LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Free activities for children and young people.

JULY - NOVEMBER 2026



LIBRARIES FOR PEOPLE.

CITY OF DARWIN LIBRARIES

WELCOME

Unlock a world of benefits with your library!

City of Darwin Libraries are located in Darwin City, Karama, Nightcliff and Casuarina. You can borrow and return books and items to any of these locations. There is a 24/7 return chute at each library for your convenience.

Membership is free.

Membership gives you access to more than 100,000 items that you can borrow. We have books, magazines, graphic novels, large print, DVDs and audiobooks.

There are lots of fun things to borrow or use in the library, like robots, computer games, STEAM Zone kits, sewing machines and 3D printers.

We also have our Digital Library where you can borrow eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines. You can download these items to your computer or smart device at anytime, from anywhere you have internet access.

Memberships

Full Member

Full Membership gives you access to all our collections, including borrowing physical items and using our online resources. Please bring photo ID and proof of your current address. If the person is under 16, a parent or guardian will need to sign them up.

Digital Member

Northern Territory residents who are unable to visit a City of Darwin Library branch in person can sign up for a Digital Membership. Sign up online and applications are processed automatically, providing immediate access to digital resources, such as eBooks, eAudiobooks, movies and digital magazines. If the person is under 16, a parent or guardian will need to sign them up.

Lite Member

Lite Membership is for visitors or NT residents without photo ID or proof of residency. It lasts 12 months, with access to online resources and borrowing up to three items. Join at any library with ID, such as a bank card or Medicare card.



Borrowing

You can borrow:

- Unlimited amount of physical items
- 15 Libby eBooks/digital audiobooks
- 8 BorrowBox eBooks and 8 BorrowBox digital eAudiobooks.

Plus unlimited access to all other digital library resources, such as digital magazines.

Books/DVDs - four weeks
Libby items - three weeks
BorrowBox items - two weeks
Most Wanted Collection/Magazines - two weeks

Automatic renewals

Items can be renewed once for two weeks. We will automatically renew items on the due date if they haven't been returned, provided the item has not been requested by another customer. Note this service does not apply to our digital library items or the Most Wanted collection.

Click and collect

Save time and use our online catalogue to find and order the items you want. Choose which library to collect from and we will contact you when your items are ready.

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME



BABY BOOK TIME (3 - 12 MONTHS)

Monday 11:00 am - Darwin City Library
Wednesday 1:00 pm - Casuarina Library

It's never too early to start reading to your baby. Baby Book Time will reacquaint parents with nursery rhymes and early childhood songs as well as showcase great books for babies.

If you have older children please consider one of our other programs for your family. Sessions available all year.



RHYME TIME (3 - 24 MONTHS)

Tuesday 10:00 am - Karama Library
Thursday 10:00 am - Nightcliff Library

Clap and move to our Rhyme Time sessions. We explore rhymes, songs and finger play. Interact with your baby to nurture pre-literacy, language and social skills.

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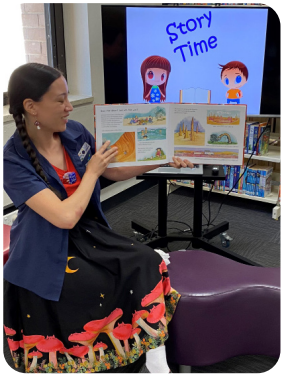


TODDLER TIME (1 - 3 YEARS)

Tuesday 10:00 am - Nightcliff Library
Wednesday 10:00 am - Darwin City Library

Dance, sing and read along with your child at our action packed Toddler Time program. Sessions include simple-songs, short stories and movement activities. Sessions available during school terms only.

Visit **darwin.nt.gov.au/libraries** for more special occasion story times.

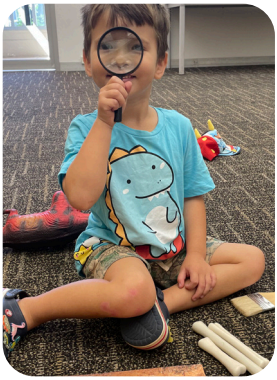


PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME (3 - 5 YEARS)

Monday 10:00 am - Casuarina Library

Build early literacy skills with our fun, interactive Story Time sessions! Enjoy picture books and stories that help children develop listening, reading, and comprehension skills, perfect preparation for school.

Sessions available during school terms only.



