

What's On
at your library

SUMMER

2026-2027

Moonee Valley Libraries | City of Moonee Valley

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Bookings

All programs and events are free to attend unless otherwise stated.

Bookings 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.

About the cover image:

Objects 3D printed in the Makerspace at Avondale Heights Library & Learning Centre.

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What's on for Adults

AUTHOR TALKS

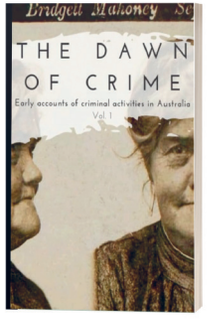
Roy Maloy: true crime history, research & publishing

Uncover extraordinary true crime stories with prolific Australian true crime and history author Roy Maloy. Explore compelling research discoveries, behind the scenes investigations, and the remarkable findings that have shaped his bestselling books and brought Australian history to life. Bookings required.

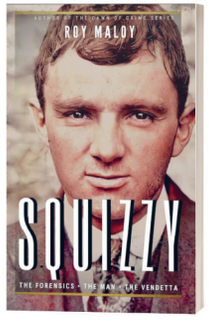
Sam Merrifield

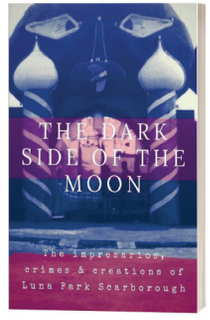
Tuesday 8 December,
7pm–8pm













Travelling to Japan *with Michelle Mackintosh and Steve Wide*

Planning a trip to Japan? Discover Japanese culture, cuisine, and hidden gems with Michelle Mackintosh and Steve Wide, coauthors of twelve books on the topic. Gain practical insights, travel inspiration, and local knowledge to help you make the most of your next Japanese adventure. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Wednesday 13 January,
6pm–7pm

New Year New You: fashion styling with Sally Mackinnon

Discover your signature style with Melbourne stylist Sally Mackinnon in a workshop inspired by her book *Styled*. Gain practical styling tips, clever wardrobe hacks, and confidence-boosting strategies to help define your personal style and make getting dressed each day easier. Bookings required.

Flemington

Monday 15 February,
6pm–7pm



Heat health with Ambulance Victoria



Learn lifesaving skills with paramedics. This engaging session shares practical tips and clever tricks to help you care for yourself and loved ones during hot weather. Build your confidence to recognise and respond in emergencies, empowering you to take action when it matters most. Bookings required.

Niddrie

Monday 14 December,
10am–10.45am

Centrelink Q&As

Need help with Centrelink, Aged Care, or myGov? Meet one-on-one with a Services Australia expert for personalised support, reliable information, and practical guidance. Build confidence navigating government services and accessing the assistance you need. Bookings required.

Niddrie

Thursdays, 1pm–3pm
3 December, 17 December,
28 January, 11 February,
25 February

Avondale Heights

Thursdays, 1pm–3pm
10 December, 21 January,
4 February, 18 February

Sam Merrifield

Tuesdays, 10am–12pm
19 January, 2 February,
16 February

Ascot Vale

Wednesdays,
10.30am–12.30pm
20 January, 24 February

Australian Government
Services Australia



Neighbourhood history walk: Ascot Vale

From crime and politics to books and the silver screen, take a walk through Ascot Vale and hear the remarkable stories woven into its streets. Trace the people, places, and moments that have contributed to the suburb's unique character.

Starts and finishes at Ascot Vale Library. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Friday 11 December,
10.30am–12pm

Neighbourhood history walk: Queens Park

Step back in time on a guided walk around Queens Park and uncover the stories behind this beloved local landmark. Discover its rich history, hidden gems, and the people and events that have helped define the park we know and love today.

Starts and finishes at Sam Merrifield Library. Bookings required.

Sam Merrifield

Friday 18 December,
10.30am–12pm

Family history for beginners

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. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Tuesday 19 January,
6pm–7.30pm

Family history: beyond the basics

Take your family history research further with this workshop exploring Ancestry, FindMyPast, and other valuable resources. Build on your existing research skills, uncover new records, and discover even more about the people, places, and stories that shaped your family's past. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Tuesday 9 February,
6pm–7.30pm

