

Downloading Free Audio Books & eBooks Workshop

Monday 4 April
10.00am–2.30pm

Session 1: Downloading audio books
(10.00am–11.15am)

Session 2: Downloading eBooks
(11.30am–12.45pm)

Session 3: Downloading and transferring to devices
(1.15pm–2.30pm)

Bring along your device. eg: ipod, e-reader (Optional). Refreshments provided. Bookings required.

YOUTH WEEK

Keys Please for Learner Drivers

Wednesday 6 April
6.30pm–8.00pm

Presented by VicRoads, Keys Please offers some information and practical ideas for parents and young people on how to use the learning-to-drive period and 120 hours of practice to help learners become safer drivers. Bookings required.

Greatest War Movie Scenes

Wednesday 13 April
6.30pm–8.00pm

Come along to view scenes from some of the greatest war movies to hit the big and small screens, including clips from *Bridge on the River Kwai*, *The Great Escape*, *Platoon*, *Saving Private Ryan* and many more. Refreshments (and helmets) provided.



Thomastown Library Chess Club

Mondays

10.30am–12.00noon

Do you have a passion for chess? Join our **NEW** chess club to play chess and meet other chess players every Monday. See library staff for further details.

ESL Conversational English

Every Tuesday

2.00pm–3.00pm

Is English your second language? Join us to practise your English and enjoy an afternoon cuppa.

Youth Program

Every Tuesday

3.30pm–5.00pm

Play pool and table tennis and take part in other activities with other young people every Tuesday. For ages 12–18.

Thomastown Book Group

Tuesday 1 March & 5 April
(First Tuesday of the Month)

11.00am–12.00noon

Come along and enjoy a friendly chat about our book of the month, make new friends and enjoy a cuppa.



Saturday Storytime

Saturday 5 March & 2 April
(First Saturday of the Month)

11.00am–12.00noon

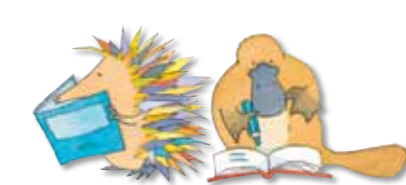
Can't make it to our weekday storytime sessions? Join us in the kids' area for a special storytime.

Indian Language Cafe

Monday 7 March & 4 April
(First Monday of the Month)

11.00am–12.00noon

All members of the Indian community are invited to join our **NEW** Indian language group for morning tea and friendly conversation.



Just4Kids

Wednesday 9 March

(No April Session)

3.30pm–4.30pm

This year all the fun of Just4Kids happens on a Wednesday.

Primary school children can enjoy making craft and talking about their favourite books once a month.

Bedtime Storytime

Thursday 17 March

Thursday 21 April

(Third Thursday of the Month)

6.00pm–7.00pm

Come in your pj's for some bedtime stories, songs and an activity.



Cooking with Agata

Tuesday 8 March

7.00pm–8.00pm

Learn how to make delicious tapas originating from Southern Spain and taste the results. Bookings required.

Traditional Games Afternoon

Monday 21 March

4.00pm–5.00pm

Join us for an hour of fun with card games, Trouble, Scrabble and Jenga. Bookings required.



Family History Fest Continues

Genealogy Databases

Wednesday 23 March
1.30pm–2.30pm

Local and Family History Librarian

Liz Pidgeon

will introduce databases such as Ancestry and Times Digital Archives, which are useful resources for family history researchers.



HEALTHY WEALTHY WISE

Discover Acupuncture

Monday 11 April

11.30am–12.00noon

Julianna from **Community Focus Clinic** will reveal how acupuncture can help with recovery and pain relief, including a demonstration. Bookings required.



Summer Read Finalé

Reflections on Living With Madness

Thursday 3 March

7.00pm–8.30pm

Author **Sandy Jeffs** will give insight into her life dealing with schizophrenia and her book about her life, *Flying with Paper Wings*, which has been highly commended by the Human Rights Commission. Make an origami paper crane.

Creative Writing Group

Tuesday 8 March

7.00pm–8.30pm

This group continues to write, critique and enjoy each other's work in these monthly sessions that look at the many aspects of creative writing. New members welcome.

Have You Heard About U3A?

Wednesday 9 March

10.30am–11.30am

It's never too late to learn. **University of the Third Age** offers older members of the community the opportunity to continue learning a wide range of subjects in a relaxed and friendly setting. Morning tea provided.

Keys Please

Thursday 31 March

7.00pm–8.30pm

Keys Please is a proactive program that introduces the different driving skills and experiences a learner needs to become a responsible and safe licensed driver. Suitable for 15 and 16 year olds. Bookings required.



