



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK

Literacy and Life Long Learning Impact Report

2024-2025





LITERACY AND LIFELONG LEARNING IMPACT REPORT

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Literacy is a fundamental skill that is necessary to nurture from birth through all stages of life. Access to literacy and learning engagement is crucial to the success of communities and their socio-economic goals, as well as the betterment of the individual's personal, professional, educational, and community awareness. Libraries are at the forefront of literacy and learning engagement for all ages and all abilities. Programs are curated and designed to accommodate different levels of education, ages, and interests, with an eye to providing services for those marginalised community members.

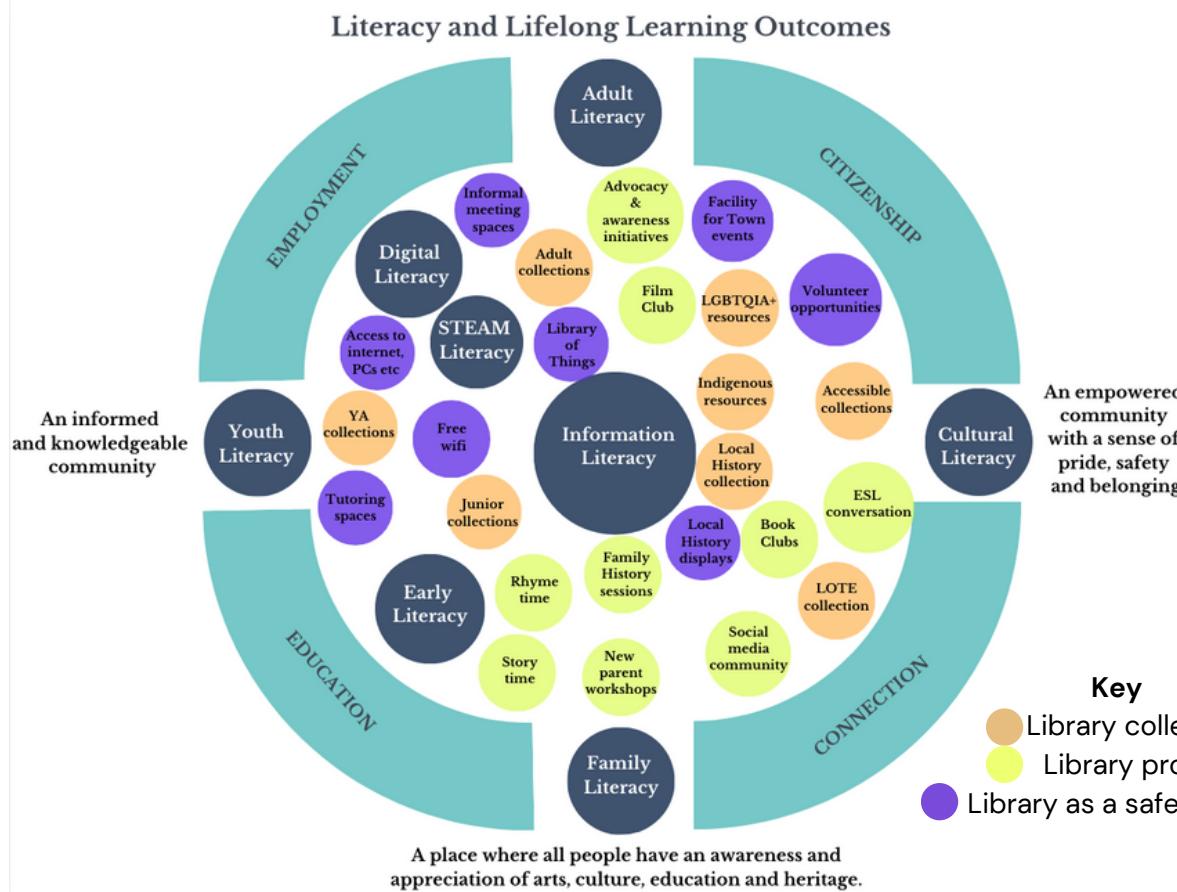
Our goals: The library is committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming space with a focus on lifelong learning for all ages and stages of literacy development and across subject matter. Through collaborative partnerships, outreach, and in-house programming, the library is a hub for exploration, innovation, and creativity, inspiring ideas and providing a sense of belonging for its community – all while encouraging a love of reading and personal exploration.

