

Fabulous and Famous Libraries in and around Melbourne CBD

Walking around the CBD



Melbourne City Library(Melbourne Library Service)

253 Flinders Lane

One of the busiest public libraries in Australia in the heart of the city

Open: Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun

12–5pm

www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/MelbourneLibraryService



The Little Library at Melbourne Central

Swanston Street (opposite the State Library)

Level 2, The Corner Melbourne Central Shopping Centre

Melbourne Central is committed to supporting the community around them. The mission of the Little Library concept is to promote literacy and the love of reading by offering a free book

exchange.

Anyone can come along and swap, share or just take a book to read in Melbourne.

People are encouraged to take a book to read and in return it is requested that they leave one in its place.

www.melbournecentral.com.au/Stores/Shopping-Centre/Events/Look-Stop-Swap,-book-talk-at-The-Little-Library



RACV Club Library

501 Bourke Street

Club libraries are among the oldest libraries in Melbourne and still offer a fascinating - and unusual - model for library service. Visit the newest Club Library in Australia, the RACV City Club library,

as it celebrates its tenth anniversary and shows that a blend of old traditions and new services ensure libraries are as integral to club life as ever before.

Tours available on Monday 15 or Friday 19 September

10am or 2.00pm

Wait in the foyer and a staff member will collect you

Contact: Lisa Sukkel, lisa_sukkel@racv.com.au, 9944 8180



Athenaeum Library

188 Collins Street

Victoria's oldest subscription library

Open: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9.30 am – 5 pm, Wed 11 am – 8 pm, Sat 10am – 2pm

Visit anytime, just let the staff know you are with the conference and they'll be happy to show you around.

Contact: Tom Coleman, tom@melbourneathenaeum.org.au

www.melbourneathenaeum.org.au



State Library of Victoria

328 Swanston Street

The only place to see Ned Kelly's armour and visit the iconic domed reading room

Open: Monday to Thursday, 10am to 9pm, and Friday to Sunday, 10am to 6pm. Visit anytime.

www.slv.vic.gov.au



RMIT University

Building 8, Level 5 360 Swanston Street, Melbourne

There are two locations worth seeing at RMIT - both are open to you during all business hours. The Swanston Library (Building 8, Level 5, 360 Swanston St - enter under the large black vertical

RMIT sign) was built in the early 1990's and had an update in 2005. Hosting 1.2 million visits per year and close to 10,000 students on a busy day, it is a good example of a cost-effective and modern academic library with extensive social learning spaces.

If you see libraries as social and student spaces the Swanston Academic Building can be viewed as the "library of the future". The building (just across the street and slightly to the north of the Swanston Library) can't be missed with a colourful facade, and open air portals. The building has won numerous national and international awards for its innovative design (see <http://www.rmit.edu.au/bus/sab>) and has been very successful in terms of both providing modern teaching spaces and informal learning spaces. If you don't have time to come up Swanston Street take a look at the virtual tour available from the address earlier in this paragraph

Open: Mon–Thur 8am-Midnight Fri 8am-8pm Sat & Sun 10am-5pm

www.rmit.edu.au/library



Supreme Court Library

210 William Street

The library today has well over 90,000 volumes, and is one of the largest law collections in the State. Built in the early 1880s as a library for the legal profession, drop in and enjoy the fine

architectural detail including the dome with painted glass windows as well as displays celebrating the Court's heritage and the impressive gallery of portraits of Victoria's Chief Justices

Open: Mon-Thur 8.30am-6pm and Fri 8.30am-5pm -Visit any time.

Note: You will need to pass through security but if they take any implements from you you'll get them back!

Contact: laurie.atkinson@supremecourt.vic.gov.au

<http://www.supremecourt.vic.gov.au//home/law+and+practice/library+services>



Southbank Library @ Boyd

207 City Rd, Southbank

The Boyd Community Hub opened in July 2012 on the site of the former JH Boyd Girls' High School which was built in 1884-1885. Beautifully restored this heritage listed building offers a range of

services and spaces for the Southbank Community.

The hub features the Southbank library, maternal and child health, family services, KereKere café, multi-purpose meeting rooms and artists' studios.

The first challenge in establishing the library was the relatively small space-250 square metres. Decisions were based on demographic information. The library has a collection of approximately 18,000 items. The major stand out is the radical approach to the Adult non-fiction collection. A unique, subject based system was used, grouping books into intuitive book shop style categories such as Home and Lifestyle, Arts and Culture, Business and IT. These were selected to appeal to Southbank residents and workers.

The Southbank Library staff would love to have you visit our wonderful space.

Open: Mon–Thur 10am -7pm, Fri 1 – 6pm, Sat 10am – 4pm, Sun 2 4pm.

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Tram from City: 55 from Flinders/Queensbridge St, intersection



Parliamentary Library

Spring Street (Top of Bourke Street)

Monday 15 and Friday 19 only - Recommend take a tour of the building, tours take place at 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.45pm from the Vestibule. Bookings are not

necessary www.parliament.vic.gov.au/visit

Note: You will need to pass through security but if they take any implements from you you'll get them back!