Friday Focus

Spinning in Antarctica

Friday 1 April

10.30am–11.30am

Marion Wheatland is a yarn spinner who has just returned from a trip to the Antarctic. Hear her fascinating stories and see amazing images of her trip.

Morning tea provided.

HEALTHY WEALTHY WISE

Qi Gong

Wednesday 6 April

10.30am–11.30am

Qi Gong is both an exercise and an ancient form of traditional Chinese medicine. Instructor **Darryl Mitchell** from the **Renascent Centre** in Warrandyte will show you how this practice promotes fitness, vitality, health and healing.



Easter Storytime

Thursday 21 April

11.00am–12.00pm

Hop into the library to hear Easter stories and songs old and new. Make an Easter rabbit to take home and maybe find some chocolate Easter eggs. Bookings required.





Your Library

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& APRIL
2011

The Summer Read Finalé

An Evening with Sandy Jeffs



To mark the end of the Summer Read, author **Sandy Jeffs** will talk about her autobiography *Flying with Paper Wings: Reflections on Living with Madness*, which offers privileged insights into schizophrenia, as well as disturbing reflections on its causes and its care. Hear Sandy talk about her lauded book at Eltham Library on **Thursday 3 March** at 7.00pm.

School Holiday Program

READY, STEADY, GO!

On your marks! Get set! Run into the library for some fun and energetic school holiday activities. **Pick up a flyer from any YPRL branch, or see www.yprl.vic.gov.au for details.**



Youth Week

GET LOUD!

YPRL invites all young people to GET LOUD at the libraries during Youth Week, 1 – 10 April. Take this opportunity to perform loudly or be part of the loud crowd. Noisy events will include DJs, bands, dancers, plays, online games, and other activities. **Sign up to the youth newsletter TMI on www.yprl.vic.gov.au/tmi for updates.**

Celebrating Cultural Diversity

19–27 March

This year we celebrate Cultural Diversity Week with a rich calendar of events that reflect our diverse local community and encourage community harmony.

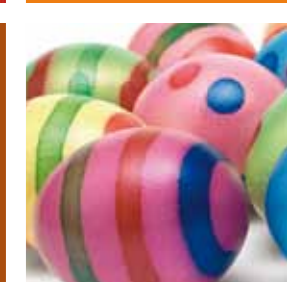
Catch an irresistible African, gypsy Flamenco, or Greek hip hop beat, be enticed by Bollywood or Middle Eastern dance moves, taste delectable foods from a world away, and more. **See separate flyer for event details.**



Healthy Wealthy and Wise

Month of April

Learn how to be healthy, wealthy and wise from the Chinese this month. Discover the ancient Chinese arts of acupuncture, Tai Chi and Qi Gong. **For event details see inside the brochure.**



Easter Opening Hours

All branches will be **CLOSED** from **Good Friday, Friday 22 April** until the ANZAC Day holiday on **Tuesday 26 April** and will resume normal opening hours on Wednesday 27 April.

French Storytime

Tuesday 1 March & 5 April
11.15am–12.00noon

Stories and activities for pre-school children in French and English. An enjoyable introduction to language learning for children.

Homework Help

Every Thursday
4.00pm–5.00pm

Trained tutors will help students with homework up to year 10 level. IT applications are also available for some subjects. Contact branch staff member Alan for more details.



Teen Readers Group

Thursday 3 March & 7 April
4.00pm–5.00pm

Dog-Eared Book Club members meet to discuss books based on a new theme each month. See posters in branch (or staff) for this month's selection of books.

L.O.L

Friday 11 March
5.00pm–7.00pm

Age 12–20? Get together with other young people to play table tennis, fuse ball, Wii, Xbox, listen to DJs spin tunes, and spin some yourself.

HEALTHY WEALTHY WISE

Tai Chi

Thursday 7 April
2.00pm–3.00pm

Krystal Young from **Silk Dragon Tai Chi** will give a beginners' class in Tai Chi. Come wearing comfortable clothing.

YOUTH WEEK

Wii Competition – Round 1

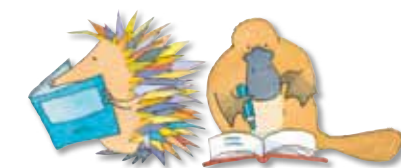
Friday 8 April
3.30pm–4.30pm

Bring your friends to play Wii games. Prizes for winners. The Wii is available every day for people who want to practise first. Snacks provided.

Laughter Workshop

Monday 18 April
2.00pm–3.00pm

Learn about the value of laughter for your health and happiness with **Caroline the Laughter Lady**. Come along and ... have a good hearty laugh!