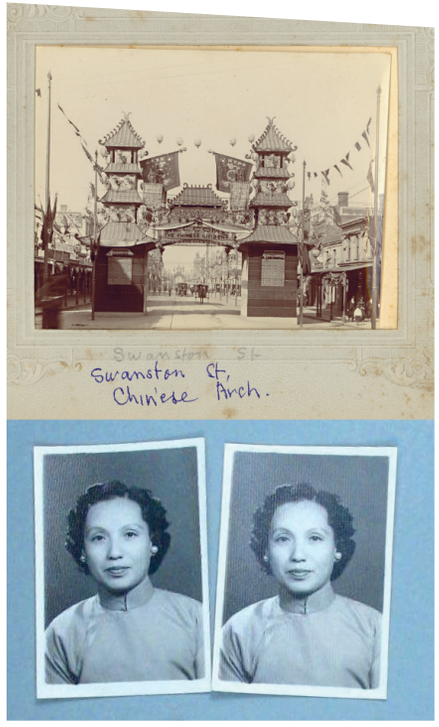
Chinese family history

Explore the rich history of Chinese communities in Australia and discover how to trace your own Chinese heritage using Australian and Chinese family history resources. Suitable for beginners and experienced family historians. No Chinese language knowledge required.

Presented by Dr Kristy Love, of the Family History Agency and Chinese Australian Family Historians of Victoria. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Tuesday 2 February,
6pm–7pm



Tai chi and qigong for Lunar New Year

Take time to pause and recharge with a tai chi and qigong session. Through a combination of mindful movement, breathing exercises and gentle stretches, participants will explore simple techniques to support balance, flexibility and inner calm. Led by experienced practitioner Alfred Ng. Suitable for all fitness levels. Bookings required.

Avondale Heights

Monday 8 February,
6pm–7pm





Waterwise gardening

Learn simple ways to save water and support a healthy garden through the warmer months. This session will share practical ideas on improving soil, efficient watering, designing a garden to reduce water demand, and more. Bookings required.

Flemington

Wednesday 3 February,
6.30pm–7.30pm

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

my smart garden

Jigsaw puzzle swap

Trade in a puzzle you've mastered for something new to you. Bring along a 500-piece or larger puzzle in excellent condition, with no missing or damaged pieces and take home a fresh challenge. No children's puzzles please. No bookings required.

Niddrie

Saturday 30 January,
9.30am–10.15am

Puzzle and chat

Love puzzles and good conversation? Enjoy a relaxed jigsaw session over a cuppa, connect with fellow puzzle enthusiasts, and piece things together – literally. Whether you are an experienced puzzler or simply curious, all are welcome to drop in. No bookings required.

Niddrie

Saturdays, 10.30am–1.30pm
30 January, 20 February



Scrabble group

Love words, games, and good company? Enjoy relaxed, friendly Scrabble matches in a welcoming monthly group. Whether you are a seasoned wordsmith or new to the game, it's a great way to challenge yourself, meet others, and have fun with words. Ages 16+. No bookings required.

Niddrie

Thursdays, 9.30am–11.30am
14 January, 18 February

Free hearing tests

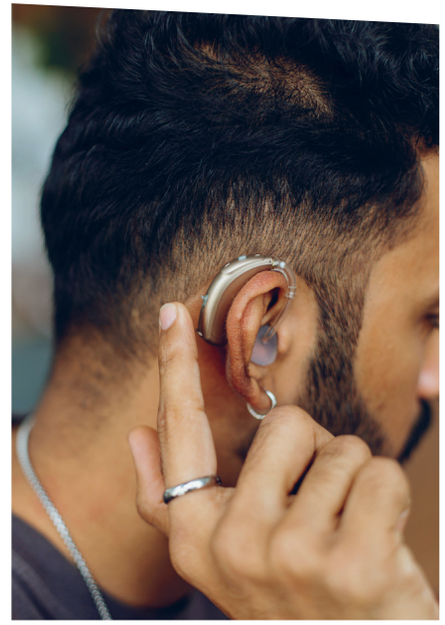
Take the first step towards better hearing with a 15-minute hearing test and consultation. Current hearing aid users are welcome to attend and discuss any concerns, adjustments or support needed. These tests are for adults only. Bookings required.

Sam Merrifield

Thursday 18 February,
10am–4pm

Flemington

Friday 26 February,
11am–1pm



Hearing Australia



Seed, plant & produce swap

Is your garden thriving? Do you have an abundance of fruit, vegetables, or herbs to share? Join fellow green thumbs to swap your homegrown harvest, discover new seasonal produce, and take home something delicious. It's a great way to connect with your community, reduce waste, and celebrate the joys of gardening. No bookings required.

Avondale Heights

Saturday 27 February,
1pm–3pm

My Aged Care: information and Q&A

Learn about the services and support available for older residents at this information session with Council's Aged Care Navigation Officer. Discover how to access assistance, explore local resources, and get answers to your questions in a welcoming and informative setting. Bookings required.

