

LOCAL HISTORY MONTH

Our Local History Exhibition
Tuesday 1 November to
Wednesday 30 November

Delve into Whittlesea's historic past and view interesting photos and artefacts from Mill Park Library's local history collection.

Italian Cultural Night

In Partnership with the City of Whittlesea Cultural Heritage Program

Monday 14 November
6.30pm–8.30pm

Join us for a night of traditional Italian music, singing and dancing. Refreshments provided.

Family History Research Day

In Partnership with the City of Whittlesea Cultural Heritage Program

Thursday 17 November
10.00am–3.00pm

Experienced family history researchers are invited to access great online resources such as Ancestry, meet other researchers and get advice from our Family History Librarian. Bookings required. Lunch provided.



Turkish Launch

Saturday 5 November
11.00am–12.00noon

Browse and borrow from a NEW selection of Turkish items. 11.00am the children can enjoy a special bilingual storytime in Turkish and English. 11.30am there will be entertainment for all with Zabelle the Belly Dancer.

Just4Kids

Create Your Family Tree

Wednesday 9 November
3.30pm–4.30pm

Learn how to create your family tree with an easy to use chart.

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Kinglake: History and Stories
In Partnership with the City of
Whittlesea Cultural Heritage Program

Sunday 20 November
2.00pm–3.00pm

Deidre Hawkins from the Kinglake Historical Society will tell entertaining historical stories about local people, gold miners and farmers and their wives. Bookings required. Refreshments provided.

Shopping Online

Friday 25 November
11.00am–12.30pm

Join us for this popular session to learn how to buy and sell using Ebay. Discover other shopping websites to find bargains this Christmas. Bookings required.

Exhibition

Pathways – Mine, Yours, Ours

In Partnership with the City of Whittlesea

Thursday 1 December to
Wednesday 14 December

View artwork from Whittlesea's local artists that invokes 'pathways' of life, love, day-to-day routines, internal exploration, spirituality, fantasy, journeys or lost paths.

Sending Christmas Emails

Friday 2 December
11.00am–12.00noon

Running out of time to send cards in the mail? Why not try emailing them? We can show you how to email e-cards, such as a singing card with your face on it, that will impress your family and friends. Bookings required.

LOCAL HISTORY MONTH

The Thomastown Sharps

Tuesday 15 November
6.30pm–7.30pm

Join Nick Tolewski for a talk on his book Once Were Sharps and relive the colourful life and times of the Thomastown Sharps.

Christmas Bedtime Storytime

Thursday 15 December
6.00pm–7.00pm

Come and listen to some bedtime stories, create a decoration to take home and meet a special guest.

Santa Visit

Monday 5 December
10.30am–12.00noon

Santa is coming to the library and so is the St. Francis of Assisi School Choir and Band. Enjoy a festive morning with fun, music and Christmas carols. Morning tea provided.

Decorate Christmas Balls

Monday 5 December
4.00pm–5.00pm

Bring the kids and help them decorate Christmas balls to hang on your Christmas tree or to give as presents to family and friends. Bookings required.

Decorative Christmas Treats

Wednesday 7 December
1.00pm–2.30pm

Learn how to make yummy and decorative Christmas treats. Bookings required.

Santa Returns

Thursday 8 December &
Friday 9 December

10.30am–11.30am

Santa has taken time out from his busy schedule to visit Mill Park Library. But make sure you come on time because he can't stay around for too long.

Mill Park Library Groups

Join one of the library's regular groups: Anime and manga; chess club; community cooking; computer; downloading free books; genealogy; English language 'café'; knitting and sewing; trivia; and writing. Contact Jack Chan on 9437 8189 or jchan@yprl.vic.gov.au.

Christmas Cake Decorating

Thursday 8 December
10.30am–11.00am

Get tips and tricks on decorating your Christmas cake with cake decorator Irene Williams from the Victorian Cake Decorating Society. Bookings required.

New Books

Christmas Morning Tea

Monday 12 December
10.00am–12.00noon

Enjoy a Christmas-inspired morning tea while browsing and borrowing from a display of NEW library items.

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

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Greensborough Historical Society

Monday 21 November
1.30pm–2.30pm

Learn about the new Greensborough Historical Society and view a snapshot of the area's history.

