Library Tours: Wednesday, 13 November 2019

RMIT Swanston Street Library

Come and see the newly renovated Swanston Library. It offers extensive services, facilities and study space. There is also a comprehensive collection of books, periodicals (print and online) and other course-related materials, such as videos, magazines, computer software, tapes, slides, films, newspapers and maps. RMIT University Library belongs to the Australian Technology Network (ATN).

http://www1.rmit.edu.au/library/hours/swanston

**Address:** Building 10, Level 5 (access via escalators from Level 4 or lifts in Building 12), 360 Swanston Street, Melbourne

**Time:** 10:00am

**Tour limit:** 20pax

**Where to meet:** Inside Building 10, Level 5 (library entrance)

**Wheelchair access:** Yes
How to get there: From Flinders Street Station – Tram numbers: 1, 3, 3a, 5, 6, 16, 64, 67, 72.
Established in 1854 as the Melbourne Public Library, State Library Victoria is Australia’s oldest public library and one of the first free public libraries in the world.


**Address:** 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne

**Time:** 10:00am

**Tour limit:** 20pax

**Where to meet:** Library entrance is on Russell Street. WELCOME ZONE doors open from 8:30am.

**Wheelchair access:** Yes. From entry 5 on La Trobe Street (corner of La Trobe Street & Russell Street).
How to get there: From Flinders Street Station – Tram numbers: 1, 3, 3a, 5, 6, 16, 64, 67, 72. Then walk up to Russell Street entrance.
The Supreme Court Library has one of the largest and most comprehensive law collections in Australia. It includes the combined resources of the Supreme Court, the County Court, the Magistrates’ Court and VCAT. The Library is an integral resource for these courts as well as for the legal profession and the community.


**Address:** 210 William Street, Melbourne

**Time:** 10:00am

**Tour limit:** 12pax

**Where to meet:** Inside in the library entrance, after passing through security.

**Wheelchair access:** Yes
How to get there: From Flinders Street Station - Train via the City Loop to Flagstaff Station. Then a short walk down William Street.
Parliament House Library

Enjoy a two-hour tour of the historical library and parliament building.


**Address:** Spring street, East Melbourne (East end of Bourke Street)

**Time:** 10:00am

**Tour Limit:** 20pax

**Where to meet:** Arrive between 9:30am and 9:45am to have time to go through security. After security, meet in the foyer.

**Wheelchair access:** Yes – at rear of building.
**How to get there:** From Flinders Street Station – catch City Loop train straight from Flinders Street station to Parliament Station (one train stop).
Throughout its life, the Melbourne Athenaeum Library has provided Melburnians with access to a hand-picked collection of books and reading material, and made a significant contribution to the cultural fabric of Melbourne over its 175-year history. Today it offers the latest in books, magazines, newspapers, DVDs, audio books and eBooks in a welcoming and relaxing atmosphere.

https://www.melbourneathenaeum.org.au

**Address:** 188 Collins street, Melbourne

**Time:** 11:00am

**Tour limit:** 12pax

**Where to meet:** Ground floor foyer of building

**Wheelchair access:** No
How to get there: From Flinders Street station – a short 6-minute walk.
The PMI Library is a community owned and run library specialising in the history of Victoria. With over 30,000 books for loan and a professional information service for their members, PMI provides a central resource for research into the history of Victoria. The PMI is also the home of special collections of the Mechanics’ Institutes of Victoria, the Cinema & Theatre Historical Society and the Australian Railway Historical Society (Vic.).

http://www.pmi.net.au

**Address:** 39 St Edmonds Road, Prahran

**Time:** 10:00am

**Tour limit:** 20pax

**Where to meet:** Inside front entrance of library

**Wheelchair access:** Yes
How to get there: From Flinders Street Station – catch Sandringham line train to Prahran Station (three train stops). Then a short walk along Greville Street until you reach St Edmonds Road, then turn right.
Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy Library offers a range of programs and services to stimulate lifelong learning and creativity for adults, young people and children alike. These include digital literacy programs, regular children’s storytime sessions, creative programs and events, including author talks, panel discussions, films and music performances as well as events in community languages.


**Address:** 182 St Georges Road, North Fitzroy

**Time:** 10:00am. Morning Tea also provided.

**Tour limit:** 20pax

**Where to meet:** Inside foyer

**Wheelchair access:** Yes
How to get there: From city – Number 11 Tram.
One of the busiest public libraries in Australia in the heart of the city.


**Address:** 253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne CBD

**Time:** 10am – Interactive Tour

**Tour limit:** 20pax

**Where to meet:** Just outside the entrance of the library in the foyer. Please avoid blocking access to the library while waiting. To get there, take the lift from just inside the entryway from the street to bring you up to the City Library level.

**Wheelchair access:** Yes
How to get there: A short walk from Flinders Street Station
The Southbank Library supports the Faculty of Fine Arts and Music at the Southbank campus of the University of Melbourne. It is a new library that re-opened in February 2019 incorporating the collections of the Louise Hanson-Dyer Music Library (formerly at Parkville campus) and the Lenton Parr Music, Visual and Performing Arts Library (formerly at Southbank campus).

https://library.unimelb.edu.au/southbank-library#home

**Address:** HUB Building, Building 863, Southbank Campus, 234 St Kilda Road, Southbank

**Time:** 10:00am

**Tour limit:** 20pax

**Where to meet:** Library Service Desk. From St Kilda Road, walk down steps between Music and Dance building through the Friends Courtyard to the HUB Building. Alternatively enter from Dodds St / Buxton Gallery entrance side for disabled access.

