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How to make a booking

You can book library events in the following ways:



Go to stonnington.vic.gov.au/library/whats-on to view all upcoming events.

Click 'book online' next to the event you wish to attend.

Enter the number of tickets you want and your contact details.

You will receive an email confirmation once your booking is complete.

Check individual events in this booklet to find out when bookings open for that particular event.



Call any of our libraries or the Stonnington History Centre to make a booking.



Bookings for paid events must be completed online. Please note, no refunds apply for paid events.

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"Before lockdown, I went to your library in Prahran to borrow some Spanish learning resources, and a wonderful library [staff member] introduced me to Mango Languages, which has been incredibly beneficial during this time of lockdown in terms of general wellbeing and focus...even if I can't travel to South America in this time.

I wanted to thank you for continuing to offer this service to your members. It's so wonderful. Wishing you all the best in this strange time."

Christopher

We're proud to participate in the Libraries Changes Lives campaign with the State Library of Victoria and Public Libraries Victoria to highlight the many economic and social benefits that libraries bring to communities.

We understand that a library is an important place for many, particularly during difficult times. We want to hear from you about the positive impact our services and programs have had on your life. We'll collect and share these stories widely within our community, including featured articles in our newsletter and website.

Visit our website to share your story today, and help us spread the word about the importance of public libraries.



**Libraries
Change Lives**

For children

Storytime at HOME

Stories help children to discover the world around them and foster early literacy skills.

Tune into our Facebook channel at 11am Monday to Thursday to catch up with your favourite storyteller. Our talented Children's Team will read aloud popular and classic children's stories, delivered straight to your lounge room.



Mondays to Thursdays at 11am

Online – Facebook

Rhyme Time at HOME

Songs and rhymes help to develop young children's language and literacy skills.

Tune into our Facebook channel at 11am Friday to hear songs and rhymes, delivered straight to your lounge room.

Every Friday at 11am

Online – Facebook

Create, Explore, Play!

Bored and looking for something to do? Our staff have selected a range of their favourite activities so you don't have to think about it. Do something creative, learn a new skill, play online games or stream something fun.

Visit our website for loads of activities, including craft, colouring and drawing, simple recipe ideas, Kids Art Hub, Lego® Builders and Scratch coding. Activities are updated regularly so you can try your hand at something different each week.





Spring holiday program

21 September – 2 October

Spring has sprung and we have loads of fun online activities for school-aged children, including STEM play, drawing workshops, arts and crafts and more.

Holiday program activities are suitable for children currently attending primary school and aged 5-12 years. Children must be supervised by a responsible adult while attending our online events.

We are committed to being a child-safe organisation and making our online programs and events welcoming, safe and inclusive spaces for children. We have specific policies, procedures and practices in place to support our people to achieve these commitments. See our website to read our Statement of Commitment to Child Safety.

Visit our website to check out the full program and for bookings, available from 10 August.

For adults

Literary Festival [untitled]: our writers, readers and stories

What's Your Story? Writing competition

Until 15 September

Budding and experienced writers of all ages are invited to submit their short stories and poems to What's Your Story?

The annual writing competition is presented as part of our literary festival. Prizes are awarded for Short Story, Poetry and Creative Writing and open to adults and young people in Stonnington and wider Victoria.

Visit our website for more information and how to enter

[untitled]: our writers, readers and stories

November

Our 9th annual literary festival in November will explore themes and stories about what it is to be human.

Featuring online talks, discussions, workshops and performances by some of Australia's finest writers and storytellers, to get you thinking, writing, reading and listening.

The program will be available from October.

Visit our website for festival dates, updates, bookings and to view the full program

Stonnington Libraries Literary Festival

[untitled]

our writers, readers and stories

For adults

Books and discussion

Open Book

The Open Book series features talks, discussions and workshops by writers, thinkers and artists in literature and the arts.

Life as a romance writer

Journalist **Claire Halliday** speaks to bestselling authors **Victoria Purman** and **Nicole Hurley-Moore** about their lives as writers of romance.

