

WHAT'S ON

AT WYNDHAM CITY LIBRARIES

August – September 2024

FREE
EVENTS



Including Wyndham Learning Festival, Book Week, Family History Month and more!



FEATURED EVENTS



Wyndham Kids' Storybook

Ages 9-12

Join Melbourne-based artist and author, Ailsa Wild, to write, illustrate and publish a storybook about Wyndham! Across four sessions, children will turn their experiences into images and stories, while learning skills to create and publish books. Each participant will get a copy of the book to take home.

Truganina Community Centre

1 Everton Rd, Truganina

Tuesdays: 27 August, 10 September,
8 October & 22 October
3.30pm – 5.30pm

Bookings required:

[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/
library-of-stories](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/library-of-stories)



The Creatives Department

Ages 10-15

Have fun with word games, flex your creative writing muscles in everything from gothic poetry to song lyrics, talk about your favourite books and more! School term only. No bookings required.

Hoppers Crossing Library

Fortnightly on Mondays, starting 22 July
4pm – 5pm



Winter Book Chat

Ages 18+

Join us for a cosy winter evening with other readers. Share reading recommendations, grow your to-be-read list and meet new friends over a cuppa.

Point Cook Library

Tuesday 13 August
6.30pm – 7.30pm

Bookings required:

[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/
whats-on/winter-book-chat](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/winter-book-chat)

For more information visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries or phone 8734 8999



WYNDHAM LEARNING FESTIVAL



Empowering Communities Through Lifelong Learning

All ages

The Wyndham Learning Festival has activities that promote lifelong learning for all ages, interests and abilities. Come along to try coding, gardening, art, sports, business, self-care and more!

1 – 7 September 2024

For the full program of events visit:
www.wynlearnfestival.org.au



An Eco-Expedition into Sustainable Science & Climate with Dr. Karl

All ages

The signature WynTalk event features Dr. Karl, with fun and practical tips on making sustainable choices in daily life. Free activities include face painting, 60 second portraits and a healthy garden workshop, plus take home tote bags, seedlings and door prizes!

Encore Events Centre
80 Derrimut Road
Hoppers Crossing
Saturday 31 August
12.30pm – 4pm

Bookings required:
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/drkarl



Talk to a Living Book!

Ages 18+

Come along to a fun night of food, stories and community. Our local 'Living Books' from our Wyndham Library of Stories will be sharing stories about their life and experiences that will inspire and delight. Our Library of Stories will help you better understand the people and places that make our community such a great place to live. There will be time to connect with other residents and share food together.

Hoppers Crossing Library
Friday 6 September
7pm – 9pm

Bookings required:
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/library-of-stories

All libraries will be closed on 27 September for the Friday before the AFL Grand Final.



SERVICE UPDATES



Temporary Closures

Please note, due to essential building works, Julia Gillard Library Tarneit and Werribee Library (Watton St) will be temporarily closed later this year. More details and exact dates will be available on our website soon.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries

Truganina Library Lounge

In case you missed it, Truganina Library Lounge opened in May this year. It holds a collection of 5,000 items and runs free activities for all ages including Rhyme Time, English Conversation, Film Club and Art Lab. Library opening hours are 10am–6pm, Monday to Friday.

Come by and visit the beautiful new space at 1 Everton Road, Truganina.

COLLECTIONS



Borrowbox for Kids

Hundreds of new children's eBooks and eAudio have been added to Borrowbox. There are now almost 6,000 titles available for kids to read or listen to.

To explore the collection, visit:
bit.ly/wyn-borrowbox-kids



BOOK WEEK 2024



Reading is Magic

Ages 2+

Celebrate the magic of books and stories this Book Week at Wyndham City Libraries. We'll have fun book-themed programs, activities and dress-ups, plus a local author coming along to say hello!

