

2025 BOOKFEST PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Bookfest Ashburton is all about books; buying them, creating art with them, talking about them, writing them, performing stories from them, connecting over them. With over 5000 ex-library books on offer and a full program of FREE activities, there's something for everyone - we hope to see you there!

SATURDAY JULY 19, 9am - 3pm

Ashburton Community Centre, 160 High Street Ashburton VIC 3147



SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE

The main event at Bookfest Ashburton is our second-hand book sale consisting of over 5000 hard-cover and soft-cover ex-library books. There will be a huge mix of non-fiction and fiction, adult & children's books with prices starting from just \$1. Doors open at 9am!

FOOD

Sausage Sizzle

Rotary Chadstone East Malvern will be cooking up a storm with their tasty sausage sizzle and egg & bacon rolls to fuel you for the event.

Located outside near the entrance.



Devonshire Tea

Come and enjoy a Devonshire tea! We will be serving scones with jam & cream with a tea or coffee in our pop-up café to be enjoyed at café style tables inside and on the lovely deck (weather permitting).

Located inside the Centre.



DRESS TO IMPRESS

We encourage you to come dressed as your favourite book character at Bookfest! We will have a fun 'magical book' back drop where you can take a pic and anyone who dresses up will be given a voucher for a free book from the book sale - see the Book Fairy to receive your ticket!



ART & CRAFT ACTIVITIES

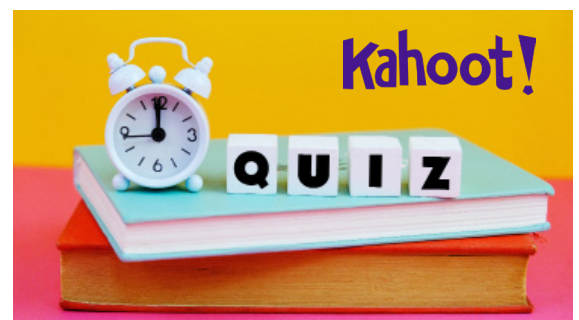
For all ages in the Creative Hub (Room 5)



All Day

Badges, Magnets & Bookmarks

Here's your chance to give a book a second life by creating a fun book-themed badge or a laminated bookmark by using the pages of damaged kids books. Combine book images with stickers, or decorate with markers and create something unique!



BOOK-THEMED TRIVIA QUIZ

Doors open 12.30pm, Quiz 1pm - 2pm

Test your book knowledge and win some fun prizes in our Kahoots quiz. You will need to bring your phone or tablet with you and have the Kahoots app installed (free) before participating. If you need help with getting set up, please come at 12.30pm. Quiz starts at 1pm! Bookings essential!

Tickets for the Quiz are \$10 each pre-booking is essential. Limited to 20 participants. Call 9885 7952 to book your place. Our Trivia Quiz is held in Meeting Room 2.

FREE BOOKFEST TALKS

10am – 10.45am

Imposter Syndrome; the journey to becoming a published illustrator with Amaria Stark

Amaria Stark has always loved drawing. She has always been told she was good at art. But it took half a century to realise her childhood ambition to become an author and illustrate her own books. The reason was Imposter Syndrome – defined by one source as “perceived self-doubt in one’s abilities and accomplishments compared with others, despite evidence to suggest the contrary.”

Amaria will share how she gradually broke through the barrier of self-doubt to be able to call herself, with confidence, an illustrator. Her book, *Silent Sentinel* will be available for purchase at the session.

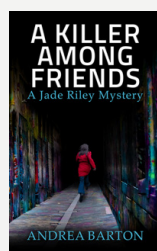


11am – 11.45am

Local mystery writers talk about their new novels

with Bella Ellwood-Clayton and Andrea Barton

Join local authors Bella Ellwood-Clayton and Andrea Barton as they explore the fascinating world of mystery writing. Drawing from their new novels, they'll discuss the essential roles of detective, victim and suspect in crafting compelling mysteries. Gain insights into their writing process. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the session.



Bookfest Talks are held in Room 2, no bookings required, but numbers are limited due to room capacity.

THE GREAT PUZZLE SWAP All Day 9am - 3pm

Swap your puzzles at Bookfest. Bring your puzzles to the information table in the foyer to receive a token to use to purchase another puzzle on the swap tables. Please ensure that puzzles are **complete** and in **great condition** before bringing them along. Puzzles (for the swap or donated) can also be dropped off to the Centre in the week leading up to the event. The ACC office is open from 9am - 2pm weekdays.

If you don't have a puzzle to swap, puzzles will be available from \$2 for (kids puzzles) and \$5 (puzzles 300-pieces+).

Puzzle Swap held in Meeting Room 1.



FREE STORY TIME FUN



Story performances for families and children of all ages

with Charlotte the Stollyteller

10am Classic storytime for young children

Enjoy Charlotte's lively, fun and engaging storytime for littlies. Join in the fun with engaging stories, songs and some quirky handmade puppets. *This session is most suitable for preschool aged children.*

11am Roald Dahl's 'The Twits'

A dastardly story play-adapted and performed by Charlotte - 'deliciously horrid' entertainment for



school-aged children and adults. The Twits are the awfulest neighbours you could possibly imagine and they have moved in next door! A truly horrible couple who love to play tricks on each other! How can we get rid of them... forever?!

Charlotte has been a Professional Storyteller for over 40 years. She entertains with colourful, visual and theatrical performances, delivered in a lively and engaging style. Charlotte uses unique props, puppets, drawings, costumes and settings to bring the performative thrill of live storytelling to humans of all ages. For more details: www.charlottejowett.com.



Story Time is held in Room 4. No bookings required. All children must be accompanied by a responsible person.



BYO Bag to Bookfest

If you have your own reusable bag, you are encouraged to bring it to Bookfest.