Victoria Purman is an Australian Top Ten and USA Today bestselling fiction author. Her new novel, **The Women's Pages**, will be published in September 2020. Victoria is the author of the bestselling novels **The Land Girls**, **The Last of the Bonegilla Girls** and **The Three Miss Allens**.

Nicole Hurley-Moore is the author of the immensely popular romance novels **McKellan's Run** and **Hartley's Grange**. Since doing her BA Honours in Medieval Literature, Nicole has devoted her time to writing historical romance.

Claire Halliday is a freelance writer with more than 1000 feature articles to her name. She is the author of the non-fiction books, **Things My Mother Taught Me** and **Things My Father Taught Me**, as well as being a copywriter, blogger, podcaster and storyteller.

Thursday 17 September

Online event – Zoom

6.30pm – 8pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 August



Christine Sykes: It's never too late to write

Inspired by the women behind the charity Dress for Success, **The Changing Room** is an uplifting story of female empowerment and captures the transformation such a service can provide for women from all walks of life.

Debut author **Christine Sykes** speaks about her novel and the women and stories that inspired her writing, the path to publication and that it's never too late to write.

Christine Sykes was a volunteer at Dress for Success Sydney for over four years. She served as a senior public servant for 30 years. Now retired, she enjoys life's simple pleasures, and lives with her partner on the south coast of Sydney. **The Changing Room** is her first novel.

In celebration of Victorian Seniors Festival Reimagined 2020

Friday 9 October

Online event – Zoom

11am – 12pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 September

The Watermill: Arnold Zable in conversation

Acclaimed novelist and human rights advocate, **Arnold Zable** speaks to **Bruno Lettieri** about his new non-fiction work, **The Watermill**.

Ranging from remote provinces in China and Cambodia to pre- and post-war Yiddish Poland, Kurdish Iraq and Iran, and Indigenous and present-day Melbourne, **The Watermill** depicts the ebbs and flows of trauma and healing, memory and forgetting, the ancient and the contemporary, and ever-recurring journeys in search of belonging.

Arnold Zable is a novelist, storyteller and human rights advocate. His works include **Cafe Scheherazade**, **Scraps of Heaven**, **Violin Lessons** and **The Fighter**, which was shortlisted for a Victorian Premier's Literary Award and a New South Wales Premier's Literary Award.

Bruno Lettieri founded the interview series Rotunda in the West while at Victoria University and has interviewed a who's who of Australian writers about their stories. His love of story stems from many years as a teacher. His interviews and galleries can be found at **brunogoeseverywhere.com**

Thursday 22 October

Online event – Zoom

6.30pm – 8pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 September

For adults

Book Chat

Join us online to discuss books and share reading experiences.

In our Book Chat Facebook group we'll share staff picks, bookish news and host a monthly chat on a theme. All our eBook suggestions are accessible through Axis 360 and BorrowBox.

Third Wednesday of each month	Online – Facebook and Zoom	11am – 12pm
16 September	Romance	
21 October	Narrative non-fiction	
18 November	Top reads of 2020	

Podcast Chat Club

If you love listening to podcasts as much as we do, our monthly online Podcast Chat Club is for you.

Each month we'll take to our social media channels (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) to post around a particular theme. Tune in to read about our recommendations, present hot tips and discuss what's new or coming up.

Last Thursday of each month	Online – Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
24 September	Pop culture
29 October	Comedy
26 November	Best of 2020



Community education and wellbeing

Community Matters

The Community Matters series features presentations and workshops on a range of topics, including climate and sustainable living, health and wellbeing and financial and legal information.

How to be stroke safe

Strokes are Australia's second single greatest killer, with over 60,000 strokes occurring each year. Join a spokesperson from **Stroke Foundation** to find out about the different types of stroke, how to recognise the signs and what to do if someone is having a stroke, and how to prevent stroke.