Niddrie

Thursday 17 December &
Thursday 25 February,
10.30am–12.30pm

Avondale Heights

Friday 15 January,
10.30am–12.30pm

Ascot Vale

Wednesday 27 January,
10.30am–12.30pm

Sam Merrifield

Thursday 11 February,
10.30am–12.30pm

Moonee Valley Legal Service

Need legal advice or counselling? Moonee Valley Legal Service offers free, confidential support in a welcoming environment at our library branches.

To book an appointment contact Moonee Valley Legal Service directly on 9376 7929.

Flemington

Mondays weekly, 1pm–5pm

Avondale Heights

Tuesdays fortnightly, 1pm–5pm

MOONEE VALLEY LEGAL SERVICE

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
Fridays, 10am–12pm

Flemington

Wednesdays, 11am–1pm
Beginning in February

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Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning Centre

The following programs are facilitated by Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning Centre. For enquiries and more programs visit **farnhamst.net** or call 9376 9088.

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. No bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Mondays, 1pm–3pm
Beginning in February

Niddrie

Tuesdays, 10am–12pm

Avondale Heights

Wednesdays, 1pm–3pm

Flemington

Thursdays, 10am–12pm

Sam Merrifield

Fridays, 9.30am–11.30am
Fridays, 12.30pm–2.30pm

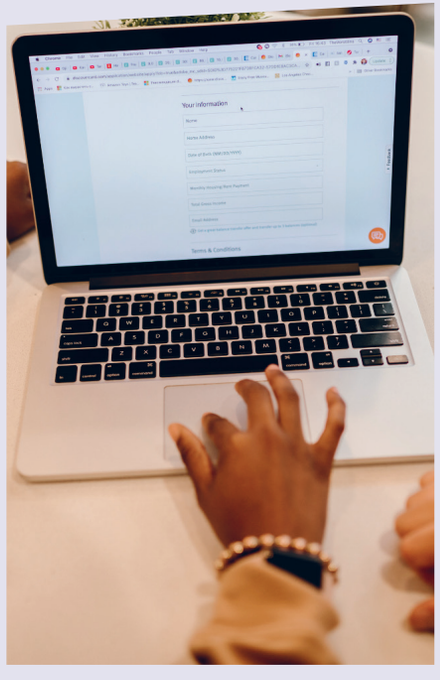
Farnham St
Neighbourhood Learning Centre

Help with forms

Need a hand with forms, myGov, or understanding bills? These 30-minute sessions offer practical support and guidance to help you tackle everyday tasks with confidence. Sessions run during school term. Bookings required.

Flemington

Thursdays,
12.30pm–2.30pm





Upgrade your library membership this summer with Extra Access

With a hotter-than-average summer forecast, along with upcoming Christmas and New Year public holidays, now is the perfect time to become an Extra Access library member and enjoy our facilities beyond staffed hours.

After attending an induction session, eligible members can visit Ascot Vale and Avondale Heights Libraries in the evenings, on Sundays, and on public holidays, giving you more time to fit the library into your life.

During these extended hours, you can use Wi-Fi, public computers, printing and scanning facilities, borrow items, and browse the collection to your heart's content, all in safe, climate-controlled spaces.

Ready to unlock more library time?

Scan the QR code or visit our website to learn more and book an induction.
libraries.mvcc.vic.gov.au/ExtraAccess

Read your way this summer



Wherever summer takes you, take a great read with you. Whether you prefer to hold a book in your hands, read on your device, or listen to a narrator, we've got your summer reading covered in every format.

Pop into one of our branches to stock up on books, or visit our website to discover eBooks, audiobooks and magazines on BorrowBox, Libby, and PressReader.

Stuck for choice? Let our reading experts handpick and reserve three titles based on your interests. Fill in a request form for **Your Next Three Reads** on our website.

Show your library love. Purchase a reusable cup, water bottle or library bag next time you visit.



Small library bag $5
Large library bag $10
Water bottle $10
Reusable cup $8

CREATE & PARTICIPATE

Craft connect

Bring along your knitting, quilting, felting, or another handmade project and spend time with people who love crafting. Share tips, swap ideas, and enjoy a chat while making progress on your next creative endeavour. No bookings required.

Avondale Heights

Mondays,
1pm–3pm

Ascot Vale

Tuesdays,
2pm–4pm

Flemington

Tuesdays,
6pm–7.30pm

Sam Merrifield

Tuesdays,
1pm–3pm

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 term. No bookings required.