STEAM STORY TIME (3 - 5 YEARS)

Thursday 10:00 am - Karama Library

Join us for STEAM Story Time, an interactive program tailored for 3 to 5 year olds, where we explore science, technology, engineering, arts and maths in a fun, messy and creative way.

Sessions available during school terms only.



FAMILY STORY TIME (ALL AGES)

Saturday 10:00 am - Casuarina and Darwin City Library

Our weekend Story Time includes songs, rhymes and stories which celebrate reading, books and using the library with your family.

Sessions available all year.

NOTE: No bookings required. Programs subject to change during school holidays. Programs do not run on Public Holidays and between Christmas and New Year.

FUN BUS

The Fun Bus is a free mobile playgroup offering a fun, relaxed space for parents, carers, babies and children (0-5 years) to play, learn and connect with others.

This program runs on weekdays from Monday - Friday, 9:30 am – 11:30 am at various locations across Darwin.

4 May - 30 October 2026 schedule

**MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Darrandirra Child & Family Centre Shop 27/16 Malak Crescent Malak	**Wanguri Park** Wanguri Terrace Wanguri	**Water Gardens** Freshwater Road Jingili	**Yanyula Park (behind shops)** Yanyula Drive Anula	**Bicentennial Park (near playground)** Esplanade Darwin

2 - 27 November 2026 schedule

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30 November - 11 December 2026 schedule

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Darrandirra Child & Family Centre Shop 27/16 Malak Crescent Malak	**Malak Community Centre** 33 Malak Crescent Malak	**Casuarina Library** 17 Bradshaw Tce Casuarina	**Malak Community Centre** 33 Malak Crescent Malak	**Lyons Community Centre** 25 Damabila Drive Lyons

** Monday sessions are for the families from the local area (Malak and Karama).**

All parents and carers with children up to 5 years of age are invited! Please bring along a hat, appropriate clothing and your own water bottle.

For more details, call us at or 0419 031 651, Monday to Friday, during business hours.

Visit **darwin.nt.gov.au/fun-bus-mobile-playgroup** for the most up-to-date information. Check our social media pages as venue details may change unexpectedly.

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FUN IN THE PARKS

Fun in the Parks is a free program filled with fun and engaging activities for children (5-12 years) and families, running every Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout the school holidays (excluding public holidays).

Everyone is welcome to join in. Come along and enjoy a mix of outdoor games, arts and crafts, interactive workshops and more! It's a great way for kids to stay active, be creative and make new friends in a safe and welcoming environment.

Visit **darwin.nt.gov.au/fun-in-the-parks** for dates and location.



STEAM PROGRAMS



TECH ZONE (5 +)

Wednesdays during school terms - 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Nightcliff Library

Explore and play with all our favorite tech in one place. Try Osmo, robots, virtual reality goggles and more in a fun, hands-on environment.



STEAM ZONE (ALL AGES)

Fortnightly on Fridays - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Casuarina Library

Join us for STEAM Zone, a fun and interactive session where we explore exciting educational themes and hands-on activities each week.

Suitable for all ages. Young children may need an adult helper.



LEGO CLUB (ALL AGES)

Fortnightly on Fridays - 3:30pm - 4:30 pm
Casuarina Library

Unleash your creativity and build your own LEGO masterpiece to showcase in the library.

LEGO provided.

Alternative toys available for young children.

July - December 2026 schedule

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	Nightcliff Library Tech Zone 3.00pm		Casuarina Library LEGO Club 3.30pm		Casuarina Library STEAM Zone 3.30pm
	Non-School Day		Public Holidays	*	Check school holiday program for dates and times

NOTE: STEAM Programs are subject to change during school holidays. No bookings required.

YOUNG TERRITORY AUTHOR AWARDS

The Young Territory Author Awards (YTAA) is an annual competition celebrating young writers across the Northern Territory. Open to ages 18 years and under, entrants create their own books, showcasing their creativity and storytelling skills.

Organised with local Councils, public libraries and schools, YTAA encourages a love of writing and offers young authors the chance to have their work recognised and displayed in libraries.

Visit **darwin.nt.gov.au/ytaa** for more information.



GAMING AFTER DARK

Gaming After Dark offers a fun, safe and inclusive space for young people aged 12–17 to connect, play and compete. Whether you enjoy casual gaming, friendly esports battles or just hanging out and making new friends. No bookings required.