Bedtime Storytime

Teddy Bears Picnic

Monday 21 November
6.30pm–7.30pm

Cuddle up with your teddy and listen to some special teddy bear stories. BYO teddy or other toy and nibble on teddy bear biscuits.



Just4Kids

Craft

Monday 28 November
4.00pm–5.00pm

All kids are invited to make Christmas decorations for our Christmas tree, and one to take home.



Your Library Tours

Sessions by Appointment

Discover or re-aquaint yourself with all the library has to offer. Friendly staff will introduce you to the latest collections, services, programs, technologies, groups and events. Individuals and groups welcome.

Computer Classes

Every Friday
10.00am–11.00am

Learn how to use your computer, surf the internet, send an email or download an e-book or audio-book. Bookings required.

Fabulous Wardrobe on a Budget

Wednesday 2 November
7.00pm–8.00pm

Imogen will reveal the 5-step formula to a fabulous wardrobe on a budget. Refreshments provided. Bookings required.

Italian Discussion Group

Christmas Break Up

Wednesday 7 December
2.00pm–3.00pm

Enjoy end-of-year festivities with great food, great wine and great people.

SPRING RACING CARNIVAL

Garden Party

Wednesday 2 November
7.00pm–8.00pm

Celebrate spring in our new garden with a glass of bubbly, finger food and music from Trio Cantilena. Wear your best fascinator or hat and browse NEW books.

Festival of Stories Launch

Sunday 6 November
2.00pm–3.30pm

Join us to launch the anthology of writing and illustrations created by local school children.

St Margaret's Celebrates 150 years

Thursday 17 November
10.30am–11.30am

Geoffrey Sandy will give insight into the life and times of St Margaret's Church and reveal why the first vicar was forced out of office, and will reveal the church's treasures. Books available for purchase.

Write Now! Award Ceremony

Sunday 27 November
3.00pm–4.00pm

Join short story judge, author, Penni Russon who will announce the winners of the Write Now! competition.



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

Starting your Family History

Wednesday 30 November
1.30pm–2.30pm

Join Family History Librarian Liz Pidgeon to learn how to research your family history.

Summer Reading Club Launch

Friday 2 December
3.30pm–5.00pm

Sign up and receive a free Chupa Chup. Find the Reading Bug hiding in the library. Collect a goodies bag and get reading.

Stories Around the Campfire

Monday 5 December
6.30pm–7.30pm

Listen to Australian stories around a pretend campfire while eating toasted marshmallows.

Christmas Cooking

Wednesday 14 December
7.00pm–8.00pm

Learn to cook Christmas treats with Agata from Amore Cucina. Bookings required.

A Visit from Santa

Thursday 15 December
11.00pm–12.00noon

The man in the red suit will read his favourite story.

Summer Reading Club Launch

Thursday 1 December
All Day

Join the SRC anytime today and receive a free Chupa Chup. Join between 4.00pm and 5.00pm and get a balloon animal.



Santa Storytime

Friday 9 December (Toddler Time)
10.00am–10.30am

Friday 16 December (Preschool)
11.00am–11.45am

Santa is coming to read a story and listen to us sing his favourite Christmas carols.



Festive Morning Tea

Friday 9 December
10.00am–12.00noon

Sample some festive goodies, browse NEW books for holiday reading and be entertained by seasonal music.

Celebrate Christmas at Your Library

We're spreading some festive cheer at the library branches this Christmas. Join us to learn how to make festive treats and decorate Christmas cakes, attend our craft workshops to make presents and festive adornments, and sing all your favourite carols with visiting choirs. Hear Santa read his favourite book and select from our new fiction for holiday reading.

Enter our Christmas raffles to be in the running to win luscious hampers.

See inside the brochure and www.yprl.vic.gov.au for event details.

Summer Reading Club
Catch the Reading Bug!

Thursday 1 December 2011 to
Wednesday 1 February 2012

Looking for something to do over the summer break? Read lots of books to see if you can catch the reading bug as part of our Summer Reading Club.

All children and young people aged 3–12 can join up to read books over the holidays and be in the running for an Apple iPad 2 and other great prizes.

