



Just4Kids
Every Wednesday
3.30pm–4.30pm

Hang out with other kids, play games, make interesting things, and more. For primary school-aged children. School term only.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

Italian Night

Monday 19 March
6.00pm–8.00pm

Italian comedian **James Liotta** is back by popular demand. Join us for an evening of food and entertainment as we launch a **NEW** collection of Italian books and DVDs. Children can enjoy a special bilingual storytime (6.00pm).

Cooking Demonstrations

Thursday 22 March
11.30am–12.30pm

Join us for multicultural food demonstrations and go into the draw to win fabulous prizes. Bookings required.

Easter Egg Decorating

Thursday 29 March
10.30am–12.00noon

Irene Williams from the **Victorian Cake Decorating Society** will demonstrate how to decorate your own Easter eggs. Have your egg personalised. Bookings required.

Weekend Storytime
Easter

Saturday 31 March
11.00am–12.00noon

Join us for some special Easter stories and craft. It's the weekend so you can bring the whole family.



Easter Fun

Wednesday 4 April
2.30pm–3.30pm

Celebrate Easter with us. Make an Easter basket and a fun mask. Bookings required.

Bedtime Storytime
Easter

Thursday 5 April
6.30pm–7.30pm

Join us for some special Easter stories and craft. It's nighttime so you can bring the whole family.



Arabic Night

Monday 23 April
6.00pm–8.00pm

Enjoy an evening of Arabic entertainment and food as we launch **NEW** Arabic library books and DVDs. Children can enjoy a special Arabic storytime (6.00pm).



community reads

DV Creative Writing Group

Monday 19 March & 16 April
11.00am–12.00noon

Like to write? Create your masterpiece and share ideas with this innovative creative writing group. Beginners welcome. Refreshments provided.

Warhammer Workshop

Wednesday 28 March
4.00pm–5.00pm

Learn how to play the game with **Jamie** from the **Games Workshop** (Northland) (Ages 10+).

Scrabble Club

Friday 30 March & 27 April
(Last Friday of the Month)
3.00pm–5.00pm

Join our Scrabble Club for a fun afternoon of socialising and game playing. Refreshments provided. Bookings required.

Family Fun Day

Saturday 31 March
10.00am–5.00pm

Bring the family along to the annual Family Fun Day. Enjoy a jumping castle, fairy floss, popcorn, storytime, music, balloons, sausage sizzle, outdoor games and showbags.



Baby Storytime

Monday 2 April
10.30am–11.00am

A special session of Easter Bunny songs and rhymes for babies.

Easter Bunny Storytime

Wednesday 4 April
10.30am–11.30am

Listen to stories, sing some songs then do Easter craft. There might be a few Easter eggs to find too.

Health & Wellbeing
Nutrition and Exercise

Tuesday 17 April
11.00am–12.00noon

Discover the essentials of good nutrition and exercise with nutritionist **Maria** from **Nillumbik Community Health Centre** and exercise instructors from **Diamond Valley Sports & Fitness Centre**. Refreshments provided. Bookings required.

ANZAC DAY
WWI Lighthorsemen

Tuesday 24 April
1.30pm–2.30pm

Military historian **Dr David Holloway** will discuss his book, *Endure and Fight*, about the 4th Light Horse Regiment of World War I. Books available for purchase. Bookings required.



Homework Help

Every Monday
3.30pm–5.00pm

Need some help with your homework? Get help from tutor **Cindy**. For further details contact us. Bookings required.

Garden Club

Tuesday 6 March & 3 April
(Third Tuesday of the month)
11.00am–12.00noon

Meet with like-minded gardeners in our sustainable garden to swap ideas and plants and talk about all things garden. Refreshments provided.

Kids' Garden Club

Tuesday 6 March
3.45pm–5.00pm

Come along to do some gardening. Have a go at watering, weeding and worm farming.

Bedtime Storytime

Shiver Me Timbers
Wednesday 7 March
6.30pm–7.30pm

We have some funny pirate stories waiting for you. Come dressed as a pirate or wear your pyjamas. Guess where the treasure is hidden.



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Sock Puppets

Wednesday 14 March
4.00pm–5.00pm

Design groovy puppets out of your dad's old (but not smelly) socks. B.Y.O. socks.