Casuarina Library from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm:

Friday 31 July 2026
Friday 28 August 2026
Friday 25 September 2026 (AMAZING XR VR)
Friday 30 October 2026
Friday 27 November 2026



NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT | NEXT TIER | CITY OF DARWIN LIBRARIES | CITY OF DARWIN | LAUNCH

LAUNCH DARWIN

LAUNCH Darwin (a program of City of Darwin's Youth team) offers a range of free high-quality activities and programs for young people aged 12 – 25.

LAUNCH helps build skills, confidence, and connection. Regular programming includes Get that Job, LAUNCH Night Series, Geek Up, LAUNCH emerging producer mentoring, regular school holiday events, and Geektacular. LAUNCH programs are underpinned by the City of Darwin Youth Strategy 2022-2026, developed from the voices of young people in our community.

To find out more about events and activities for young people around Darwin, visit **launchdarwin.com.au**



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YOUNG ADULT COLLECTION

Each of our four libraries offers a rich Young Adult (YA) collection, featuring everything from popular new releases to enduring classics. Tailored for readers aged 12 to 25, the collection spans a wide range of genres including fantasy, adventure, contemporary fiction and graphic novels.

Whether you're chasing the latest buzz-worthy titles or revisiting old favourites, there's something for every young adult to discover and enjoy.



THINGS TO BORROW

What you can borrow

You can borrow as many physical items as you like from our extensive collection:

- Books – from bestsellers to classics and everything in between
- DVDs – a great selection of movies and TV series
- Audiobooks – perfect for listening on the go
- Magazines – covering a range of topics and interests
- Edison robots – fun and educational coding tools
- Makey Makey kits – creative technology for curious minds
- STEAM Zone kits – hands-on learning for all ages

In addition, library members can access our Digital Library, offering eBooks, eAudiobooks, movies and more – anytime, anywhere with internet access.

Digital library

Explore a world of online resources, including eBooks, digital magazines, IELTS training, and more – available anytime, anywhere with internet access.

Here are some eresources your library membership can access:

- Libby - choose from thousands of eBooks and eAudiobooks and magazines
- Kanopy - stream feature films, documentaries, world cinema and TV series
- BorrowBox - a great selection of eBooks and eAudiobooks
- Press Reader - PressReader gives access to thousands of global newspapers and magazines, with easy search and saving features.
- Road to International English Language Testing System - IELTS (General & Academic) Learn English - practice english speaking, writing and listening
- Be Connected - find free online courses and resources
- EBSCO Host - search magazine, journal and newspaper articles
- Territory Stories - search digital and published collections about the NT.



DIGITAL AND TECHNOLOGY

Technology devices

City of Darwin Libraries provide free, unlimited wifi for all visitors. Computer, laptop and tablet devices are available to use within the libraries, with a library card.

Printing and scanning facilities are available, a fee applies for printing, scanning is free.

Tech help sessions

We provide assistance as needed for simple questions on technology, or you can make an appointment for a more comprehensive session.

We can assist with:

- Learning how to use a computer
- Creating and using an email account
- Using the libraries online collections like eBooks and eMagazines.

For information on technology and computer workshops, visit our website **darwin.nt.gov.au/libraries**



PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Pick up your copy of the Adults People Programs and Services Booklet and discover a range of exciting activities and opportunities, including:

- Author talks and book launches
- Library Lounge
- Monsoon Cinema
- Seniors Month
- Job help sessions
- Technology and computer workshops
- Community wellbeing events.



School holidays

City of Darwin hosts a variety of free events, workshops and activities for children, youth and families across Darwin during the school holidays.

Stay connected and up to date with the school holiday program.

Visit **darwin.nt.gov.au/school-holidays** for more details.



Locations and opening hours

Darwin City Library

Civic Centre, 17 Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin City
08 8930 0230

Monday to Friday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Karama Library

Karama Shopping Centre, Karama
08 8930 0250

Monday to Friday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Nightcliff Library

Pavonia Place, Nightcliff
08 8930 0480

Monday to Friday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Casuarina Library

17 Bradshaw Terrace, Casuarina
08 8930 0200

Monday to Friday	9:00 am - 5:45 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

STAY CONNECTED

Programs and Services are subject to change, keep up to date with Library news by visiting our website, following us on socials, subscribing to the monthly newsletter or popping into your local library.

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