It all begins on Thursday 1 December. Sign up at any Yarra Plenty Regional Library branch, grab a reading kit and brochure and discover all the activities on offer.

For more details check out www.yprl.vic.gov.au and see inside for launch events.



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NOVEMBER
& DECEMBER
2011

Local History Month of November

Unearth some surprising stories from the local community's past. Among this year's interesting events, learn how to restore family photographs, relive the colourful lives of the Thomastown Sharps, and hear about the 150-year history of Eltham's iconic St. Margaret's Church.

See inside the brochure for event details.



Youth Summer Reading Program

Thursday 1 December 2011 to
Wednesday 1 February 2012

Aged 13–18? Book yourself into our teen Summer reading program and be in the running to win either an iPad 2 or notebook computer. Read at least three books and submit an entry form to get a McDonald's voucher. The more you read the better the chance you have to win.

Sign up online at www.yprl.vic.gov.au

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All branches will be closed for the Melbourne Cup public holiday on Tuesday 1 November.

Art Demonstrations

Thursday 3 November to
Saturday 5 November
11.00am–2.00pm

Watch demonstrations of painting, drawing and other art by the **Diamond Valley Arts Society**. Some sessions include participation.

Soup and Stories

Telling Words

Monday 7 November
12.00noon–1.00pm

Hear storyteller **Julie Perrin** tell lively tales from far places that resonate with contemporary life with a traditional musical soundtrack. Enjoy a cup of soup while you listen. Bookings required.

LOCAL HISTORY MONTH

Malahang Festival
Olympic Village History

Sunday 13 November
10.00am–2.00pm

Join us at the Malahang Festival in West Heidelberg for an interesting display of memories and information on post-war life in Olympic Village and West Heidelberg and interviews with local identities.



Just4Kids

Nearly Summer!

Tuesday 22 November
4.00pm–5.00pm

Summer is nearly here. Come to the library for some summery crafts, stories and puzzles. For primary school-age children.

Shopping on the Internet

Tuesday 22 November
6.30pm–7.30pm

Independent shopper **Tina Selenitsch** will explain sourcing, security, shipping, and consumer awareness when Christmas shopping on the internet.

LOCAL HISTORY MONTH

Restoring Family Photos

Thursday 24 November
7.00pm–8.00pm

Carol Heath from Pixel by Pixel will explain how to restore family photos using a computer and image software.



Time to Decorate Our Tree

Wednesday 30 November
4.00pm–5.00pm

Calling all kids! It's time to make the decorations for our Christmas tree. While you are here sign up for the Summer Reading Club. For primary school-age children.

Christmas Songs

Tuesday 6 December
2.30pm–3.00pm

Popular local choir, **The Keynote Singers**, will perform Christmas songs. Enjoy refreshments after the performance.



Bedtime Storytime

Christmas Stories Under the Tree

Tuesday 13 December
7.00pm–8.00pm

Bring teddy to a special Christmas bedtime storytime under the library's sparkly tree.



SPRING RACING CARNIVAL

Melbourne Cup Morning Tea

Thursday 3 November
11.00am–12.00noon

Wear your best hat to the library for a delicious morning tea and celebrate the Spring Racing Carnival. Browse and borrow from a selection of new books.

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Movie Screenings

Friday 4 November – *Hairspray*
Friday 2 December – *The Grinch*
6.00pm–8.30pm

Calling all young people aged 12–20. Take over the library after hours. Play Wii, Xbox and computer games, and watch a movie together. Snacks provided.

Saturday Storytime

Melbourne Cup

Saturday 5 November
3.00pm–3.30pm

Celebrate with a storytime about hats and dressing up for Melbourne's great race. Decorate a hat to wear home.

Christmas Bedtime Storytime

Thursday 24 November
7.00pm–7.45pm

Join us for Christmas stories and songs and make a decoration for your tree at home.

Just4Kids

Summer Reading
Club Launch

Thursday 1 December
4.00pm–5.00pm

Be the first to join the Summer Reading Club! While you're here, enjoy some Christmas books and make some special decorations.

Celebrate Christmas

Saturday 3 December
3.00pm–3.30pm

Enjoy festive stories and songs, and make something Christmasy.