National Stroke Week is 31 August – 7 September

Friday 4 September

Online event – Zoom

11am – 12pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 August

Brain health, memory and dementia

Join a spokesperson from **Dementia Australia** to learn more about how to look after your brain health. Gain an understanding of normal age related changes, the risk factors for dementia and actions you can take to reduce the risk and impacts of dementia.

Dementia Awareness Month is 1 – 30 September

World Alzheimer's Day is 21 September

Date and time to be advised

Online event – Zoom

For adults



The thrifty gardener

There is no waste in nature. Be inspired to reuse waste materials in your garden to help the environment and make your garden beautiful, functional and productive on a budget.

Join us for this free webinar covering the basics of sustainable garden design with **Richard Rowe** from **Sustainable Gardening Australia**.

This webinar is part of My Smart Garden, a free sustainable gardening program helping you to transform your outdoor space into a smart and productive garden.

Saturday 17 October

Online event – Zoom

10am – 11am

Bookings open 10am on 1 September

Small space gardening

No backyard? No worries! With some clever planning, your courtyard, balcony or front step can become a productive little garden.

Join us for this free webinar covering the need-to-know basics of growing food in a small space with permaculture designer and educator, **Kat Lavers**. Learn how to plan and design a small space garden, utilise pots and containers, make your own self-watering pot and choose the best plants for small spaces.

This webinar is part of My Smart Garden, a free sustainable gardening program helping you to transform your outdoor space into a smart and productive garden.

Saturday 7 November

Online event – Zoom

10am – 12pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 October

History

The Stonnington History Centre is an archive dedicated to preserving and interpreting the history of the City of Stonnington and its antecedents, the former Cities of Malvern and Prahran. The Centre is a branch of Stonnington Library and Information Service and is located behind Malvern Library.

History Matters

The History Matters series features talks and presentations on a range of history topics by members of our Stonnington History Centre team and industry experts.

Conserving your family photos

Photographer **Peter King** explains how to look after your irreplaceable family photos, prints and digital files. This popular session is a must for family historians and custodians of treasured photographs.

Wednesday 23 September

Online event – Zoom

11am – 12pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 August



For adults

Inside the US Electoral College System

This year's US presidential election is set to be as rancorous as the last. Remember the post-election acrimony in 2016 about Hillary Clinton winning the popular vote, but Donald Trump winning the Electoral College vote? So, how do Americans elect their president? How was the Electoral College System invented and why is it still used? Is there any way to reform it?

Stephen E. Marantelli, barrister and author of **Three Brothers: When George Washington and Edmund Barton Sat Down To Dinner**, explains the system and how it works. Stephen has a passion for American history, in particular the history of the presidency.

Wednesday 14 October

Online event – Zoom

5.30pm – 6.30pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 September

Researching Aboriginal family history

Join Janet and Margaret from Stonnington's Family History Club as they discuss their experiences researching Aboriginal family history. Explore your Aboriginal heritage, share family research tips and learn in an informal setting.

National Reconciliation Week is 8 – 15 November

Wednesday 11 November

Online event – Zoom

10am – 12pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 October

Science and technology

Get Connected

This technology education series provides workshops and information sessions about the online world – computers, mobile devices, social media and the library’s digital resources.

Introduction to Social Media

Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter, Skype or WhatsApp. This session will introduce you to the different types of social media tools available, what each of them actually do and which could be the right one for you.

Everything will be put into terms that you can understand and we’ll demonstrate some of the most popular ones. Suitable for all devices.

Presented by **Stay In Touch**

Tuesday 1 September

Online event – Zoom

1pm – 2.30pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 August

Maintaining your computer

What would happen if your computer broke down or it had a virus? Learn how to keep your computer running efficiently and safe, and how to remove viruses and malware, with some basic routine maintenance tasks that can be performed on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Suitable for all Mac and Windows computer users.

Presented by **Stay In Touch**

Tuesday 8 September

Online event – Zoom

1pm – 2.30pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 August

For adults

Apple tips and tricks

Unlock the potential of your Apple device. Apple devices have many hidden features. We uncover all the tips and tricks to help you get more out of your iPhone and iPad. Find out how to lock notes with a password, how to undo functions and more.