No Dig Gardens

Friday 16 March
1.00pm–2.00pm

Rachel from **Edendale Farm** will demonstrate how to establish a 'no dig' vegetable garden: minimal fuss, minimal cost and a great organic way to grow quality veggies. Bookings required.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens

Wednesday 21 March & 18 April
4.00pm–5.00pm

Are you new to the game? Want to learn? **Stephen** will guide you through a game of D&D.

Set Goals to Improve Your Life

Wednesday 21 March
7.00pm–8.00pm

Life coach **Pauline** from **Mindset Momentum** will provide you with the tools to achieve your dreams. Refreshments provided. Bookings required.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

Italian Storytime

Friday 23 March
10.30 am–11.30am

Listen to Italian stories then enjoy yummy Italian biscuits and cakes. Bookings required.

Celebrazione Italia!

Saturday 24 March
1.00pm–4.00pm

Enjoy an afternoon of festive culture featuring **Sicilia Bella** Italian dance group. Enjoy great food, wine and people.

Family History Fest
Ireland Emigration Schemes

Wednesday 28 March
1.30pm–2.30pm

Beryl O'Gorman from the Irish Ancestry Group of the GSV will discuss the Irish emigration schemes in the 19th century.



Meet Cheeky Monkey

Saturday 3 March
2.30pm–4.30pm

Meet Cheeky Monkey and National Year of Reading ambassador **Hazel Edwards** at the launch of the children's book *Who is a Cheeky Monkey?* by Blaise van Hecke.

Session for Parents

Dyslexia, ADHD and Aspergers

Thursday 8 March
6.30pm–8.00pm

Does your child have learning difficulties? This **ReMinds** information session for parents and teachers will give valuable information about helping children with dyslexia, ADHD, Aspergers and related conditions. Bookings required.

Writers@Eltham

Tuesday 13 March
(Second Tuesday of the Month)
7.00pm–8.30pm

Are you interested in writing short stories, family history, fiction or non-fiction? Develop your pieces in this friendly group.

The Memory Tree

Sunday 18 March
6.30pm–7.00pm

Hear author **Tess Evans** talk about her new book *The Memory Tree*, which chronicles one family's journey of love and forgiveness. Books available for sale and signing from **ELTHAMbookshop**. Book on 9439 8700.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

Get Connected

Byki

Thursday 22 March
10.30am–12.00noon

Byki's **Transparent Language Online** uses dozens of fun and engaging learning activities to help you learn up to 100 different languages. See a demonstration. Bookings required.

Italian Chat

Thursday 22 March
7.00pm–8.30pm

Join this friendly conversation group and practise your Italian-speaking skills while enjoying supper.

Look Twice

Saturday 24 March
2.00pm–3.00pm

Look Twice will entertain with songs from around the world, including some Disney favourites. Refreshments served.

Writing Workshop with

Steven Amsterdam

Saturday 24 March
2.00pm–4.00pm

Explore storytelling in this two-hour workshop with award-winning author of *What the Family Needed*, **Steven Amsterdam**. Bookings required.

Easter Egg-Making

Thursday 29 March
10.30am–11.30am

Tess Egan will show you how to make and decorate beautiful chocolate Easter eggs to take home.

Easter Storytimes

Saturday 31 March
11.00am–11.45am and

Thursday 5 April
11.00am–11.45am

Listen to Easter stories old and new, make an Easter bunny or basket and maybe find an Easter egg to eat.



The Legend of the Titanic

Thursday 12 April
7.00pm–8.30pm

Eva will give compelling insights into the sinking of the ship, the heroism and the human tragedy from that fateful night 100 years ago today.

Nappy Workshop

In Partnership with Nillumbik Council and Going Green Solutions

Tuesday 24 April
10.00am–12.00noon

Lucinda from **Going Green Solutions** presents new and improved cloth nappies that will save you time, money and the environment. Refreshments provided.

Book online at www.yprl.vic.gov.au



The Book and Beyond

It's the **National Year of Reading** and in March and April we want to encourage you to delve into books and beyond at your local library. For a start you can look out for some flash mobs in your area. Join in the fun by signing up at **52flashmobs.com**. You can also share book recommendations at Mill Park library, examine vampires in fiction at Ivanhoe and learn how to write a book with award-winning author of *Things We Didn't See Coming* **Steven Amsterdam** at Eltham.