All libraries

Monday 19 August –
Friday 23 August

For session dates and times visit:

[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/
book-week](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/book-week)



Hooray, Hooray it's Library Day

Ages 2+

Join storyteller and singer, Julie Grasso, for a special story and rhymes session. Featuring Julie's new book *Hooray, Hooray it's Library Day*, the session will include ukelele and a simple craft activity.

Truganina Library Lounge

Tuesday 20 August
10.30am

Williams Landing Library Lounge

Tuesday 20 August
1.30pm

Hoppers Crossing Library

Friday 23 August
10.30am



Design a Library Bookmark Competition

Ages 5-12

Design your own bookmark for the library! The theme is 'Reading is Magic'. Use this theme to inspire your bookmark design.

Monday 19 August – Monday 7 October

For more details visit:

[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/
designalibrarybookmarkcomp](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/designalibrarybookmarkcomp)



ADULTS



Explore our Library of Stories

All ages

Wyndham is a diverse, connected and vibrant community where everyone has a story to tell. Through listening and sharing we can foster understanding and build a more inclusive and compassionate world for all. Our Living Books will share life stories and experiences that celebrate the community, culture and history of Wyndham through a variety of digital and in person formats.

All libraries

29 July – 29 September

For more information:

[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/
library-of-stories](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/library-of-stories)



Author Talk: Shemsiya Waritu

Ages 18+

Join author Shemsiya Waritu, an international motivational speaker, influential community leader, life empowerment mentor, facilitator and entrepreneur, as she takes you on a riveting journey of empowerment and inspiration. Explore the transformative experiences that have shaped her path and learn how to unlock your own potential along the way.

Hoppers Crossing Library

Tuesday 10 September

7pm – 8pm

Bookings required:

[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/
whats-on/author-talk-shemsiya-
waritu](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/author-talk-shemsiya-waritu)



Preserving Workshop: Lacto-Fermentation

Ages 18+

Discover the age-old art of preserving with lacto-fermentation. Lacto-fermenting expert Jess from Fermented Mumma will demonstrate this simple yet effective way to not only preserve food, but to increase its nutritional content and avoid food waste in our homes.

Hoppers Crossing Library

Saturday 17 August
10.30am – 12pm

Bookings required:

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/lacto-fermentation



Fight Food Waste: Scrap-tastic Cooking

Ages 18+

Did you know Australian households on average waste 250kg of food each year? Discover how to reduce food waste and lower your grocery bill with sustainability educator, Anna the Urban Nanna. She will share 'scrap-tastic' cooking ideas that will transform your approach to food waste and help create a greener planet.

Point Cook Library

Thursday 22 August
6.30pm – 8pm

Bookings required:

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/fight-food-waste-scrap-tastic-cooking



Native Seed Saving for Gardeners

Ages 18+

Whether you already have a native garden, or would like to start one, join us to learn all about native seed collection and increasing native biodiversity in your garden. Discover how to collect different native seeds from your habitat garden, when best to pick them and how to store them correctly.

Julia Gillard Library Tarneit

Saturday 14 September
10.30am – 12pm

For more information visit:

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/green-living-series

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FREE ADULT ACTIVITIES



ADULTS - FAMILY HISTORY MONTH



Family History Story Time

Ages 1-5

Come along and join us for a special Family History Story Time! Our Family History Librarian will share stories, songs and fun with a focus on being in a family. No bookings required.

Hoppers Crossing Library

Friday 16 July

10.30am – 11.15am



Family Tree Maker

Ages 18+

Join us to hear David Stephen from VicGum share his expertise in the use of Family Tree Maker. Find out how this easy-to-use tool can be used to build your family tree.

Hoppers Crossing Library

Tuesday 20 August

10am – 11.45am

Bookings required:

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/family-tree-maker



Searching Newspapers: Tips and Tricks

Ages 18+

Trove and British Newspaper Archive can add interesting facts to your family history research. Join the Family and Local History Librarian for tips and tricks on how to use these online databases.