Niddrie

Fridays, 9.30am–11am



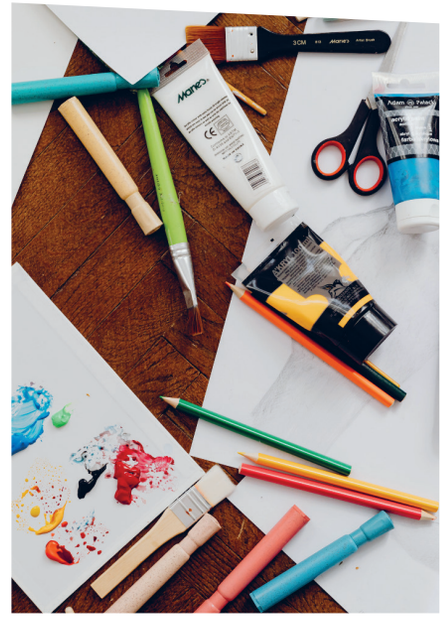
Create together

Set aside time for creativity in a relaxed, supportive environment. Work on your own art or craft project, experiment with new ideas, and enjoy conversation with fellow makers. A selection of art materials will be available to help spark inspiration. Bookings required.

Avondale Heights

Mondays, 6pm–7.30pm

7 December, 1 February





Yarn craft social group

Settle in with your knitting or crochet and enjoy an evening of crafting and conversation. Meet fellow yarn enthusiasts, exchange patterns and techniques, and connect over a shared passion. Suitable for all skill levels. Tea and coffee provided. No bookings required.

Niddrie

Thursdays fortnightly,
6pm–7.45pm

10 December, 7 January,
21 January, 11 February,
25 February

Cricut Christmas letters



Create a personalised Christmas letter for someone special using our Cricut machine. Learn how to design, cut, and assemble a unique festive greeting, then add your own creative flair. Take home a handmade letter that's sure to be treasured this holiday season. All materials provided. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Wednesday 9 December, 5.30pm–7.30pm

Rag roping



Turn your threadbare sheets and your old scraps of fabric into something beautiful and useful. Learn how to create a rag rope that can be turned into a rug or bowl, putting together colour combinations, the best fabrics to work with, and tips to reduce your textile consumption footprint. Suitable for adults of all skill levels. Bookings required.

Niddrie

Saturday 12 December, 10am–12pm

Kinusaiga: no sew quilt art



Create beautiful textured artwork using Kinusaiga, a traditional Japanese no-sew craft. Learn simple techniques for working with fabric and design a unique piece to take home. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Saturday 30 January, 11am–1pm

Tell your story: *memoir writing workshop with Edita Mujkic*



Do you have a personal story you want to share but don't know how to tell it? Award-winning memoirist Edita Mujkic will help you start crafting the story only you can tell. You will learn techniques for uncovering forgotten details, shaping your narrative, editing your work, and understanding publishing options. Find your voice and bring your memories to life. Bookings required.

Niddrie

Saturday 13 February, 10.30am–12pm

Chinese knotting



Learn the art of Chinese knotting and explore its rich history in this hands-on workshop. Create your own traditional knot, a symbol of good fortune for the Year of the Fire Sheep, and take home a unique handmade keepsake. Presented in partnership with the Museum of Chinese Australian History. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Wednesday 17 February, 2pm–3pm

Budgie life painting

Discover the colourful world of budgerigars with artist and breeder Vanessa White. Observe these lively birds up close while exploring guided life drawing and acrylic painting, capturing their vivid plumage and unique personalities on canvas. Suitable for adults of all skill levels. Bookings required.

Avondale Heights

Monday 22 February,
6pm–7.30pm





Needle felting

Learn the art of needle felting and create a charming handmade keepsake. Master basic techniques, shape wool fibres, and build confidence with guided instruction. Suitable for beginners, with all materials supplied. Ages 18+. Bookings required.

Flemington

Saturday 27 February,
11am–12.30pm

Tech meets textile: felt Christmas decorations

Discover the magic of our Makerspace as you create your own unique felt Christmas decoration. Watch a laser cutter in action and see how digital technology can bring creative ideas to life, then add your personal touch with hand-sewing techniques to make your decoration truly one of a kind.
Bookings required.

Avondale Heights Makerspace

Tuesday 15 December,
1.30pm–3pm





Tech meets textile: festive gift tags

Combine modern technology with traditional crafting as you design and make a collection of unique Christmas gift tags. Watch your creations come to life as our Cricut smart cutter precisely cuts each tag, then add your own personal flair with fabric embellishments, machine embroidery, and hand-sewn details. Bookings required.

