

Yarra Junction Library as well as Healesville Library has been nominated as a pick up point for new books that are available for those who lost their collections during the fire.

## **News release**

### **Library helps bushfire communities**

#### **Rebuild with Books**

Yarra Junction and Healesville libraries now have a collection of books – fact and fiction, modern and classic, brand new and mint-condition second hand – to give away free to people who lost their homes in the bushfires.

Blue-card holders are welcome to go to these libraries during normal opening hours [insert days and times] and find some books to restart their book collection at home. There are hundreds to choose from, including adult fiction, non-fiction, reference titles, children's picture books and teen novels.

The best books have been extracted from the hundreds of thousands donated to the bushfire relief operation. Library staff and booksellers have spent hours in the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority warehouse in Melbourne sorting through boxes to find the books that they know people will want to have on their bookshelves.

[Spokesperson], of [name] library said, 'In amongst old school textbooks and out-of-date reference manuals, the volunteers found some wonderful treasures, and these are the books we have available for anyone who wants to rebuild with books.'

The scheme is part of Rebuilding with Books, a campaign run by the Australian Library and Information Association in association with the Australian Booksellers Association, the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority, Arts Victoria, the Australian Publishers Association, Public Libraries Victoria Network, the State Library of Victoria, the School Library Association of Victoria and Friends of Libraries Australia.

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