Kingston Libraries has continued to provide library services to our community through online resources and programming and the Home Library Service, despite these uncertain times. Many of you are already taking advantage of our Express Click and Collect too, with 19,000 holds placed on library items and 10,000 loans in just the first month.

This Summer, there’s another great program of online events and workshops offered by your local library to enjoy. Our children’s Summer Reading Program is back with a range of competitions, challenges and craft to keep our young readers busy these holidays and some fantastic prizes. Register online or order a kit through our Click and Collect service at available branches.

We’re also excited to bring you a range of webinars, workshops and events to nourish your garden, mind and stomach. Try a lunchtime yoga class, find out how gardening can enhance your mental health or get cooking.

Share the festive spirit and join the kids on the couch for one of our special Christmas Storytime virtual sessions.

It’s been a year we are unlikely to ever forget but you can help document this strange experience for future generations through the #Kingstoniso Project. Find out more inside.

Julie Reid, City of Kingston CEO

Join us online for a series of special Christmas Storytime sessions this December. Leanne will be reading Christmas stories via live stream on Tuesday 1, 8 and 15 December at 10:30am. Our regular Storytime live stream is also available on other weekdays, so there is always something to keep the kids entertained.

See kingston.vic.gov.au/library/live
ONLINE EVENTS

GENTLE YOGA: LUNCHTIME EXERCISE

Online event via Zoom
Monday 7 December 2020
12.30pm-1pm
Join Sue from Kingston Active for a half hour yoga time-out during your lunchbreak.
Make sure you download the Zoom app ahead of time and have access to a mat or comfortable floor space.
Bookings required.

BUILDING RESILIENCE THROUGH GARDENING

Online event via Zoom
Saturday 6 February 2021
10am-11.30am
Nourish your mind and soul while nurturing your garden with The Veggie Lady, Toni Salter, a past President of the Horticultural Therapy Society of NSW.
Find out how you can use your garden to enhance your mental health and identify which gardens are best for healing.
Bookings required.

COOKING WITH foost

Live cooking classes online via Zoom
How to Make Honey & Chicken Skewers (with salad)
Saturday 9 January 2021
3pm-4pm
You will need to purchase the ingredients – a list will be sent with the link one week ahead of time.
Bookings required.

How to make Apple & Spinach Turkey Sausages (with salad)
Saturday 16 January 2021
3pm-4pm

As we ease into the new COVID Normal world, stay tuned for news about the bigger and better Chelsea Twilights coming your way later in 2021.
Chelsea Library will again be participating on Tuesday evenings, with extended opening hours and an expanded range of activities on offer. Movie screenings, trivia nights, book chats and guest speakers are just a taster of what will be on offer. No need to book – just come along.

For Bookings – Call 1300 135 668 or book online at kingston.vic.gov.au/library
An introduction to how science really works, for children preschool to grade 2 with an adult co-learner. Notice, sort, name, collect, compare, question and test – learn by experimenting.

Put together your own Discovery Box using items you already have at home or can easily find at your local supermarket and start exploring.

There are four 20 min videos to watch:
- Collecting & Classifying
- Measuring & Recording
- Experimenting
- Science Fair


SUMMER READING CLUB
Dig Deeper: read, discover, investigate

Kingston Libraries’ Summer Reading Program is back with competitions, challenges and craft to keep independent readers up to age 16 busy these holidays.

Register for the Summer Read Club for your chance to win some fantastic prizes. The program runs from 1 December 2020 to 31 January 2021 – register to receive your free tote bag with all you need to get started.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the program will be all online, however the kits can be collected from open branches once you have registered.

For more details, call 1300 135 668 or visit our website.

ONLINE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

We go into recess over summer, but you can still access activities in our past sessions by going to our website kingston.vic.gov.au/library/kids-activities for: Crafty Kids, LEGO®, Little Book Worms, and STEAMPunk.

And of course, don’t forget our YouTube channel @KingstonLibraryTube for our back catalogue of Virtual Storytimes.
As we head into Christmas there are a few ways you can make sure you don’t run out of reading material:

✔ Phone and book an appointment with an open branch to come in and browse our collections.

