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Wyndham City Libraries

Teachers Guide



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Why Join the *Library?*



Become a
Member



Hello there! We're so glad you asked!

At **Wyndham City Libraries**, membership is **free** and provides valuable benefits for both students and educators. Our library service offers a range of programs and resources available for students and teachers, all free of charge, to use both inside and outside the classroom. To access these resources, join online or at any of our 7 locations.

Our library programs and collections have been carefully developed, reflecting the contemporary needs of our community. We run a range of innovative and sophisticated programs for children and young people, designed to inspire learning through engaging and interactive experiences. Furthermore, Wyndham City Libraries' specialist Education & Youth Librarians can deliver **free learning sessions** to your classes and will also occasionally contact local teachers interested in accepting donations of pre-loved books.

For more information about membership or the services we offer for you and your students, please contact the Education & Youth Librarian at your nearest branch via email at libraryeducationoutreach@wyndham.vic.gov.au or by phone on **(03) 8734 8999**.

We hope to see you and your students in a local library branch soon!

Education and Youth Team



Membership *Benefits*

Library membership provides free access to:

- Digital learning tools such as Informit Explore and Encyclopedia Britannica
- Local and international movies, documentaries and series via Kanopy online streaming
- Family and local history resources
- Computers, with printing, scanning and photocopying services available (small fees apply for printing and photocopying).
- WiFi/Internet access within the library
- Fiction and non-fiction texts, graphic novels, magazines, eBooks and eAudioBooks
- Programs and events developed especially for children and young people

- Quiet and private study spaces
- Late closing times
- Student-only 'Exam Cram' sessions, after library hours
- LOTE resources





Primary School *Resources*



Resources
for Teachers

The library has a range of resources to support teachers and parents with the academic, social and emotional learning of primary school-aged children, including children with additional needs.

Explore the kids' e-library to discover a range of offerings, including homework help and online literacy resources, including **Story Box Library**, **Busy Things** and **Era Books Online**.

In our catalogue you'll find our curated reading lists for kids, which include recommendations in multiple formats (e-book, e-audio and physical).

Also available are kids' movies, TV shows, educational videos, **ABC Kids Adventures** and read-aloud versions of popular picture books via **Kanopy Kids**.



Secondary School *Resources*



Resources
for Teachers



The library's Young Adult collection is designed to support every young person, whether they are reading to learn or reading for pleasure.

Our Non-Fiction collection has a range of hard copy resources to support academic growth, including **Cambridge Checkpoints** and **Excel**. We keep both subject guides and workbooks on subjects such as **Maths Methods, Chemistry, English**, and more.

The library holds **VCE English, English as Additional Language**, and **English Literature** texts across branches, in both physical and digital collections. They can be found in the catalogue.

Our fiction collection is full of current popular titles. Find books on the shelves, or for those who prefer reading digitally or listening to books, **BorrowBox, Hoopla** or **Kanopy** are available online.

We also have a great collection of graphic novels. You'll find DC, Marvel and manga titles, as well as work from independent graphic artists.

If you can't find what you're looking for, you can request items through our online catalogue.





Library Education *Outreach*



Library
Educational
Visits

At Wyndham City Libraries, we are dedicated to fostering relationships with both teachers and their students.

Wyndham City Libraries' specialist Education and Youth Librarians are available to deliver **free learning sessions** to your classes.

These sessions can be tailored to meet the needs of your students. They can include:

- How to sign up for a **free** library membership
- How to access library resources, programs and services
- Research skills and study support
- Exploring literature

Short term collaborative projects can also be co-created with you to suit your group - reach out to our team to discuss your learning hopes.

Sessions can be delivered in various formats, including in-person library tours, a librarian visit to your school, or online video meetings. To find out more, or to book a time for your students, please email the Education and Youth Team at libraryeducationoutreach@wyndham.vic.gov.au



Donations of Pre-Loved Books



At Wyndham City Libraries, we aim to keep our resource collections current and in great condition. Because we're regularly adding new books and resources, we also withdraw books as necessary. We would love these withdrawn items to continue to be read and enjoyed.

We regularly email local teachers interested in accepting donations of pre-loved Young Adult or Junior books (including fiction, non-fiction and graphic novels). For further information or to register your interest, please contact us at libraryeducationoutreach@wyndham.vic.gov.au.

Programs & Events

Wyndham City Libraries believe that education can be fun! Our kids and youth programs are designed to inspire learning through engaging and interactive experiences.

Wyndham City Libraries run a range of programs for children and young people.

Our programs cover a wide selection of interests including literacy support, art, creative writing, robotics, coding, gaming, volunteering, and much more.

Our programs are designed to encourage a love of literacy and learning, and help young people engage with their community.

The library service also runs a number of recurring special events, including:

- Imagination Creation Writing Competition
- Wyndham Junior Chess Tournament
- Wyndham Teen Chess Challenge
- Battle of the Books Reading Competition for schools



Kids
Events &
Activities



Youth
Events &
Activities





Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books is a **FREE**, annual structured reading challenge for Wyndham students in Grades 3–9, run by the Education & Youth team at **Wyndham City Libraries**.

Your school will go head-to-head with other local schools to find out who will emerge as the **Battle of the Books Champion!**

The competition has a proven track record of engaging students with reading, writing, and literature, while supporting literacy development and fostering a lifelong love of reading for pleasure.

Students complete reading and activity-based tasks either in class or at home, and teachers are provided with curriculum-aligned, ready-to-use classroom activities.

The aim of Battle of the Books is to engage with books and libraries, and earn points. Participants can earn points by:

- **Primary competition:** Logging their time spent reading and participating in curated individual, hybrid, and class activities
- **High School competition:** Completing individual activities online, at school and at libraries.

Using Beanstack, a popular online reading platform, participants can log and track their progress throughout the competition, earn badges and rewards, and compete to win **real-life prizes, including books for your school library!**

Interested in having your school participate? Email battleofthebooks@wyndham.vic.gov.au



**Battle of
the Books**



Support for *Jobseekers*



Finding
Work

At Wyndham City Libraries, we offer a range of services to support young people to gain work experience or apply for their first job.

Our **Volunteens** program provides opportunities for 14-19 year-olds to gain work experience at one of our main library branches. Young people also have an opportunity to influence library services, programs and collections via the **Library Youth Collaborative**.

Our **Resume Help for 15-25 Year Olds** sessions provide one-on-one support for young people preparing their resume or practising questions for that all-important interview. We also can support mock interviews at your school.



Youth
Website