Presented by **Ready Tech Go**

Thursday 17 September

Online event – Zoom

1pm – 2.30pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 August

eBooks with Axis 360

Learn how to use the Axis 360 app to access our collection of eBooks. We will demonstrate how to borrow, download and access eBooks using the Axis 360 app. Suitable for Apple or Android users.

Thursday 24 September

Online event – Zoom

11am – 12pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 September

eBooks with BorrowBox

Learn how to use the BorrowBox app to access our collection of eBooks. We will demonstrate how to borrow, download and access eBooks using the BorrowBox app. Suitable for Apple or Android users.

Thursday 1 October

Online event – Zoom

1pm – 2pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 September



Travel the world from home

Travelling to far and wide places is not ideal right now. But that doesn't mean we can't explore the world from the comfort of home! Come along as we visit websites of monumental places such as Big Ben and the Pyramids, museums, art galleries and treasures. You'll see street views, aerial views and photos of places all around the world.

Presented by **Stay In Touch**

Monday 5 October Online event – Zoom 1.30pm – 3pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 September

Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality

This is VR and AR for the curious! Learn how you can travel in Virtual Reality and not even leave home. Discover Augmented Reality apps and how they can change everyday life.

Presented by **Ready Tech Go**

Thursday 15 October Online event – Zoom 1pm – 2.30pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 September

Home automation

Learn all about 'the internet of things' – how you can control your air conditioner, home security and more just by using your device.

Presented by **Ready Tech Go**

Tuesday 20 October Online event – Zoom 11am – 12.30pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 September

Online games and brain training apps

Online games can help people connect and bond with family members and friends. And a number of apps can actually help keep your mind fighting fit! Join us to see our list of family-friendly single and multi-player games, and popular brain training apps that will put your mental skills to the test.

Presented by **Stay In Touch**

Thursday 29 October Online event – Zoom 10.30am – 12pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 September

For adults

Buying a computer or device

Time to upgrade your device and unsure whether a laptop or tablet is best for you? Join us to learn what to look out for when choosing a new device, speed and storage options, where to get the best prices and more.

Presented by **Ready Tech Go**

Tuesday 10 November Online event – Zoom 1pm – 2.30pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 October

Introduction to cloud-based storage

Join us to find out more about the different cloud services and providers that are available. Discover the benefits of synchronising you devices, how to back up your important details and photos, and find your devices if you happen to misplace them.

Presented by **Stay In Touch**

Thursday 19 November Online event – Zoom 1pm – 2.30pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 October

Learn a language online

We'll show you how to download the Mango Languages app to learn a language online. Mango has more than 70 languages to choose from. Suitable for Apple or Android users.

Thursday 26 November Online event – Zoom 11am – 12pm

Bookings open 10am on 1 October



Your eLibrary

Stonnington Libraries provide a wide range of free resources for you to access from home or from our libraries.

To access our eLibrary:

- › visit **stonnington.vic.gov.au/library**
- › click on eLibrary
- › choose your topic
- › select a resource, and
- › enter your library card number in full.

Books and reading

Looking for something good to read? Find read-alike suggestions for adults and kids. Discover literary criticisms, author biographies and study guides in **Literary Reference Centre Plus**.

eBooks and eAudiobooks

Read eBooks online or download to an eReader or tablet with **BorrowBox** and **Axis 360**. eAudiobooks are also available on **BorrowBox**.



eLearning

Learn a language with **Mango** or practise for your IELTS exam with **Road to IELTS**.



eReference

Search for business and scientific information, start your genealogy research with **Ancestry** and get homework help with **Britannica Library**.

Magazines and newspapers

Read magazines and newspapers online or download to read later. Get current editions of popular magazines in **RBdigital**. Access Australian newspapers and **Choice** magazine in **ANZ Reference Centre Plus**.



Movies and music

Stream movies and documentaries with **Kanopy** and **beamafilm**. Stream and download a range of music including popular, classical and alternative with **Freegal**.



All apps are available in  and 

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