Avondale Heights Makerspace

Wednesday 16 December,
1.30pm–3pm

Makerspace equipment inductions

Create, design, and make with confidence. These inductions cover our Makerspace equipment, including machine operation, safety requirements, and independent access for future projects. These sessions are not beginner classes and assume some familiarity with the equipment. All inductions take place in our Makerspace at Avondale Heights Library.
Ages 16+. Bookings required.

Emblaser laser cutter

Learn materials, Lightburn design software and safe operations.

Tuesday 1 December, 1.30pm–2.30pm

Monday 11 January, 6pm–7pm

Wednesday 10 February, 1.30pm–2.30pm



Cricut smart cutter

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

Wednesday 2 December, 1.30pm–2.30pm

Monday 25 January, 6pm–7pm

Tuesday 16 February, 1.30pm–2.30pm



Film scanners

Use our scanners to digitise your photographic film rolls.

Monday 7 December, 3pm–4pm

Friday 19 February, 10am–11am



Flashforge 3D printer

Familiarise yourself with printer hardware and Tinkercad software.



Thursday 10 December, 6pm–7pm

Wednesday 24 February, 1.30pm–2.30pm

Sewing machines

Learn to safely operate our various sewing machines.

Thursday 21 January, 6pm–7pm

Tuesday 2 February, 1.30pm–2.30pm



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. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Wednesdays, 10.30am–11.30am
27 January, 24 February

Avondale Heights

Tuesdays, 2pm–3pm
1 December, 19 January, 23 February

Thursdays, 5pm–6pm
14 January, 4 February

Flemington

Fridays, 10.30am–11.30am
4 December, 12 February

Niddrie

Mondays, 10am–11am
7 December, 1 February

Sam Merrifield

Tuesdays, 10am–11am
9 February, 23 February

Tech Connect group

Bring your device, share tips, and make new friends at Tech Connect. This friendly, informal group explores technology and device features through shared learning and discussion. Facilitated by library staff, sessions focus on learning and knowledge sharing rather than repairs. No bookings required.

Avondale Heights

Friday 18 December, 9.30am–10.30am

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. Bookings required.

Avondale Heights

Friday 19 February, 9.30am–10.30am

Cuppa and eSafety

These webinars presented by the eSafety Commissioner are designed to help you feel more confident and in control when using technology. Tea and coffee provided. Bookings required.

Apps for smarter travel

Plan your next trip with apps for travel, accommodation, maps, transport, reviews, safety information, and entertainment.

Ascot Vale

Thursday 3 December, 3pm–4pm

Technology and your health

Learn how you can monitor your health and get tips and advice from a range of apps, websites, podcasts, and more.

Niddrie

Thursday 10 December, 10am–11am

Take a tour of Be Connected's eSafety resources

Discover Be Connected, a free online resource that can help you get more from your devices, stay safer online, and keep your brain active. Take part in an interactive tour of the website and learn how Be Connected can help you feel safer and more confident online. Bookings required.

Niddrie

Tuesday 12 January, 2pm–3pm

Tech topics with Be Connected: Exploring Google Earth

Explore Google Earth and its fascinating features using the Be Connected learning platform. Follow along on the big screen in a supportive environment, then continue learning at your own pace. A great way to build confidence and get more from your device. Bookings required.

Niddrie

Tuesday 19 January, 2pm–3pm

eSafety Commissioner

Be Connected
Every Australian online.

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

Films at Avondale Heights

I Swear (2025)

International Day of Persons with Disability

Diagnosed with Tourette syndrome at 15, John Davidson navigates the challenges of adolescence and adulthood, finding inspiration in the kindness of others and discovering a deeper sense of purpose.

120 mins. Rated MA.

Avondale Heights

Friday 4 December, 1pm

Twiggy (2024)

British model and cultural icon Lesley Lawson, better known as Twiggy, reflects on her remarkable life and career in this engaging documentary. Featuring interviews with family, friends, and leading figures from fashion and entertainment, it traces her journey from 1960s superstar to enduring cultural figure.

94 mins. Rated M.

Avondale Heights

Friday 15 January, 1pm

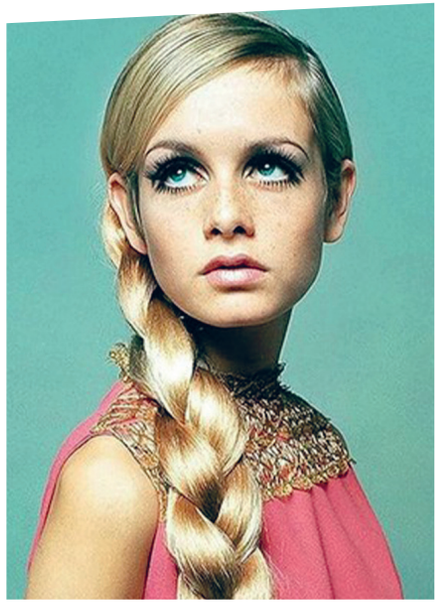
The History of Sound (2026)

In 1917, music student Lionel meets David at the Boston Conservatory, where they bond over a shared love of folk music. Years later, an unexpected reunion leads them on a journey through rural Maine to collect traditional songs, shaping Lionel's life in profound and lasting ways.

