

Libraries and Learning: Resources, Programs and Activities



Resources available to all

Provision of a free service to all including a range of collections and programs targeting residents across the age spectrum delivered from our facilities, online and via a range of outreach programs.

- Library print collections children's, youth and adult
- Community language collections children's and adult
- e-downloadable books
- Newspapers and Magazines
- Press Display –1700 online newspapers available from 92 countries, in 48 languages
- Online resources
- IELTS and ESL collections
- Genealogy
- Local history
- Library websites www.darebinlibraries.vic.gov.au, www.spongeclub.com, www.dhe.darebin-libraries.vic.gov.au
- WikiNorthia Project
- Free public access to internet and wireless

Aboriginal

- Collection includes materials by and about Aboriginal people, art, fiction, junior titles, bush tucker, Aboriginal sports people, Aboriginal literature
- Story time for groups from Elizabeth Hoffman House every school holiday period
- NAIDOC week events including an Aboriginal heritage display presented by PROV in 2011
- Aboriginal storytelling and other performers

Age

0-4 years

- Baby Book Bags
- Baby signing
- Shake, Rattle and Rhyme
- Child Maternal Health Centre visits

5-12 years

- Junior memberships
- Preschool storytime
- Holiday Programs
- Sponge Club 5-12 years
- Sponge Club website
- School visits – outreach
- School visits to the library
- Organisational membership schools

13-25 years

- Finding MY Place with local Secondary school network and Youth Services
- Your tutor online homework help
- X-box games
- Youth pizza nights – informal youth consultation
- African Homework Help – Spectrum
- Book well Program – youth

Other

- Library orientation session for CALD communities
- Community Cuppa – various topics covered
- Home Library Service
- Daisy Readers for those with a print or physical disability
- Genealogy and family history classes and resources
- Darebin Historical Encyclopaedia
- Local History Talks and walks
- Monthly events program – author talks, miscellaneous events
- Book Clubs
- Internet classes and email classes
- Human Library Program
- Festivals and Expos
- Book well Program – adult with Merri Community Health

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse

- WikiNorthia Project allows people from across five local councils with rich cultural histories and diverse communities to get together and tell their stories providing a snapshot of life in the north of Melbourne now as well as the past. The project is the first of its type in Victoria and in fact Australia www.wikinorthia.net.au
- Storytime in community languages
- Homework help with Spectrum and Youth Services
- Internet and email classes
- Library orientation classes in partnership with Migrant Resource Centre
- Human Library Program
- Community cuppa – targeting CALD groups
- Events program – featuring various cultural authors and performers where appropriate
- CALD community groups regularly participate in resource purchasing and new book activities in Darebin Libraries five core languages Greek, Italian, Vietnamese, Chinese and Arabic.

Gender/SSAGD

- Participate and support the White Ribbon Day working group and activities
- Work with emergency housing providers such as Elizabeth Hoffman House
- Library staff participate in GLBTI service consultations and workshops
- Provision of a Gay and Lesbian collection - Regular suggestions received from same sex families around purchase of resources
- Collection development policy is design to ensure that specific groups are not discriminated and their needs met.
- Access to free community newspapers and other relevant information.

Homeless, Isolated People, Marital Status, Mental Illness & Carers

- Home Library Service
- Comfortable and welcoming staff and facilities
- Book Well program with people with a mental illness – Edwards Lodge and Reservoir Gardens programs
- Book Club
- Human Libraries
- Classes on use of social networking
- Behavioural management contracts between the library and individuals. Contracts are negotiated between individuals, library staff and mental health support network to ensure access to library services is maintained. This has led to increased understanding for staff of mental health issues, improved ability to recognise and deal with issues and a decrease in instances where a customer with a mental illness is excluded from using facilities.

Disability

- Home Library Service
- Special collections including Large Print, Audio books, DVDs with subtitles and captions, e downloadable books
- Daisy Player program
- Disability access PCs at all branches
- Access points are extremely important – either physical or virtual
- Wheelchair recharge points

Low Socio Economic Status

- All programs and activities as listed in all prior groups are available to this identified group.