Strategic alignment:

S4 Improving access to arts, history, culture and education.

S3 Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.

EC2 Connecting businesses and people to our local activity centres through place planning and activation.



IMPACT INVESTMENT



COLLECTIVE IMPACT



INTERNAL INITIATIVES

LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2024-2025

115,568

library visitors

50

Time Warp posts
reaching

367,793

people

32

Family History
sessions
delivered to 33
researchers

1,104

Better Beginnings
resources
distributed to
new parents
and
kindy students

79

Lifelong learning
sessions
delivered to **966**
participants

87

digital literacy
sessions
delivered

We welcomed **1,835** new adult members and **237** new Junior or Young Adult members this financial year.

Our Local History collection has jigsaw, photograph, map and realia sub-collections, **making local history engaging and accessible to a wide range of people.**

Weekly Time Warp Tuesday Facebook posts increase awareness about the Local History Collection and **encourage people to share their own local stories.**



"Robyn gave me good advice about analysis of DNA in relation to my heritage and clarified the next step in my family history research."

(Family History researcher)

We delivered **155** total Rhymetime and Storytime sessions to **7,323** participants, encouraging parents to read, sing and play with their children every day to **improve early literacy outcomes and prepare their child for school.**

We delivered **34** Noongar Storytime sessions celebrating Noongar culture and language.

We hosted **22** Auslan Keyword Signing sessions.



"This program has helped me connect and communicate with my child in a much more effective and fun way."

(Key Word Signing participant)

Our Library of Things includes **Memory Care Kits** that **foster communication and engagement between caregivers and people experiencing memory loss.**

Our **15 volunteers** select and deliver library items to **25** housebound patrons each fortnight.



Our **9** digital literacy programs supported **360** people, especially Seniors, to **improve their confidence, digital skills and online safety.**

We also assist people to use the library's digital resources, so they have **access to information and entertainment 24/7.**



...contributing to an increase in knowledge, opportunity, skill development, experience and confidence in Town of Victoria Park residents.

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS – MORE THAN BOOKS

This collection...	...fosters...	...and contributes to:
Boardgames & Puzzles Ukuleles	social connection, intergenerational engagement and reduced screen time	improved wellbeing
Memory care kits Memory friendly books	communication and engagement between people experiencing memory loss and their caregivers	improved relationships
Get fit kits Bird watching kits Ping pong kits	increased physical activity	improved physical wellbeing
NAPLAN and Study support kits Early development kits	improved opportunities to learn and thrive intellectually	improved employability
Fiction	increased empathy for others	improved social connection
Non-fiction	improved knowledge of people, places, ideas and the environment	improved lifelong learning opportunities

For more details on Library Services outcomes,
[click here](#)

IMPACT STORIES

It is always a pleasure to attend the Victoria Park Library with a **remarkable staff always smiling and ready to help**

- very pleasant atmosphere to be part of.

I have been attending the **One to One Digital Support Sessions** for a while which have allowed me to get back on the internet

after a break of so many years

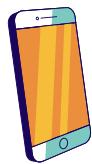
and eventually started using a Smartphone!

This service is essential and must continue in the future

- too many people have absolutely no help at home and the Digital world does not stop from evolving.

Many many thanks to Emily for teaching us

and patiently adapting to all our different personalities and requirements.



-Feedback from a Digital Support participant

I have been meaning to put this in writing for a long time (years!) but I just want to extend our **gratitude to Wendy** and all the team at Vic Park library for the **amazing book club service** you offer to this community.

We started the VPPS book club back in 2016 as I had just moved to Perth & my friendship group was very much based around school mums only. Some of whom were single parents. I realised how hard it was to have a night out with friends without a lot of forward planning. As a result, a lot of the single parents weren't getting out often or at all.

The idea of the book club was born and we were so lucky that the wonderful Vic Park library had kits on offer that we could **access for free**. This meant that rather than spend \$20-\$30 on books each month like other book clubs some of us had been in prior, we could instead spend this money on going out in the wonderful Vic Park each month.

For 8 years now we have been going out monthly to the wonderful array of restaurants on the Vic Park strip.

The extreme generosity of you, the library and the local council in providing this great free resource has meant so much to us over the years.

Our book club catch ups fill our cup each month and enable us to experience getting together and experiencing the wonderful Vic Park.

-Feedback from a Book Club kit borrower