School Holiday Program
At the Circus

Saturday 31 March to Sunday 15 April

Roll up. Roll up! Welcome to the greatest show on earth and see the most AMAZING feats at the library these school holidays. **Pick up a flyer from any YPRL branch, or see www.yprl.vic.gov.au for details.**

YOUTH WEEK

Imagine. Create. Inspire.

Friday 13 April to Sunday 22 April

YPRL invites all young people to get inspired and creative at the library branches during Youth Week. Take this opportunity to join the week-long party. Library events will include a Get Loud music event at Thomastown, a mystery LOL night at Watsonia, cooking demonstration by young chefs at Lalor and a guitar workshop at Eltham. **See separate brochure and sign up to the Youth newsletter TMI at yprl.vic.gov.au/TMI for updates.**

Your Library

www.yprl.vic.gov.au



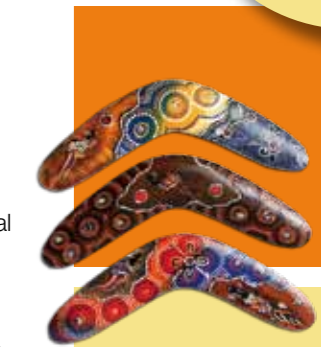
YARRA PLENTY
REGIONAL LIBRARY

MARCH & APRIL 2012

Celebrating Cultural Diversity

Saturday 17 March to Sunday 25 March

This year we celebrate March's Cultural Diversity Week with a rich calendar of events that reflect our diverse local community and encourage harmony. Join a lively Irish gathering at Rosanna library, be enticed by Bollywood dance moves at Ivanhoe's popular Indian Cultural Day, hear remarkable Indigenous performer **Kutcha Edwards** at Lalor, taste delectable foods from a world away, and more. **See inside the brochure for event details.**



Easter Opening Hours

All branches will be **CLOSED** from **Good Friday, 6 April until Monday 9 April** and will resume normal opening hours on Tuesday 10 April.



Use your smart phone to access the QR code (right) and book for events. First time user? Go to your phone's app store and search for a free QR code reader.



Vampires in Fiction

Thursday 1 March
4.00pm–5.00pm

There's more to vampires than blood and graves. Author **Narrelle Harris** examines vampires in fiction. For 11-16 year olds.

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SeaWeek

Tuesday 6 March
4.00pm–5.00pm

This year's SeaWeek theme is Marine Debris – Clean It Up! Try **Seaweed Sally's** touch tank and dive into some fun craft activities. For primary school age children.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

Indian Cultural Day
Festival of Colours

Sunday 25 March
1.30pm–4.30pm

Enjoy songs, dances and activities based on the Indian Festival of Colours (Holi) at this popular annual event. Light Indian refreshments provided. Bookings required.

Chinese Culture Renaissance

Tuesday 27 March
7.00pm–8.00pm

Beatrice Lee will talk about the fascinating movement to restore the rich tradition of Chinese culture.

Weekend Storytime
Funny Stories

Saturday 31 March
11.00am–11.45am

Hear some really funny stories just in time for the Comedy Festival. For preschool children.



Travel Photography

Monday 16 April
6.30pm–8.00pm

Great photos are possible with pocket cameras. Learn the secret from the **Ivanhoe Photographic Society**.

ANZAC DAY

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Tuesday 24 April
4.00pm–5.00pm

It's the day before ANZAC day and we are making Aussie flags, doing puzzles and listening to some ANZAC stories. For primary aged children.

Healthy Lifestyle for
Chinese Seniors

Thursday 26 April
10.30am–11.30am

Dr Xu Pan will explain the changes in diet and life habits needed to maintain health during senior years.

Please note: this talk will be given in Mandarin. Bookings required.

Chess for Fun

Monday 5 March & 2 April
6.30pm–8.00pm

Love playing chess? Want to improve your skills? Join this friendly group and learn new skills from chess coach **Jim Cannon**. All ages and levels of experience. Newcomers welcome.

Blanket Bedtime Storytime

Tuesday 6 March
7.00pm–8.00pm

Bring along your favourite blanket, snuggle up and listen to some heartwarming tales.



Spanish Language Café

Wednesday 7 March & 4 April
7.00pm–8.00pm

Join our Spanish teacher **Laura Mendoza** for an informal session of conversational Spanish. If you are learning Spanish, travelling, or just want to improve your skills, this class is a must.