Greenbrook Singers

Tuesday 6 December
2.00pm–3.00pm

Sing along to Christmas Carol favourites with by the **Greenbrook Singers**. Refreshments provided.

Christmas Cake Decorating

Thursday 8 December
1.00pm–3.00pm

Learn some tips on how to decorate your Christmas cake from **Dot Evans** from the **Cake Decorating Association of Victoria**. Free cake raffle. Bookings required.



Santa on His Hot Wheels

Friday 9 December
10.30am–11.30am

He's coming back to Rosanna and driving his motorbike into storytime! Hear Christmas stories and sing Christmas songs before he arrives.

Spanish Language Café

Wednesday 2 November &
9 December
7.00pm–8.00pm

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

LOCAL HISTORY MONTH

Memories of Our Community
The Street Where I Live

Tuesday 8 November
10.30am–12.00noon

Talk about your memories of the places you've lived with librarian **Lynne Siejka** in a friendly group.

Christmas Beads

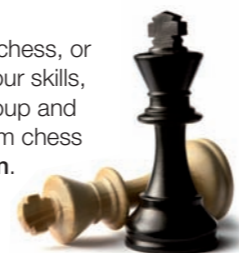
Thursday 10 November
7.00pm–8.00pm

Tierney Rose from **Beadcat Beads** will lead a workshop on using beads to make small gifts and Christmas decorations. Take home samples of your own work. Bookings required.

Chess for Fun

Monday 14 November
7.00pm–8.00pm

If you love playing chess, or want to improve your skills, join this friendly group and learn new skills from chess coach **Jim Cannon**. All ages and levels of experience.

Ribbon Dancing
for Children

Tuesday 15 November
7.00pm–8.00pm

Children and parents are invited to try dancing to modern Chinese music using colourful silk ribbons with **Sabrina** from **Sabrina Dance Troupe**.

Beyond Death

Wednesday 16 November
7.00pm–8.00pm

Author of *Death, Our Last Illusion: A Scientific and Spiritual Probing of Consciousness through Death* **Susan Shore** will discuss the ways in which science denies our common experiences around death. Susan is looking for volunteers to share their experiences to contribute to a community project.



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Friday 18 November
5.00pm–8.00pm

Aged between 12 and 20? Come to the library after everyone else has gone home for a fun night playing wii, foosball, table tennis, computer games and Xbox.

Writers@Watsonia

Workshopping

Thursday 24 November
6.30pm–8.30pm

Interested in writing short stories, novels, memories or non-fiction? Come and join this friendly group of writers to workshop your writing.

A Jolly Christmas Cake

Friday 25 November
10.00am–11.00am

Irene Williams from the **Northern Cake Decorators Society** will demonstrate how to create unique Christmas cakes that will delight the young at heart.



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Heidelberg Historical Society
Website Launch

Saturday 26 November
2.00pm–3.30pm

Heidelberg Historical Society will launch their brand new website with a virtual tour and slide show of local historical photos. Refreshments provided. Bookings required.

Beautiful Notebooks Workshop

Wednesday 30 November
7.00pm–8.30pm

Learn how to create beautiful hand-bound notebooks with **Jess Gray**. These books are perfect for Christmas presents. Class suitable for teens and adults. Bookings required.

Summer Reading Club Launch

Saturday 3 December
2.00pm–3.00pm

Become the champion in our 4th annual snail race. Bring your own speedy snail (only two per person) and name and race them on our circular track. Prizes and trophies to be won. Bookings required.

Christmas Party

Adult Storyteller Maggie Millar

Thursday 8 December
7.00pm–8.30pm

Actress and storyteller **Maggie Millar** will delight with her adult versions of familiar fairytales. The evening includes a Christmas party and thank you to the library's volunteers.

Santa Storytime

Monday 12 December
2.00pm–3.00pm

Ho, Ho, Ho! Santa arrives at the library for the Christmas Pre-School Storytime.

Chess for Fun

Christmas Break Up

Monday 12 December
7.00pm–8.00pm

If you love playing chess, or want to improve your skills, come and join this friendly group and learn from chess coach **Jim Cannon**. All ages and levels of experience.