Werribee Library (Watton St)

Thursday 29 August

1.30pm – 2.30pm

Bookings required:

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/searching-newspapers-tips-and-tricks



Family History Group

Ages 18+

Join us as we discuss our latest research finds, useful resources, brick walls, upcoming events and get advice from this knowledgeable group. No bookings required.

Hoppers Crossing Library

Saturday 31 August

Saturday 28 September

10am – 12pm

Manor Lakes Library

Tuesday 6 August

Tuesday 3 September

2pm – 3.30pm



Family History Help

Ages 18+

Just starting your family history or a seasoned researcher that needs a little support? Our Family and Local History Librarian is available to help.

Hoppers Crossing Library

Wednesdays

10am – 11am

Bookings required:

[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/family-history-help)

[whats-on/family-history-help](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/family-history-help)



British Newspaper Archive

Did you know that Wyndham City Libraries has a subscription to the British Newspaper Archive? Its database covers 200 years of British history, including articles from as early as the 1700s. You can access it for free in any of our libraries.

More information:

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/libraries/elibrary/family-and-local-history-elibrary



ADULTS



Financial Wellbeing and You

Ages 18+

Strengthen your understanding of financial wellbeing with WIRE. Explore options to feel in control of your money and pave the way for your future by building awareness on matters such as budgeting, debt management, goal setting and where to go for further support. Local financial counsellors from Anglicare will also be available on the day.

Hoppers Crossing Library

Tuesday 3 September
1pm – 2pm

Bookings required:

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/financial-wellbeing-and-you



Author Talk:

**4 Ingredients
MORE Diabetes
Kim McCosker**

Ages 18+

Meet Kim McCosker, author of 42 cookbooks. Kim will be chatting about her incredible story and latest bestseller *4 Ingredients MORE Diabetes*, plus sharing some of her most popular recipes. Supported by Diabetes Victoria.

Hoppers Crossing Library

Wednesday 28 August
6.30pm – 7.30pm

Bookings required:

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/author-talk-4-ingredients-more-diabetes



Winter Book Chat

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Point Cook Library

Tuesday 13 August
6.30pm – 7.30pm

Bookings required:

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/winter-book-chat



Warm Winter Read

Ages 18+

Join us in our adult winter reading challenge where we encourage you to take more time to curl up with a great read every week. Track your reading on the challenge website or one of our Reading Journals and go in the running to win a prize!

Saturday 1 June – Saturday 31 August

Register online or pick up a Reading Journal from your local library.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/warm-winter-read



iPhone Basics

Ages 18+

Learn the basics of using your iPhone, including navigation, apps, settings, and essential tips for beginners.

Point Cook Library

Thursday 19 September
3.30pm – 5pm

Bookings required:

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/libraries/adults/library-it-programs

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Have fun with word games, flex your creative writing muscles in everything from gothic poetry to song lyrics, talk about your favourite books and more! School term only. No bookings required.

Hoppers Crossing Library

Fortnightly on Mondays,
starting 22 July
4pm – 5pm

Robo Lab

Ages 11-15

Interested in robotics? Gain hands on experience building and coding robotics in Robo Lab. School term only.

Point Cook Library

Third Friday of the month,
starting 19 July
4pm – 5.30pm

Bookings required:
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/robo-lab



Jokes on Me

Ages 10-15

Learn the magic of making jokes funny! Join local author, Claude Franklin, to test your wit and better understand how jokes are made and what makes them funny.

Hoppers Crossing Library

Tuesday 24 September
2pm – 3.30pm

Julia Gillard Library Tarneit

Friday 4 October
2pm – 3.30pm

Bookings required:
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/jokes-me



All Ages Chess

Enjoy a game with friends or family and meet other chess enthusiasts in the library! Beginners and experienced players are welcome. School term only.

Manor Lakes Library

Mondays
3pm – 4pm

Julia Gillard Library Tarneit and Point Cook Library

Tuesdays
4pm – 5pm

Hoppers Crossing Library

Thursdays
4pm – 5pm

Truganina Library Lounge

Mondays
4pm – 5pm



Intermediate Scratch

Ages 13 -15

Are you interested in improving your coding skills in Scratch? Join us for a workshop as part of the annual Wyndham Coding Champs Competition to further develop your skills and create a game.