123 mins. Rated M.

Avondale Heights

Friday 12 February, 1pm



Films at Niddrie

King Richard (2021)

Get into the spirit of the Australian Open with this screening of *King Richard*. Coming from an underprivileged background, Venus Williams and Serena Williams rise to the top and dominate the world of women's tennis with the help of their ever-supporting father, Richard Williams.

144 mins. Rated M.

Niddrie

Thursday 14 January, 1pm



Films at Flemington

My Brother's Band (2025)

A world-famous orchestra conductor discovers he has a brother he never knew: a school cafeteria worker who plays trombone in a local marching band. When the band loses its conductor, the brothers connect and learn how different circumstances shaped their lives.

French with English subtitles. 103 mins. Rated M.

Flemington

Wednesday 20 January, 6pm

The Christophers (2026)

The estranged children of a once-famous artist hire a forger to complete his unfinished works so they can be 'discovered' and sold after his death. A black comedy starring Ian McKellan and Michaela Coel.

100 mins. Rated MA.

Flemington

Wednesday 17 February, 1pm

Classic film matinees at Sam Merrifield

Miracle on 34th Street (1947)

Can a department store Santa Claus convince a cynical world to believe in the magic of Christmas? When Kris Kringle claims to be the real Santa, he must defend his sanity in a New York courtroom. A beloved holiday classic about faith and belief.

96 mins. Rated G.

Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 9 December, 2pm



Harold and Maude (1971)

A morbid young man, Harold, develops an unexpected friendship with Maude, a spirited 79-year-old woman who teaches him to embrace life's possibilities. Despite their differences in age and outlook, the pair form a deep connection that challenges social conventions and explores themes of love, mortality, freedom and finding joy in everyday life.

91 mins. Rated PG.

Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 13 January, 2pm

The Sting (1973)

Can two clever grifters pull off the ultimate confidence trick against a ruthless mob boss? In 1930s Chicago, a young hustler teams up with a legendary con artist to avenge a murdered friend. Packed with twists, style, and double crosses, this Best Picture winner is a classic caper.

129 mins. Rated PG.

Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 10 February, 2pm



What's on for Young People

Game Off!

Put your gaming skills to the test in an epic Nintendo Switch 2 tournament featuring Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros Ultimate. Race, battle, and compete against other players for bragging rights, championship glory, and a coveted place on our champions board. Or just come for the pizza and drinks. Ages 12–18. Bookings required.

Avondale Heights

Thursday 14 January,
1pm–5pm





Creative hangout

Spend some creative time at the library with mindful colouring, painting, collaging, and more. Make whatever inspires you, work at your own pace, and enjoy a laid-back space to create and catch up with friends. All materials plus snacks provided. Ages 12–18. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale

Friday 15 January,
2pm–3.30pm



Junk journalling

Get creative and design your own one-of-a-kind junk journal using repurposed, recycled, and upcycled materials. Whether you love art, journalling, or DIY projects, this hands-on workshop is the perfect chance to try something new, express yourself, and create a keepsake to take home. All materials provided. Ages 12–18. Bookings required.

Avondale Heights

Friday 22 January, 2pm–3.30pm

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 **www.thelab.org.au.**

THE LAB
TECH GAMES FUN

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



BIG SUMMER READ

Join. Borrow. Read. Win!

Big Summer Read is a free summer reading challenge for children and young people aged 0–18. Delivered through public libraries across Australia, the program encourages reading for pleasure during the summer holidays. Participants can log their reading, discover new books and enjoy a summer filled with stories, learning and fun.

Scan to register:

readbooks.com.au/bsr

Public Libraries Victoria

How to participate

1. Sign your child up online at **readbooks.com.au/bsr** and register using their Moonee Valley Libraries membership.

OR

Prefer paper? Pick up a reading journal from one of our library branches to track your child's progress.