✔ Use our Click and Collect service to get your hands on some books - place a hold online from our catalogue, then collect it from one of our branches offering Click and Collect.

✔ Download a title from our BorrowBox e-collection, available 24/7.

If we don’t have the book you’re looking for, you can:

• Put in a suggestion to purchase via our website form under Library Services, via the catalogue “send a request” form or give us a call on 1300 135 668.

• Check for a free e-copy to borrow from Project Gutenberg or the Open Library (both available via our e-Library: kingston.vic.gov.au/library/eLibrary#eBooks).

Great Summer Reads
Available from Kingston Libraries

Killing Time
Jimmy Barnes

Greenlights
Matthew McConaughey

All Our Shimmering Skies
Trent Dalton

The Kingdom
Jo Nesbo

The Book of Two Ways
Jodi Picoult
If movies and documentaries are more your thing...

Stream an incredible array of movies, documentaries, short films, educational videos and more with Kanopy, available for free with Kingston Libraries.

From award-winning classics to amazing international offerings, adventurous indie films to popular favourites, Kanopy offers something for everybody with more than 30,000 titles on offer. Also featured are must-see movies and rare gems from Madman Entertainment, Umbrella Entertainment and the Criterion Collection.

Join our DIGITAL FILM FEASTS FACEBOOK GROUP
→ facebook.com/groups/DigitalFilmFeasts

For those who love to chat about the movies they’ve seen, join our Digital Film Feasts group on the Kingston Library Facebook page, where some of our movie-mad librarians curate a new Kanopy film each week.

New to using kanopy?
Visit kingston.vic.gov.au/library/kanopy
At Home with Kingston Libraries serves as a portal to lots of tutorials, webinars, storytimes, STEAM activities, jigsaw puzzles, gardening, craft ideas and other online content you can enjoy from the comfort of your home.

Keep checking into the portal as we’ll keep adding things.

Here’s some items we’ve added recently:

**Cooking at Home from Around the World**
Learn how to make different recipes from around the world at home.

**How to Weave**
Learn the basic techniques of weaving with Helen Collins, artist and illustrator at THE FOX BOX.

**Vertical Gardening**
An Introduction to Vertical Gardens by Kaye Roberts-Palmer from Blue Bee Garden Design and Save Our Citrus.

This year graphic novels have continued to be embraced by teachers, librarians and most importantly readers. We’re also seeing the growth of large production movies and TV series based on graphic novels. Best of all, teachers are embracing comics as excellent tools for teaching multiple literacies.

At Kingston Libraries we have a great range of graphic novels perfect for reading this summer. Whether you are a kid or an adult, whether you like memoirs, horror, drama or action, we have it all in graphic form!

**Special picks**

**Junior**

**Chickensaurus**  
James Foley  
Freemantle Press

**Dog Man: Grime and Punishment**  
Dav Pilkey  
Scholastic

**Guts**  
Raina Telgemeier  
Scholastic

**Mister Invincible: Local Hero**  
Pascal Jousselin  
Magnetic Press

**Young Adult**

**Teen Titans Raven and Teen Titans Beast Boy**  
Kami Garcia, Gabriel Picolo  
DC Comics

**The Boy Who Became a Dragon: A Bruce Lee Story**  
Jim Di Bartolo  
Scholastic

**Fence: Rivals**  
C. S. Pacat, Johanna the Mad  
Boom!

**A Map to the Sun**  
Sloane Leong  
First Second

**Artist**

**Adult General**

**Batman: Curse of the White Knight**  
Sean Murphy, Klaus Janson  
DC Comics

**Gideon Falls (series)**  
Jeff Lemire, Andrea Sorrentino  
Image Comics

**The Grot**  
Pat Grant  
Top Shelf

**Invisible Kingdom**  
G. Willow Wilson, Christian Ward  
Berger Books
Who is eligible?
Community members of any age residing in the City of Kingston who are:
• Unable to visit the library due to poor health or mobility challenges
• Full-time carers who are unable to visit the library during opening hours
• Residents in aged care
• People recovering from an injury or illness who require the service temporarily
• Children, whose parents or guardian fit the above criteria

What can I borrow?
You can borrow up to 40 items each month, including:
• Books (including large print)
• Audiobooks
• DVDs
• Magazines
• Items in community languages

How does the Service work?
Once a month, eligible community members receive a delivery of library items to their door. Upon joining the service, you’re able to let us know the types of items you like to borrow from the library. Our friendly team of librarians and volunteers then select items on your behalf based on your preferences.