Hoppers Crossing Library

Wednesday 4 September
4pm – 5pm

Manor Lakes Library

Thursday 19 September
3pm – 4pm

Bookings required:

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries/kids/coding-champs



Girls Who Read

Ages 15-25

Make craft projects and talk about books you love. Bring your best friends or make new ones! Snacks are provided. School term only.

Truganina Library Lounge

First Thursday of the month, starting
1 August
4.30pm – 5.30pm

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KIDS



Storybook Imagination Station

Ages 9-12

We are creating a kids storybook about Wyndham. In these School Holiday sessions, children will work with artists using art materials to turn their experiences into images and stories, while learning skills to create and publish books.

Hoppers Crossing Library
Monday 23 September

Point Cook Library
Tuesday 24 September
3.30pm – 5.30pm

Bookings required:
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/library-of-stories



Getting Started with Scratch

Ages 7-12

Do you need help getting started with Scratch? As part of the annual Wyndham Coding Champs Competition join us for this introductory scratch coding workshop.

Hoppers Crossing Library
Wednesday 28 August
4pm – 5pm

Manor Lakes Library
Thursday 5 September
3pm – 4pm

Point Cook Library
Wednesday 25 September
Wednesday 2 October
1pm – 2pm

Bookings required:
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries/kids/coding-champs



Spring School Holidays

Ages 5-12

Create, learn and have fun over the holidays with crafts, workshops and more! Plus, catch a special performance of the show Little Red in the Hood at Tarneit Library on Saturday 21 September.

All libraries

Saturday 21 September –
Friday 4 October

Session times and bookings:

[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/
kids-holiday-activities](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/kids-holiday-activities)



Q & A with a Speech Pathologist

Meet with local speech pathologist Lisa Decker from Well Said Clinic to share concerns and questions about your child's language development. Join with other parents to hear Lisa's expert opinions about fostering children's speech, language and communication skills. This is an opportunity to receive informal advice in a relaxed group setting. These sessions run monthly, at a different library each time, and are suitable for parents and carers.

Point Cook Library

Monday 19 August
10.30am – 11.30am

Hoppers Crossing Library

Monday 16 September
10.30am – 11.30am

Bookings required:

[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/
libraries/kids/parent-and-teacher-
resources](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/libraries/kids/parent-and-teacher-resources)



Parenting Talk:

How to Read with Your Children

Join the Manor Lakes Children's Librarians for advice and tips on how to Read and Play with stories when reading to children at home. This session is for parents and carers who have children at home aged 0-6 years.

Manor Lakes Library

Wednesday 4 September
11.30am – 12pm

Bookings required:

[www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-
on/parenting-talk-read-manor-lakes-
library](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/parenting-talk-read-manor-lakes-library)

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for current opening hours

Ph: 8734 8999

HOPPERS CROSSING LIBRARY

Pacific Werribee Shopping
Centre Level 1, Derrimut Road
Hoppers Crossing

WILLIAMS LANDING BOOK LOCKER

Williams Landing Shopping
Centre 100 Overton Road
Williams Landing

WERRIBEE LIBRARY

177 Watton Street
Werribee

MANOR LAKES LIBRARY

86 Manor Lakes Boulevard
Manor Lakes

JULIA GILLARD LIBRARY TARNEIT

150 Sunset Views Boulevard
Tarneit

POINT COOK LIBRARY

1-21 Cheetham Street
Point Cook

TRUGANINA LIBRARY LOUNGE

1 Everton Rd, Truganina

WILLIAMS LANDING LIBRARY LOUNGE

1/101 Overton Road,
Williams Landing

POP-UP LIBRARY

For locations, visit
[wyndham.vic.gov.au/
pop-up-library](http://wyndham.vic.gov.au/pop-up-library)



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wyndham.vic.gov.au/elibrary



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