Memories of Our Community

Tuesday 13 March & 10 April
10.30am–12.00noon

Chat with this friendly group over a cuppa, and reminisce. Bring along a mystery item to show the group in March, and discuss the lost arts – skills, crafts and social niceties – in April.

LOL (Libraries Out Loud)

Friday 16 March & 20 April
5.00pm–7.00pm

On the third Friday of each month the library gets loud! This is a special teen-only time when table tennis, foosball, Wii, Xbox and loud, loud DJ music make the library rock!

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

Cooking Demonstration
Summer Salads

Thursday 22 March
7.00pm–8.00pm

Learn to make some unusual and refreshing Summer salads with chef and teacher **Angela Nicolettou**.

Making Easter Treats

Tuesday 27 March
7.00pm–8.00pm

Join **Irene Williams** from the Northern branch of the **Victorian Cake Decorating Society** to learn how to create beautiful Easter eggs.

The Grimstones in Hatched

Friday 13 April
1.00pm–2.00pm

Experience a magical and poetic show with puppets and giant books. Story told using spoken word and **AUSLAN**.

community reads

Writers@Watsonia
Workshopping

Thursday 29 March & 26 April
6.30pm–8.30pm

Join this friendly group of writers to workshop your writing – whether it is memoir, short stories or a larger work. New members welcome.



Older Adults Computer Group

Every Tuesday
1.30pm–3.00pm

Learn new computer skills, ask questions, join in the discussion and meet new people. Bring along a laptop or other portable device if you have one. Refreshments provided.



NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

The Community Reads

Thursday 1 March to
Saturday 31 March

Put books you recommend on the community book display for other readers to borrow. Pick up a review bookmark, add your comments and slip into your recommended read.

Parent Workshop
Kids and the Internet

Tuesday 6 March
6.30pm–8.30pm

Friday 16 March
11.00am–1.00pm

Get essential advice on how the internet can be a help and a hindrance for kids. Get an overview of the sites used by your children. Hear how you can use the internet to assist your children with school projects. Refreshments provided. Bookings required.

Paranormal Discussions

Wednesday 14 March & 11 April
7.00pm–8.00pm

Are you into the strange, the odd and the unexplained? Join this new discussion group and consider all things supernatural and weird. View and discuss film footage of paranormal happenings, and share your own experiences. Refreshments provided.

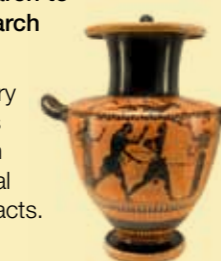
CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

Exhibition
History of Greece

In Partnership with Return to Anatolia

Saturday 10 March to
Saturday 31 March

Explore the fascinating history of Greece at this exhibition, which features historical photos and artifacts.



English Language Café

Every Monday
2.00pm–3.00pm

Practise and improve your English skills, especially if English is not your first language. Meet other people at this enjoyable afternoon of conversation. Tea and coffee provided.



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Cultural Games

Monday 19 March
4.00pm–5.00pm

Have fun playing games from around the world. Try your hand at games including Toma Todo from Mexico and Kokon from Somalia.

Greek Cultural Night

In Partnership with Return to Anatolia

Monday 19 March
6.30pm–8.30pm

Celebrate Greek Carnival Month and Independence Day with an evening of Greek festivities. The launch of the History of Greece Exhibition will be followed by traditional Greek music and dancing. Refreshments provided.

Italian Home-Style Cooking

In Partnership with
ELTHAMbookshop

Wednesday 21 March
6.30pm–8.30pm

See a demonstration of traditional Italian recipes from the authors of the *Mangia Mangia* cookbook, and new DVD *Summer Feast*. Books and DVDs available for sale on the night. Bookings required.

Get Connected

Learn a Language and
Access Online Radio

Tuesday 20 March
6.30pm–7.30pm

Friday 23 March
11.00am–12.00noon

BYKI is a free online program where you can choose more than 100 languages to learn at your own pace. Even improve your English. Plus, get an introduction to international radio stations on the internet. Refreshments provided. Bookings required.

live reads

Lonely for My Land

Wednesday 4 April
7.00pm–8.00pm

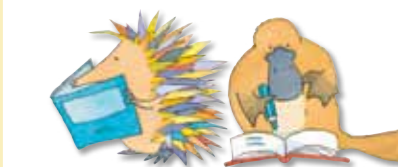
Tish Lees, author of *Lonely for My Land*, will talk about her fascinating experience of living on a pioneering property in Western Australia.

