materials, then bring their creations to life in a fun mini puppet show.

Ages 5–12.
Free. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Thursday 1 October,
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
24 September, 1 October

Niddrie

Tuesday 2pm–4pm
29 September

Avondale Heights

Fridays 10am–12pm
2 October



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 10am on at Monday 14 September.

Goat (2026)

Follow a small goat on a massive adventure as he gets the ultimate chance to play 'roarball', a thrilling, full-contact sport where he has go hooves-to-claws against the fastest and fiercest animals on the planet.

100 mins. Rated PG. Ages 5–12.

Free. Bookings required.

Screening 10.30am–12.10pm

Sam Merrifield

Thursday 24 September

Avondale Heights

Tuesday 29 September

Flemington

Wednesday 30 September



Image credit: Sony Pictures Animation

The SpongeBob movie: Search for SquarePants (2025)

Determined to show Mr. Krabs his true courage, SpongeBob SquarePants takes on his biggest challenge yet. Watch as he dives into the darkest trenches of the sea, following the trail of the dreaded, swashbuckling phantom, the Flying Dutchman!

88 mins. Rated PG. Ages 5–12.

Free. Bookings required.

Screening 10.30am–12pm

Ascot Vale

Monday 28 September

Niddrie

Friday 2 October



Image credit: Sony Pictures Animation

Nature Book Week

Some of our storytimes are heading outdoors for Nature Book Week! Join us in parks and reserves across Moonee Valley for stories celebrating nature. Held in partnership with the Wilderness Society and Moonee Valley City Council Parks and Gardens.

Please be aware that Nature Book Week is an outdoor event and may be subject to relocation or cancellation in the case of inclement weather conditions. Please check our social media for updates the morning of each event.

Ages 3–5 Free. Bookings required.

All sessions 10.30am–11.30am.

Woodlands Park

(141A Woodland St, Essendon)

Tuesday 13 October

JH Allan Reserve

(90B The Crossway, Keilor East)

Wednesday 14 October

Debneys Park

(121 Victoria St, Flemington)

Friday 16 October

**NATURE
BOOK
WEEK**

**Wilderness
Society**
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Spooky storytime

Join us for a special Halloween storytime! We'll share spooky, silly stories, sing favourite songs, and do some monster-sized wiggling. Perfect for little pumpkins (nothing too scary, promise). Costumes welcome.

Ages 3–5. Free. No bookings required.

All sessions 10.30am–11.30am.

Sam Merrifield

Monday 26 October

Niddrie

Tuesday 27 October

Avondale Heights

Wednesday 28 October

Ascot Vale

Thursday 29 October

Flemington

Friday 30 October



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

Your child can try chess for the first time or sharpen their skills with friendly matches. All experience levels are welcome to enjoy the game and learn together.

Sam Merrifield

Mondays 4pm–4.45pm
7 September, 5 October,
2 November

Niddrie

Tuesdays 4pm–4.45pm
1 September, 6 October

Avondale Heights

Wednesdays 4pm–4.45pm
2 September, 7 October,
4 November



LEGO Club

Does your child love building with LEGO? They can connect with other creative builders, take on fun challenges, or simply enjoy making something new.

Sam Merrifield

Mondays 4pm–4.45pm
14 September, 12 October,
9 November

Niddrie

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

Avondale Heights

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

Ascot Vale

Fridays 4pm–4.45pm
11 September, 9 October,
13 November



Art Club

Children will use their imagination, meet fellow young artists, and explore new ideas together.

Sam Merrifield

Mondays 4pm–4.45pm
19 October, 16 November

Niddrie

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

Avondale Heights

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

Ascot Vale

Fridays 4pm–4.45pm
18 September, 16 October,
20 November



Board Games Club

Children can enjoy playing their favourite board games or discover something new.

Ascot Vale

Fridays 4pm–4.45pm
4 September, 6 November

Makers Club

Your child can explore hands-on STEM challenges and creative experiments to spark curiosity.

Sam Merrifield

Mondays 4pm–4.45pm
26 October, 23 November

Niddrie

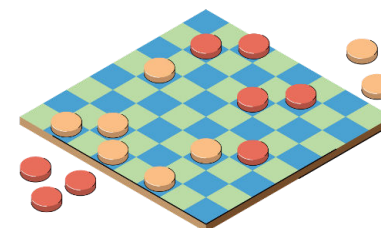
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27 October, 24 November

Avondale Heights

Wednesdays 4pm–4.45pm
28 October, 25 November

Ascot Vale

Fridays 4pm–4.45pm
23 October, 27 November



LEGO® SPIKE

Children will build, create and code with LEGO® SPIKE kits while exploring engineering concepts through hands-on projects.

Ages 5–12.
Free. Bookings required.

Flemington

Tuesday 15 September,
4pm–4.45pm

Coding with Scratch

Children will learn the basics of coding while designing and building their own multi-level video game using Scratch.

Ages 5–12.
Free. Bookings required.

Flemington

Tuesday 13 October,
4pm–4.45pm

Mini art show

Join us for a series of three crafty art classes where your child will create a collection of masterpieces to show off at a mini art show for family and friends in the final week.

Ages 5–12. Free. Bookings required.

Flemington

Tuesdays, 4pm–4.45pm
10 November, 17 November,
24 November, 1 December

Stretch, play & relax: Children's Week yoga

Join Sunny Time Yoga as we introduce yoga and mindfulness to your child. Your child will learn how to connect with their breath while going on an imaginative yoga journey. Play yoga games and join in with a range of mindful activities and craft.

Ages 2–5.
Free. Bookings required.

Avondale Heights

Thursday 29 October,
10am–11am



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 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	Saturdays 10.30am	Saturdays 10.30am	Saturdays 10.30am	Saturdays 10.30am

Baby Rhyme Time (0–18 months)

Introduce your baby to language through songs, rhymes and movement.

Toddler Time (18 months–3 years)

Share stories, songs and rhymes while building your toddler's love of language and learning.

Preschool Storytime (3–5 years)

Stories, songs and a craft activity to help children build early literacy skills.

Saturday Storytime (18 months–5 years)

Can't make a weekday session? Join us on Saturdays for stories, songs and rhymes the whole family will enjoy.

Contact your library

Moonee Valley Libraries

libraries.mvcc.vic.gov.au

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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

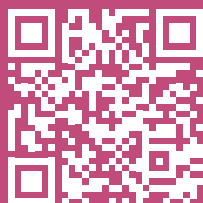
762 Mt Alexander Road
Moonee Ponds, VIC, 3039

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