HOME LIBRARY SERVICE
All year round, Kingston Libraries offer a free home delivery service to local residents who are unable to access the library independently. During COVID-19, the Kingston Library team expanded the service to support our community during this challenging time.

Want to know more?
If you’d like to discuss the service, please contact the Home Library Service by telephone 1300 135 668 or email homelibrary@kingston.vic.gov.au.
Can you imagine predicting this time last year that the biggest fashion accessory of 2020 would be the mask?

Over recent months we have been collecting your submissions of photos, poems, letters, videos, songs, recipes and more. We’re collecting these snapshots of this very strange time for our local history collection so that future generations of researchers will be able to see what 2020 looked like from the perspective of the people living it. Here are some of the wonderful submissions we received!

If you have something you would like to add to the collection you can send it via email to kingstoniso@kingston.vic.gov.au

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KINGSTON LIBRARIES

PEN PALS

We know how much the little things can help our health and well-being. Pen Pals is a program for housebound library customers who would like to chat through letters with one of our friendly staff.

A letter every few weeks can make someone feel connected, without any personal intrusion. Just call the library on 1300 135 668 and we will organise a regular exchange of letters with one of our library staff. There is no obligation, and we can also help you access the library’s various resources such as Click and Collect, eBooks, and the Home Library Service.
Not being able to get to the Library doesn’t have to stop you from doing family history research. Here are some great tools you can access from home.

Trove digitised newspapers, brought to you by the National Library of Australia, are a great potential source of information, both for your specific ancestors and for general knowledge about the social conditions of the time in which they lived.

Trove digitised newspapers recently went through a major upgrade. Find out all about the new features by watching the “Discover Trove’s newspapers” webinar at trove.nla.gov.au/news.

**Free Databases**

Our family history guru, Christine, recommends three free databases you can access from home:

**Old Bailey Online**
*Proceedings from London’s Central Court, 1674–1913*
[oldbaileyonline.org](http://oldbaileyonline.org)

**Digital Panopticon**
*Tracing London Convicts in Britain and Australia, 1780–1925*
[digitalpanopticon.org](http://digitalpanopticon.org)

**Passengers in History**
*Arrivals to South Australia, 1836–1964*
[passengers.history.sa.gov.au](http://passengers.history.sa.gov.au)

**Discovering Your Roots: An Introduction to Genealogy**

This series of 15 half-hour documentaries produced by The Great Courses, and freely available to Kingston Library members through Kanopy, contains lots of useful information. Although oriented to American genealogists and resources, there’s still loads of great tips on topics such as how to interview family members, how to build historical context, how to write a biography and more.

Discover it via Kanopy now [kingstonvic.kanopy.com](http://kingstonvic.kanopy.com/)
If you join online, you will be issued a temporary, 3 month membership giving you immediate access to our online resources. You can use the details of your temporary membership to sign into the Kingston Libraries Mobile App and to place holds off the catalogue.

Join online - kingston.vic.gov.au/library/join

*If your membership expires while all City of Kingston libraries are temporarily closed please call Kingston Libraries on 1300 135 668 or email library@kingston.vic.gov.au to speak to one of our library staff.

JOIN KINGSTON LIBRARIES ONLINE

FIND YOUR NEAREST BRANCH
Chelsea: 1 Chelsea Rd
Cheltenham: 12 Stanley Ave
Clarinda: 58A Viney St
Dingley Village: 31C Marcus Rd
Highett: 310 Highett Rd
Moorabbin: Shop 5, 1 Taylor St
Parkdale: 96 Parkers Rd
Patterson Lakes: 54 Thompson Rd
Westall Library: 35 Fairbank Rd Clayton South

Please note:
Programs listed in this edition are correct at time of printing. For further information visit kingston.vic.gov.au/library or ph 1300 135 668. Popular events may offer a waiting list. Speak to your friendly library staff for assistance.