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What's New?

Roald Dahl books are now available in eBook format! Beloved titles such as *The BFG*, *Matilda* and of course *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* are now available to borrow via the OverDrive eBook service. Go to our website and click on the eLibrary link. Click eBooks, then select OverDrive. You can also download the OverDrive app directly via iTunes or Google Play to your tablet.

Library Easter Opening Hours

All branches will be closed on the following days:

- ▶ **Labour Day Public Holiday** – Monday March 14
- ▶ **Easter** – Friday March 25 / Saturday March 26 / Sunday March 27 / Monday March 28
- ▶ **ANZAC Day Public Holiday** – Monday 25 April

CEO Message

Welcome to the first issue of the new look Library News.

This year celebrates the 20th anniversary of the library service and looks to be an inspiring year of fun and discovery for Whitehorse Manningham library members. We will mark the anniversary with an exciting program of events to delight all.

Whitehorse Manningham Regional Libraries, a collaborative service jointly funded by the Cities of Whitehorse and Manningham commenced operating in 1996. Prior to this date, public library services to the area were provided by the Nunawading Library Service and the Box Hill-Doncaster Regional Library.

Public libraries have a long been a valued part of our community; the first library established in Doncaster was at the Athenaeum in 1871 and the first free public library in Box Hill opened in 1950.

Over the years much has changed in the range of services and resources offered by public libraries. 21st century libraries are thriving hubs of activity, places for all to learn, connect and discover new ideas. Our libraries remain at the heart of our community and continue to enrich the lives of individuals who live, work, study and play in Whitehorse and Manningham.

We look forward to seeing you at our Family Fun Day, Box Hill Library, 11am – 5pm, Saturday 5 March.

Sally Both
CEO

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Summer Read Club smashes all records!

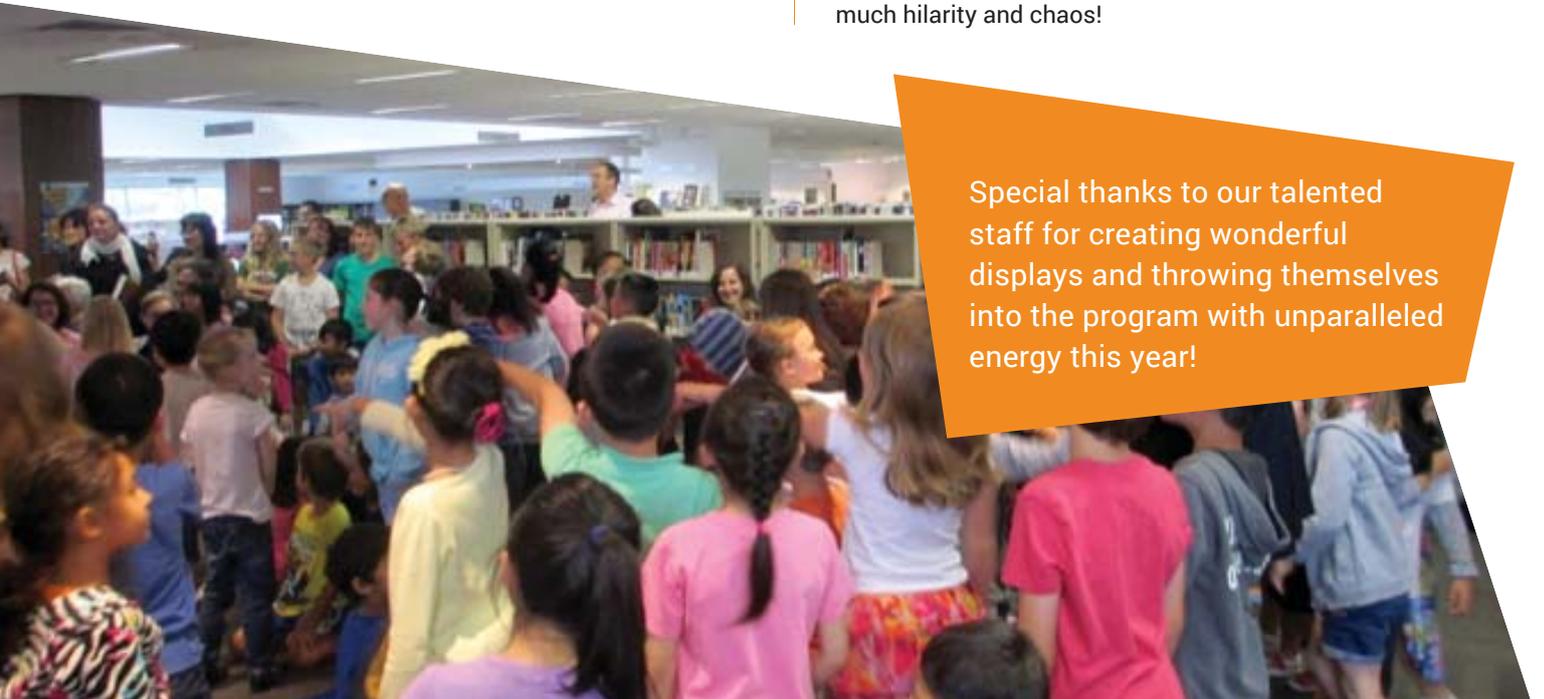
A phenomenal 1637 children and teenagers joined this year's program - more than double our previous record of 758 members in 2015.

The Club encourages young readers to keep reading over the holidays, and provides incentives and prizes generously sponsored by Friends of Nunawading Libraries. This year's excited winners of the Nintendo 3DS game packs were Patrick (age 5) and Dora (age 10).

Over 12,250 books were read by these enthusiastic participants, in the period from 1 December 2015 to 21 January 2016.