2. Your child can claim a small prize when they reach their first reading milestone (while supplies last).

3. Keep your child reading through December and January to earn online badges and complete fun activities.

4. For every five books read or five days spent reading, your child will be entered to win exciting prizes!

BSR launch parties

Kickstart your child's Big Summer Read with an afternoon of fun and creativity at our library branches. Drop by after school to enjoy an exciting craft activity and sign up for the challenge. Bookings required.

Ascot Vale, Avondale Heights & Sam Merrifield

Tuesday 1 December,
4pm–4.45pm



Starting school storytimes

Help your child feel excited and confident about starting school or kindergarten with a special Storytime. Through stories, songs and activities, children will build confidence and learn embrace new friends and experiences in a fun, supportive setting. Ages 3–5. No bookings required.

Preschool Storytimes at all branches

Week commencing Monday 30 November





Christmas storytimes

Enjoy a cheerful Christmas Storytime filled with stories, songs and a festive craft activity. Little ones are welcome to dress in their favourite Christmas t-shirt, festive hat or holiday outfit. There may even be a surprise visit from a well-known guest dressed in red. Ages 3–5. No bookings required.

Preschool Storytimes at all branches

Week commencing Monday 7 December

DIY Christmas crafts

Children can enjoy a fun, hands-on craft session as they design and create their very own Christmas decoration to take home and treasure. Whether it's hung on the tree or displayed around the house, their handmade creation will add a special touch to the holiday season. Ages 5–12. Bookings required.

Sam Merrifield

Monday 7 December, 4pm–4.45pm

Niddrie

Tuesday 8 December, 4pm–4.45pm

Flemington

Thursday 10 December, 4pm–4.45pm

Ascot Vale

Friday 11 December, 4pm–4.45pm

Christmas tree decorating

Children are invited to get creative and help decorate the library's Christmas tree with their own handmade creations. They can also make a special Christmas decoration to take home, adding a personal touch to your holiday celebrations. Ages 5–12. Bookings required.

Avondale Heights

Wednesday 9 December, 4pm–4.45pm



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

All school holiday programs are free. Bookings are required and will open at 10am on Monday 4 January unless otherwise stated. Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Library scavenger hunt

Encourage your child to test their detective skills by solving clues and answering questions throughout the library. Those who complete the challenge will receive a special badge to celebrate their achievement. Clue sheets are available from all library branches during January, just ask a friendly staff member. Ages 5–12. No bookings required.

All branches throughout January



Drop-in craft

Let creativity shine in this relaxed drop-in session filled with drawing, colouring and craft activities. Children can attend at any time during session hours and enjoy hands-on making and explore self-expression. Perfect for budding artists and crafty kids. Ages 3–12. No bookings required.

All sessions 10am–12pm.

Sam Merrifield

Monday 4 January

Flemington

Thursday 7 January &
Thursday 14 January

Ascot Vale

Monday 11 January



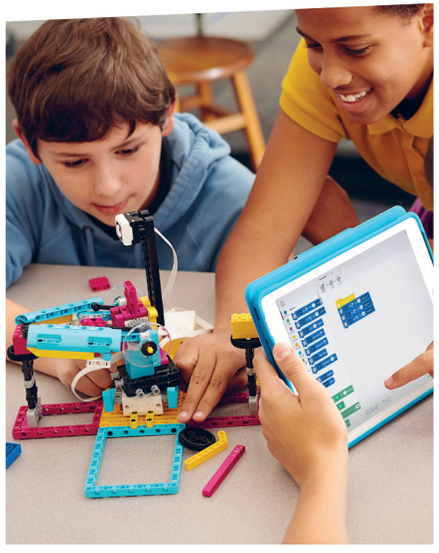


LEGO in motion

Discover how things move in this hands-on LEGO BricQ Motion workshop. Children will build, investigate and solve challenges while learning about science and engineering through play. Ages 5–12. Bookings required.

Flemington

Tuesday 12 January,
2pm–3.30pm



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 5–12. Bookings required.

Flemington

Tuesday 19 January,
2pm–3pm &
3.30pm–4.30pm

Paint your own pencil case and library bag

Your child can create a unique library bag or pencil case in this creative design workshop, making it easy to keep track of their belongings at school. It's a great opportunity to express creativity while decorating something practical they can use every day. Please bring an art smock and wear clothes that can get a little messy.
Ages 5–12. Bookings required.

Niddrie

Tuesday 19 January,
10.30am–11.30am

Sam Merrifield

Wednesday 20 January,
10.30am–11.30am



Family movie screenings

Treat the family to a movie day at the library. While our seats might not recline, we have plenty of cool air conditioning, a great family-friendly atmosphere, and popcorn for the kids. All you need to do is sit back, relax, and enjoy a fun film together. Ages 5–12. Bookings required.