ANZAC DAY

The Lighthorsemen of
World War I

Monday 23 April
11.00am–12.00noon

Military historian **Dr David Holloway** will discuss his book, *Endure and Fight*, about the 4th Light Horse Regiment of World War I. Books available for purchase. Bookings required.



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Mad Scientists Day

Monday 23 April
4.00pm–5.00pm

Use unusual science to create some fake snot and your own whizz fizz.

ANZAC DAY

Songs from the War Era

Tuesday 24 April
11.00am–11.30am

Revisit songs from days gone past as the **Greenbrook Singers** lead you on a musical journey down memory lane. Join us for morning tea.

NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

Downloading e-Books Workshop

Monday 30 April
1.00pm–2.30pm

Do you have an e-reader or iPad and want to learn how to download e-Books? Bring along your device to this hands-on workshop. Refreshments provided.



March Manga Madness

Thursday 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 March
(Every Thursday during March)
4.00pm–5.00pm

Learn how to draw Manga characters with **OZTAKU**. Attend any or all of the sessions. Suitable for age 12+. Bookings required.



Chess Club

Thursday 1 March & 5 April
4.00pm–5.00pm

Love playing chess? Want to improve your skills? Join this friendly group. All ages and levels of experience welcome.

Weekend Storytime

Saturday 3, 17, 31 March
Saturday 14 & 28 April
11.00am–11.30am

Hear lively stories about a letter of the alphabet. Craft supplied. Children of all ages welcome.

Scrabble Night

Thursday 8 March
6.30pm–9.00pm

Join us for a night of family friendly fun and games. Suitable for beginners and experts.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

St Patrick's Day Eve

Friday 16 March
6.30pm–8.00pm

Join us for a lively Irish gathering with music by Irish band **Six at the Crossroads**. Wear green and join in the fun.

Get Connected

Basic Skype

Monday 19 March
2.00pm–3.00pm

Discover how to use this technology to make free calls to family and friends. Class numbers limited. Bookings required.

Shoe and Tell

Tuesday 27 March
7.00pm–8.00pm

If you love shoes then join us for this must-see event. Take a historical look at shoes from the Victorian era through to the modern era featuring classic designers such as Chanel, Jimmy Choo, Christian Louboutin and YSL. Light refreshments provided. Bookings required.

Hop into Bedtime Storytime

Thursday 29 March
7.00pm–7.45pm

Wear your pyjamas to this special Easter storytime, hear Easter stories and sing songs. Craft supplied. Suitable for all ages.



Get Connected

Facebook for Beginners

Monday 16 April
2.00pm–3.00pm

Are you thinking of joining Facebook or are you new to Facebook and are now staring at Facebook's homepage thinking: "What do I do now?" Learn about this way of keeping in touch. Numbers limited. Bookings required.



NEW Books and Morning Tea

Friday 27 April
11.30am–12.00noon

Grab a bite to eat and a cup of tea, and browse and borrow from our selection of exciting **NEW** titles.

Teen Night

Friday 2 & 16 March
Friday 20 April
5.00pm–7.00pm

Hang out at the library, play the computers, Xbox or Wii. Try your hand at the DJ set! All young people between the ages of 12 and 24 welcome.

Toy Launch

Tuesday 6 March
10.00am–11.00am

Join the fun and borrow our **NEW** exciting toys. During the month of March any new toy library borrower will receive a gift.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Aiming Sky High

Thursday 8 March
1.00pm–2.00pm

Hear the first female helicopter pilot in Australia, **Rosemary Arnold**, speak about the women in aviation who pioneered the Australian sky.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

Kutcha Edwards and Friend
Sunday 18 March
3.00pm–4.00pm

Hear this remarkable Indigenous performer sing about his life and being part of the Stolen Generation.

Songs from Around the World

Tuesday 20 March
2.00pm–3.00pm

Songs from around the world will be performed by wonderful local choir the **Greenbrook Singers**. Enjoy a multicultural afternoon tea.

The Food of our Community

Thursday 22 March
6.00pm–8.00pm

See a demonstration of meal ideas from local cultural groups. Sample the dishes and take home the recipes.

Lonely for My Land

Tuesday 3 April
7.00pm–8.00pm

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