Contact: Carolyn Macvean carolyn.macvean@parliament.vic.gov.au

Easy tram journeys (or walking if you are really fit!)



Library@The Dock(Melbourne Library Service)

107 Victoria Harbour Promenade, Docklands

The most modern public library and community centre in the most spectacular setting in Australia

Open: Mon-Fri 8am to 7pm, Sat 10-5pm, Sun 12-5pm

Tram from City: 48, 11 or 31 from Collins Street

www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/MelbourneLibraryService



East Melbourne Library (Melbourne Library Service)

122 George Street

East Melbourne Library is the home of Council's Environmental Resource Collection and runs a range of environmental programs in partnership with City of Melbourne's Sustainability services

Tram from City: 48 from Collins Street or 75 from Flinders Street

Train from City: Hurstbridge/Epping Line to Jolimont Station

www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/MelbourneLibraryService



Melbourne University

Parkville, 3010

Only a short walk from Melbourne's city centre, the University of Melbourne welcomes visitors and invites you to explore the unique cultural, architectural and landscape features and facilities.

All the facilities are open to the public.

The Baillieu is the largest Library at the heart of our heritage campus. The renovated ground floor area has attracted much interest and the new attractive Noel Shaw Gallery on the first floor is highly regarded. During ALIA it will be showing an exhibition titled: Aftershocks: Experiences of Japan's Great Earthquake.

Other recent redevelopments of interest include the GiblinEunson Library on Barry Street servicing Business, Economics and Education disciplines. The Brownless Biomedical Library features a bold use of colour and includes the Medical History Museum.

Also worth a visit is the Grainger Museum: www.grainger.unimelb.edu.au

It features permanent and changing exhibitions that highlight the life, career and social environment of Australia's famous composer and pianist Percy Grainger.

A list of libraries and Opening Hours is at:

http://library.unimelb.edu.au/hours/library_opening_hours

<http://library.unimelb.edu.au/libraries> you can navigate to contact details for key staff who may be contacted directly if people want to make specific arrangements.

Tram from City: Catch any tram in Swanston Street that has Melbourne Uni on the display

library.unimelb.edu.au/

Contact: University Librarian Philip Kent pgkent@unimelb.edu.au



Museum Victoria Library

11 Nicholson St, Carlton

Get a sneak peek behind the scenes at Melbourne Museum with a tour of Museum Victoria's main library, which includes our historic rare book collection. For those visiting on Friday 19 or in

Melbourne for the weekend, make sure to drop by the Art of Science exhibition, which includes some beautiful treasures from our rare books. See the website for more details: <http://museumvictoria.com.au/discoverycentre/websites-mini/art-of-science/>

Tours available on Monday 15 at 2pm or Friday 19 at 11am – space is limited so please email library@museum.vic.gov.au to book a place

Contact: Hayley Webster Telephone: 03 8341 7349

Tram from City: 86, 95 or 96 from Bourke Street



Australian Catholic University

115 Victoria Parade

The Raheen Library for Australian Catholic University (ACU) was initiated in response to a dramatic rise in student numbers at the St Patrick's Melbourne campus. Part of the vision of the project was to create a space that would appeal to students, a library that not only fosters learning but also provides an environment that is inspirational and pleasurable to inhabit.

Open: Mon-Thur 7.45am-9pm, Fri 7.45am-6pm, Sat & Sun 11am-5pm

Contact: Karen Campbell – Karen.Campbell@acu.edu.au 9953 3463

library.acu.edu.au

Tram from City: 109 or 112 Tram from Collins Street

Bus from City: Get the 960 or 968 Bus from Lonsdale Street



MCC Library

Melbourne Cricket Ground, Cordner Entrance, Gate 2, Yarra Park, Jolimont, Victoria,

A major national and international repository for information on sport and sports history

Tram from Flinders Street: 70 Tram, hop off at stop 7C

(opposite Hisense arena) and walk over the bridge to the MCG

Train from City: Hurstbridge/Epping Line to Jolimont Station

Tours available on Monday 15 or Friday 19 at 11.30am or 3.30pm - space is limited please email library@mcc.org.au to book a place

Contact: David Studham 9657 8876



Craigieburn Library

75-95 Central Park Avenue, Craigieburn

Hume City Council's Craigieburn Library has been named International Public Library of the Year at a prestigious awards ceremony in France.

The library, located within the [Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn](http://www.humecitycouncil.vic.gov.au), beat libraries in England (The Library of Birmingham), The Netherlands (Bookmountain Library Spijkenisse) and Denmark (Ørestad Library) to take out the inaugural International Public Library of the Year 2014 by the Danish Agency for Culture.

The award, sponsored by Danish firm Schmidt Hummer Lassen Architects, was announced at the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions congress in Lyon, France.

The \$17 million [Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn](http://www.humecitycouncil.vic.gov.au), designed by architect Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp, provides a range of services under one roof – including the Craigieburn Library, an exhibition gallery, occasional care program, café, Council's Craigieburn Customer Service Centre, and a training and conference facility.

Open: Mon-Thur 10am-8pm, Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 1pm-4pm

Train from City: Take the Craigieburn Line to Craigieburn. Take bus 529 to Langford Drive/Central park Avenue (8min)