Minions and Monsters

Set in 1920s Hollywood, this is the ridiculous (and totally true) story of how the Minions became Hollywood movie stars. Who cares if along the way they unleashed monsters into the world? How will they save the planet from the mayhem they created?

90 mins. Rated PG.

Avondale Heights

Tuesday 12 January, 10.30am

Sam Merrifield

Thursday 14 January, 10.30am

Niddrie

Friday 15 January, 10.30am

The Magic Faraway Tree

Based on Enid Blyton's beloved classic, this magical adventure follows a family who move to the English countryside, where the children discover the Magic Faraway Tree. With its quirky residents, they journey to fantastical lands of wonder and adventure.

110 mins. Rated G.

Ascot Vale

Monday 18 January, 10.30am

Sam Merrifield

Thursday 21 January, 10.30am

Niddrie

Friday 22 January, 10.30am



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

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
1 February, 1 March

Niddrie
Tuesdays, 4pm–4.45pm
2 February, 2 March

Avondale Heights
Wednesdays, 4pm–4.45pm
3 February, 3 March



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
8 February

Niddrie
Tuesdays, 4pm–4.45pm
9 February

Avondale Heights
Wednesdays, 4pm–4.45pm
10 February

Ascot Vale
Thursdays, 4pm–4.45pm
11 February



Art Club

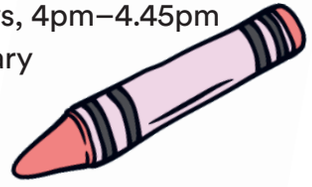
Children will use their imagination, meet fellow young artists, and explore new ideas together.

Sam Merrifield
Mondays, 4pm–4.45pm
15 February

Niddrie
Tuesdays, 4pm–4.45pm
16 February

Avondale Heights
Wednesdays, 4pm–4.45pm
17 February

Ascot Vale
Thursdays, 4pm–4.45pm
18 February



Junior Graphic Novel Club

Here children can join fellow graphic novel fans to chat about what they're reading, swap favourite picks, and discover new gems. Plus enjoy fun, graphic novel inspired art activities.

Ascot Vale
Thursdays, 4pm–4.45pm
4 February



Makers Club

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

Sam Merrifield
Mondays, 4pm–4.45pm
22 February

Niddrie
Tuesdays, 4pm–4.45pm
23 February

Avondale Heights
Wednesdays, 4pm–4.45pm
24 February

Ascot Vale
Thursdays, 4pm–4.45pm
25 February



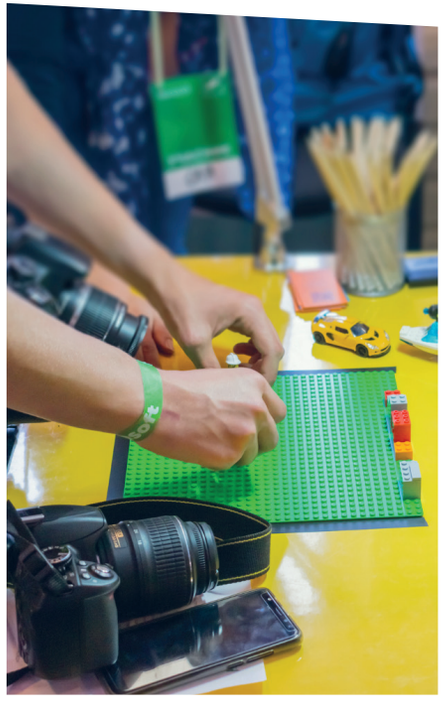
Mini film festival

From story creation to stop-motion filmmaking, your child will bring their ideas to the screen over four creative sessions. A special film screening in week five provides an opportunity to share their work with family and friends. Ages 5–12. Bookings required for the full series.

Flemington

Tuesdays, 4pm–4.45pm

2 February, 9 February, 16 February, 23 February, 2 March





Lunar New Year

Ring in the Year of the Fire Sheep at this lively Lunar New Year celebration. Families can enjoy the sights and sounds of a traditional lion dance and drumming performance, with every child receiving a lucky red pocket to mark the occasion and welcome the new year. All ages. Bookings required for both children and adults attending.

Flemington

Thursday 11 February, 4pm–4.45pm

EARLY YEARS LITERACY

These sessions occur weekly during the school term. Cancelled sessions will be announced on our Facebook and Instagram stories as early as possible. No bookings required.

Last date for 2026: Saturday 12 December

First date for 2027: Monday 1 February

	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
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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For event bookings please visit libraryevents.mvcc.vic.gov.au, scan the QR code, or phone us.