Just for Kids

Thursday 3 March
4.00pm–5.00pm

It's craft time. Choose from a selection of crafts from around the world.

Swap 'til You Drop!

Sunday 6 March
10.00am–1.00pm

Back by popular demand. Bring pre-loved clothes to this clothing-exchange swap meet and exchange them for another outfit. Shoes and other accessories also welcome. Stall holders may also be willing to sell if items not swapped. Register interest with branch staff member Joyce Dickson.

Italian Storytime

Wednesday 30 March
10.00am–10.30am

Come and join us as we tell a variety of Italian stories suitable for pre-schoolers. Songs and craft included.

Bedtime Storytime
Dreamtime

Thursday 31 March
7.00pm–7.45pm

Listen to some traditional Aboriginal stories and watch a dreamtime fable on the screen. Make a rainbow serpent to take home.



Seniors Only

Wii Sessions

Monday 4 April
2.00pm–3.00pm

Improve coordination and get great indoor exercise. Have fun with staff member **Jane** who will be hosting monthly sessions on the Nintendo Wii. Bookings required. Group bookings welcomed.

Seniors Only

Mobile Phone Introduction

Thursday 3 March
9.30am–10.00am

Do you have problems using your mobile phone? We can help.

Get personal assistance at this session and regular monthly sessions. Bookings required.

L.O.L and Keys PLease

Friday 1 April

4.30pm–6.00pm
6.00pm–7.30pm (Keys Please)

Learning to drive, or about to get your learner's permit? Join us for the VicRoads presentation **Keys Please** after spending time at the library playing Wii, Xbox, table tennis, fuse ball and more. (Ages 12–20).



BOOK ONLINE!

Book for an event online.

Visit www.yprl.vic.gov.au and click on the bookings link for your chosen event.

No email address? Contact a library branch for bookings.



community reads

Writers@Watsonia
Publishing

Thursday 24 March
6.30pm–8.30pm

Publishers **Wayne Cosshall** and **Suzanne Male** will talk about how to get published – and look at both mainstream and self-publishing options.

Chicken Hatching

**Monday 4 April to
Friday 15 April**
10.00am–8.30pm

Watch chickens hatch and grow. Guess which egg will hatch first. Register your vote at the library before they start hatching and be in the draw to win prizes.



Chess for Fun

Chocolate Chess

Monday 11 April
6.30pm–8.00pm

If you love playing chess, or want to improve your skills, come and join this friendly group. We are celebrating Easter by incorporating chocolate into the game.

Memories of Our Community

What am I?

Tuesday 8 March
10.30am–12.00noon

Join us for this fun session: Bring any strange tool from the shed, or kitchen gadget (or anything else!) and see if others can work out what it is.

L.O.L

Friday 11 March
5.00pm–7.00pm

Age 12–20? Get together with other young people to play table tennis, fuse ball, Wii, Xbox, listen to DJs spin tunes, and spin some yourself.

Community Chess

Monday 14 March
6.30pm–8.00pm

If you love playing chess, or want to improve your skills, come and join this friendly group. All ages and levels of experience welcome.

Starting Your Family History

Tuesday 15 March
2.00 pm–3.00 pm

Join **Ann Leonard** for an introduction to finding information for genealogical research. Find out about the main databases and sources of information, and tips on how to construct a family tree.

Language Café

Mondays
2.00pm–3.00pm

Is English your second language? Come along, meet new people and improve your conversational English skills.

Weekly Seniors

Thursdays
1.00pm–2.00pm

Conversation, fun and afternoon tea is waiting for you every Thursday afternoon with this friendly group.

Chess Club

Sundays
2.00pm–5.00pm

Would you like to join others to play chess on a weekly basis? Come alone or bring a friend, and let the games begin.



Weekend Storytime

Sundays
2.00pm–2.45pm

Can't make it to our weekday storytime sessions? Join us every Sunday afternoon in the kids' area for a special storytime.

Fortnightly Charity Knitting Group

**Wednesday March 2, 16 & 30
Wednesday April 13 & 27**
10.00am–12.00noon

Join this group of friendly knitters to make items for charity groups. Donations of wool gratefully received.

Tech Space

**Thursday March 10
Thursday April 7 & 21**
2.00pm–3.00pm

Discuss a new Internet, website or computer issue at these fortnightly sessions. Suitable for advanced computer users. Use library computers or bring your own laptop.

Chocolate Easter Eggs

Tuesday 12 April
10.00am–11.30am

Learn how to make beautiful decorated Easter eggs with **Irene Williams** from the **Northern Cake Decorating Association**. Take decorated eggs home or give as gifts. Materials provided.