**Wheelchair access:** Yes. For disabled access, enter from Dodds St / Buxton Gallery entrance side.
How to get there: From Flinders Street Station, walk south along St Kilda Road. It is approximately a 9 minute walk.
The MCC Library is one of the most comprehensive and interesting collections of sporting books in the world. Founded in 1873, it is a major repository for information on sport and sports history, and forms a cornerstone of the club’s commitment to heritage. The Library is a facility for reference and research. Come along for a tour of the library and Members Pavilion.


**Address:** Brunton Avenue, Richmond

**Time:** 1:30pm

**Tour limit:** 20pax

**Where to meet:** Left of Gate 2 (city end of the MCG), near the corner of Jolimont Terrace & Jolimont Street. Look out for a possible security guard waiting to check bags.

**Wheelchair access:** Yes, both the library and the ground are wheelchair accessible. There are lifts inside the Gate 2 entry. Take from Level 1 to Level 3, turn left through the sliding doors and then down the long corridor at the back of the Grey Smith Bar.
How to get there: From Flinders Street Station, catch the Hurstbridge or Mernda train lines to Jolimont/MCG Station. Walk through Yarra Park to the ground. Via tram, catch the No. 75 (City-Vermont South) from Flinders Street.
Library at The Dock, one of our six public libraries and one of four community hubs in the City of Melbourne, is the civic heart of Docklands. It offers traditional and digital catalogues, free wi-fi, a range of unique events and multipurpose rooms for hire.


**Address:** 107 Victoria Harbour Promenade, Docklands

**Time:** 1:30pm

**Tour limit:** 20

**Where to meet:** Inside the building, near the coffee shop.

**Wheelchair access:** Yes
How to get there: from city - Trams 48, 11 or 31 from Collins Street.
The Museums Victoria Library collection was first established in the 1850s as a working collection for the Museum’s curators. Over its 160-plus year history the library has evolved into one of the best collections of natural history books and journals in Australia. With a collection of over 40,000 titles, the library is of high significance to scholars, researchers and artists, along with Museums Victoria staff.


**Address:** 11 Nicholson Street, Carlton

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Tour limit:** 20pax

**Where to meet:** Foyer of the Museum (Ground Floor)

**Wheelchair access:** Yes
How to get there: City - Trams 86 or 96 from Bourke Street; Free City Circle Tram to Victoria Parade; City loop train to Parliament Station
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.


Address: 501 Bourke Street

Time: 1:30pm

Tour limit: 20pax

Where to meet: At Ground Floor Reception. At or near the sofas inside the front entrance. Wheelchair access is via the automatic door to the left of the main revolving door, at the front entrance on Bourke Street.

Wheelchair access: Yes
How to get there: From City - Trams 86/96 from Elizabeth Street/Bourke Street; Tram 58 from Flinders Street/Queens Bridge Street; Trams 19/57/59 Flinders Street Station – Stop 1; Trams 35/70/75 from Flinders Street Station – Stop 5
The library has an extensive collection of resources in areas such as botany, dental science, nursing, medicine, physiotherapy, population health and rural health, psychology and behavioural science, social work, veterinary science and zoology. It also has an excellent collection of online resources available to all students, anytime, anywhere.

https://library.unimelb.edu.au/biomedical

**Address:** Building 182 (off Grattan street), Parkville.

**Time:** 2:30pm

**Tour limit:** 20pax

**Where to meet:** Ground Floor Foyer – enquire at the Library Service Desk on the Ground Floor.

**Wheelchair access:** Yes - via ramp leading to the front door. There is a lift from the ground floor to Levels 1 & 2. No wheelchair access to the Basement though.
How to get there: From Flinders Street Station – a tram up Swanston Street. Tram numbers that you can catch are: 1, 3, 3a, 5, 6, 16, 64, 67, 72. Get off at the Melbourne University/Swanston Street tram stop (after crossing over Grattan Street). Walk towards and then along Grattan Street (heading west) until you reach the building on campus.
The Architecture, Building and Planning Library is situated on the Ground floor and Basement of the Melbourne School of Design Building, Parkville campus. This library enriches the research activities of and supports the teaching of the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning. It is a main resource for the Bachelor of Design.

https://library.unimelb.edu.au/architecture

**Address:** Building 11, Masson Road, Parkville.

**Time:** 1:30pm

**Tour limit:** 20pax

**Where to meet:** Front door of the library, just outside the library space.

**Wheelchair access:** Yes
How to get there: From Flinders Street Station – a tram up Swanston Street. Tram numbers that you can catch are: 1, 3, 3a, 5, 6, 16, 64, 67, 72. Get off at the Melbourne University/Swanston Street tram stop (after crossing over Grattan Street).
Greythorn Community Hub Library Lounge

Greythorn Community Hub is a convenient, one-stop destination where local residents and visitors can access much-needed community services, programs and activities. The library boasts a select collection of books, newspapers and magazines for borrowing, plus computers, Wi-Fi and all the benefits of a library.


**Address:** 2 Centre Way, Balwyn North

**Time:** 2:30pm

**Tour limit:** 20pax

**Where to meet:** The reception area staffed by the neighbourhood house. The library is next to the reception area.

**Wheelchair access:** Yes
How to get there: This library is located in the eastern Melbourne suburb of Balwyn North, approximately 15 km from the CBD. You can reach it either by car or bus.

Parking is provided for cars in the Hub’s underground carpark and at street level. Parking is free.

The Hub is a short walk from the Greythorn Shopping Centre bus stop at the corner of Doncaster Road and Trentwood Avenue, on bus route 207.

Bus Route 207 can be caught from the corners of Lonsdale St & Swanston St (Melbourne Central stop). See website: https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au for more info.