Each child had the opportunity to enter the lucky prize draw, once they had read 10 books. They kept careful lists of the titles they read, and returned this list (or 'Reading Log') to any library branch once they had reached 10. They were then entered into the competition for games, books, vouchers, and special invisible-ink pens!

These were presented at the wonderful Dahl-inspired production of 'Witches, Giants, Peaches & Twits' (aka the very talented Russell and Sarah Fletcher), who inspired much hilarity and chaos!



Special thanks to our talented staff for creating wonderful displays and throwing themselves into the program with unparalleled energy this year!



School Holiday Program

A wonderful range of activities kept our young borrowers entertained and creatively occupied over the summer break. There was a magic show, live animals, science experiments, origami (thanks to our volunteer Luke Phoa!), Minecraft and mosaics – not to mention Star Wars craft, and many more!



Summer Read Event Smashes Records

The Summer Read event has given library members a chance to choose from a list of ten great books, written by Victorian authors or telling Victorian stories.

Hello, Beautiful! Scenes from a Life by Hannie Rayson has been the most popular book so far. During last year's Summer Read program, the ten titles were borrowed total of 163 times. This year at the time of publishing Library News the ten titles had been borrowed a total of 385 times.

Book Review

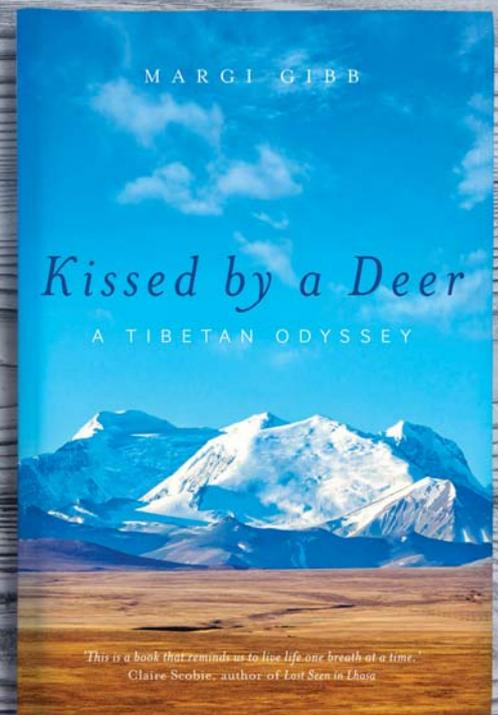
Kissed by a Deer: A Tibetan Odyssey by Margi Gibb

The death of her father catapults Margi into a quest for meaning. Traveling to Dharamsala, Ladakh, China and Tibet, her story masterfully intertwines the natural and socio-political landscapes with her burgeoning spiritual awakening and search for real love. *Kissed by a Deer* is a book with heart - of healing, compassion, and love.

Set in the vivid surrounds of some of the most inaccessible places in Asia, with all the bustle and colour that comes with a traditional cultures of India and Tibet; the music, the dancing, the costumes come to life in this unforgettable story.

Whether you love travel biography, or the spiritual memoir genre of *Eat, Pray, Love* and *Wild*, you will love *Kissed by a Deer*.

Margi Gibb was born in the Victorian high country, and currently lives in Melbourne. She is a singer, songwriter, artist, writer and educator.



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Relax with a Story at Story Café

Most of us love the idea of being read to, or listening to someone tell us a great story. Story Café is a program where adults can come and enjoy listening to stories and have a chat over a cup of coffee.

Story Café is a new program that the libraries are running in partnership with the Hub@Ajani, a centre to access local services and adult education courses.

We had a glorious day for our first session and those who attended thoroughly enjoyed sitting beside the garden on a bright sunny day, setting the scene for the poems and story about this month's theme, Summer. The stories led into a discussion, a little about the works, but mostly reflections on favourite stories and poems, favourite teachers we had at school who gave us our love of reading, and reminiscing about Summer.

It was a fantastic first session, and we encourage you to come along and try Story Café.

The next sessions are **Thursday 3 March, 7 April, 5 May and 2 June, 2-3pm.**

Hub@Ajani is located at the Ajani Centre, 284 Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe.



Chess for Fun

Chess for fun is a perfect way to meet new people and learn to play chess in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Everyone is welcome, from beginners to experienced players. No need to book just come along.

See www.wml.vic.gov.au for more details.

Meeting Rooms for Hire

We have upgraded equipment in our meetings rooms and computer training room at Box Hill Library. Our smaller meeting room now has a screen and data projector and in our computer training room all the PCs have been upgraded. We can accommodate a range of meeting sizes and requirements.

For information about the meeting rooms available for hire go to www.wml.vic.gov.au or call the Administration office - Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm phone 9896 4333.

Library Branches

Blackburn

Cnr Blackburn & Central Rds,
Blackburn 3130
Phone 03 9896 8400

Box Hill

1040 Whitehorse Rd,
Box Hill 3128
Phone 03 9896 4300

Bulleen

Bulleen Plaza, Manningham Rd,
Bulleen 3105
Phone 03 9896 8450

Doncaster

MC Square, 687 Doncaster Rd,
Doncaster 3108
Phone 03 9877 8500

Nunawading

379 Whitehorse Rd,
Nunawading 3131
Phone 03 9872 8600

The Pines

The Pines Shopping Centre,
Cnr Reynolds & Blackburn Rds,
East Doncaster 3109
Phone 03 9877 8550

Vermont South

Pavey Place,
Vermont South 3133
Phone 03 9872 8650

Warrandyte

Warrandyte Community Centre,
168 Yarra St, Warrandyte 3113
Phone 03 9895 4250