Memories of Our Community

Christmas Break Up

Tuesday 13 December
10.30am–12.00noon

Join us to reminisce about Christmases past and enjoy Christmas music and delicious Christmas treats. This friendly conversation group welcomes newcomers.

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Christmas Breakup

Friday 16 December
5.00pm–7.00pm

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Writers@Watsonia

Christmas Reading

Thursday 22 December
6.30pm–8.00pm

The writers invite all to come and hear them read their favourite pieces of writing from 2011. Relax and listen while enjoying wine and cheese.



SPRING RACING CARNIVAL

Just4Kids

Spring Racing Hats

Wednesday 2 November
3.30pm–4.30pm

Spring has sprung, and the racing carnival is in full swing. Join the celebration by making a Spring racing hat.

War Era Classics

Tuesday 8 November
2.00pm–3.00pm

Hear songs of the war era as we prepare to acknowledge Remembrance Day. **The Greenbrook Singers** will entertain with classics from Vera Lynn, and other wartime favourites. Stay for a 1940s-inspired afternoon tea.



RECYCLING MONTH

Just4Kids

Recycling Craft

Wednesday 9 November
3.30pm–4.30pm

Bring some old boxes, cans, jars, buttons, egg cartons or whatever else you can find to Just4Kids during Recycling Week and make something amazing.

A Guide to Op Shops

Saturday 12 November
2.00pm–3.00pm

Hear about the more interesting op shops in Victoria from the author of Op Shop Guide Victoria **Kelly Lainson** and hear about interesting items she has discovered. Books available for purchase.

Preparing a Holiday Budget

Friday 18 November
2.00pm–3.00pm

Get tips on how to save money this Christmas with the Money Minded program. Learn how to budget and prepare for future events. Pick up a free starter pack with tips and a calculator. Bookings required.

RECYCLING MONTH

Swap Party

Saturday 26 November
1.00pm–3.00pm

Join in the fun and make a difference by reducing your clutter. Bring along a maximum of two as-new unwanted items to swap. Use your tokens to swap for an item you can use. All unclaimed items must be taken home. Bookings required.

NATIONAL GIVING WEEK

Toy Swap

Tuesday 29 November
11.00am–12.00noon

Bring unwanted toys to the library and exchange them with another borrower. (Clean and undamaged toys only.)

Summer Reading Club Sign Up

Thursday 1 December
3.30pm–5.30pm

Rev your engines and get ready to read! Be one of the first to sign up for our Summer Reading Club and receive a free Chupa Chup.



Teen Night

Break Up

Friday 2 December
5.00pm–7.00pm

Celebrate the end of the school year and the start of the Summer holidays. Come along for a chance to win some prizes. Meet new friends and catch up with old ones. Teen Nights will resume in February 2012.

Elvis is Back in the Building

Saturday 3 December
3.00pm–4.00pm

Elvis tribute artist **Damian Mullen** is back by popular demand to perform Elvis classics. Get the family together and enjoy this exciting show. CDs available for purchase.



Christmas Sing-A-Long

Friday 9 December
10.00am–11.00am

It's time to celebrate. Join **Matt the Music Man** for well-known Christmas songs and carols. Bookings required.

Singers Without Borders

Friday 9 December
11.00am–12.00noon

Join us as we begin our festive celebrations with this talented local choir. Enjoy festive songs in the languages of our community. Morning tea provided.

Christmas Craft for Adults

Monday 12 December
6.30pm–8.00pm

Create Christmas presents and decorations from recycled materials such as books and CDs. (This is an adult activity and not suitable for children.) Bookings required.

Just4Kids

Christmas Craft

Wednesday 14 December
3.30pm–4.30pm

It's a Christmas Crafternoon. Make decorations for the kids area, and something to take home too. Bookings required.



Christmas Storytimes

Wednesday 14 December &
Friday 16 December
10.00am–11.00am

Celebrate Christmas at our final Preschool Storytime sessions for the year. Enjoy Christmas songs, stories and craft. See a very special visitor on Friday morning.

Festive Morning Tea Week

Monday 19 December to
Friday 23 December
10.00am–11.00am

Take a moment out of your hectic schedule and join us for a cup of tea or coffee each morning this week.