Memories of Our Community
Holiday and Travel Experiences

Tuesday 12 April
10.30am–12.00noon

Join us for a fun session remembering family holidays, honeymoons, or that big trip overseas. Everyone welcome to join this friendly conversational group.

Writers@Watsonia

Workshopping

Thursday 28 April
6.30pm–8.30pm

Come and join this friendly group of writers to workshop your writing – whether it is memoir, short stories or larger works. New members welcome.

Italian Storytime

Tuesday 15 March & 19 April
10.00am–11.00am

Italian songs and rhymes, stories and a simple craft activity.

bedside reads

Bedside Reads

**Tuesday 29 March
(No April Session)**
12.00noon – 1.00pm

Join us for an informal session to discuss the books on your bedside table that you are reading or will read. We also offer a title to read and discuss at the next meeting.

Keys PLease

In Partnership with Vic Roads

Thursday 7 April
5.30pm–6.45pm

Grab your mum, dad or other suitable fully licensed driver and join us to find out how to maximise your on-road experience in a variety of road, weather and traffic conditions.

Storytime at Creed's Farm

**Thursday 3 March & 7 April
(First Thursday of the Month)**
11.00am–11.30am

Join us at Creed's Farm Living and Learning Centre, 2 Snugburgh Way, Epping North for stories and songs for preschool children.

Teen Night

**Friday 4 March & 1 April
(First Friday of the Month)**
5.00pm–7.00pm

We open the library after hours for young people aged 13–18. With computers, Nintendo Wii, table tennis table and a DJ, where else would you want to be?



Multicultural Young Mums' Group

Tuesday 15 March
10.00am–11.00am

Are you 25 years or younger? Come along to meet other young mums from different cultures, discover what's available at the library and meet the local youth worker. Snacks and drinks provided.

Grandparents' Week Storytimes

**Wednesday 23 March &
Friday 25 March**
10.00am–11.00am

Bring your Grandma and Grandpa to storytime to celebrate Grandparents' Week. Listen to stories about how special grandparents are, and make them a gift.

Bedtime Storytime

Tuesday 29 March
7.00pm–7.30pm

Jump into your pj's and head to the library for a special bedtime storytime with sleepy songs and stories. Bring Mum and Dad, and don't forget your favourite teddy.



Just4Kids

Pillow Fight Day!

Wednesday 6 April
3.30pm–4.30pm

It's International Pillow Fight Day! Join us for an hour of games and activities, with a big pillow fight at the end! For school-aged kids.

Homework Help

**Begins Thursday 3 March
(Every Monday and Thursday)**
4.00pm–5.00pm

Projects due? Need help finding more research material? Upper primary and secondary school students can now get homework help at the library and find out how to go online and chat with a teacher. (Please note that this is not a tutoring service.)

live reads

Spies, Islamic Fundamentalism and Digital Fraud

Monday 7 March
7.00pm–8.00pm

Local author **Steve Jovanoski** will transport us to an intriguing world of spies, fundamentalism and digital fraud. Hear about his new novel **The Brotherhood**, which is fast-moving, and charged with tension and unexpected twists. Books available for purchase on the night. Refreshments provided. Bookings required.

Getting Online with the Library
NEW

Friday 18 March & 8 April
1.00pm–2.00pm

Your library card can unlock a whole new world of library technology. Find out at this **NEW** regular information group as we discuss any library questions and needs in a fun and informative forum. Refreshments provided. Bookings required.



Movie Club NEW

Monday 28 March & 11 April
2.00pm–3.00pm

Let's talk movies. Join us to talk about all things film – old, new, or ones that are coming soon. What's worth seeing and what's not? View clips and reviews. Refreshments provided.

YOUTH WEEK

Zine Workshop

Friday 8 April
3.30pm–5.00pm

Are you a budding artist, poet or writer? Do you have a story that you'd like to share with the world? Get started creating your own magazines to distribute to your friends and family with this Zine Workshop as part of Youth Week. Ages 13–18. Materials provided.



Easter Table Centrepiece

Monday 11 April
7.00pm–8.00pm

Rafaela from **Thomastown, Lalor and Epping Florist** will help you create a table centrepiece made from apples and oranges for Easter. Bring a small dinner plate and any candles or special decorations to include. Apples and oranges supplied. Bookings required.

Using eBay
Introduction to Shopping Online

Friday 1 April
2.00pm–3.30pm

Get an introduction to eBay, one of the largest shopping websites on the Internet. Learn how to browse for items, how online auctions work, and how you can get a great bargain! Basic Internet skills required. Bookings required.