

LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Free activities for adults.



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/eAudiobooks
- 8 BorrowBox eBooks and 8 BorrowBox eAudiobooks.

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

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.

LIBRARY LOUNGE

Looking to try something new or connect with others?

Join us each month for light refreshments, a fun activity or an inspiring guest speaker. Every session offers something a little different, from creative workshops to interesting talks and relaxed social time.

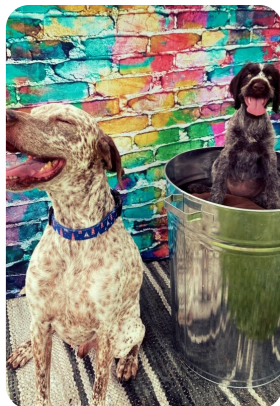
Whether you're exploring a new hobby or simply looking to connect with friendly faces, Library Lounge is the place to be.

Third Tuesday of the month

10:00am - 12:00 pm

Casuarina Library

This program is for ages 18+.



PAWS & PORTRAITS: CELEBRATING THE BOND WITH PETS

Tuesday 21 July 2026

Join the Animal Education team for a creative workshop celebrating the bond between you and your pet. Create a personalised artwork with guidance from a pet-portrait artist, chat with the Animal Education team about pet behaviour, and see selected pieces featured in a library exhibition.

Bookings required.



GETTING STARTED WITH FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

Tuesday 18 August 2026

A simple introduction to family history for beginners. Learn where to start, how to use key records and how to avoid common mistakes. You'll explore useful sources and understand the basics of ethical and privacy considerations. Leave with a clear plan to begin your own family history journey.

Bookings required.



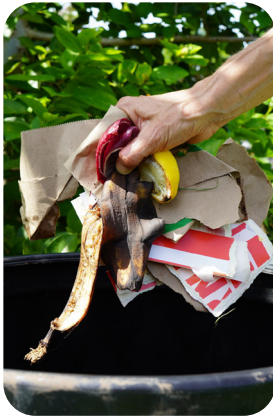
HOW TO SOLVE CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

Tuesday 15 September 2026

Ever stared at a cryptic crossword and wondered what on earth it means? Join this hands-on workshop to uncover the secrets behind the clues!

Learn the techniques, patterns and logic that make cryptic crosswords so addictive.

Bookings required.



HOME COMPOSTING AND FOOD GARDENING WITH EMILY HINDS

Tuesday 20 October 2026

Join us for an interactive session with local gardening whiz Emily Hinds! You might recognise Emily's voice from ABC Radio Darwin's Saturday Morning Gardening show.

Come along to learn how to compost effectively and grow your own food at home in Darwin. And don't forget to bring your gardening questions!

Bookings required.



BLOCK PRINTING ON FABRIC

Tuesday 17 November 2026

Create your own printed piece using professional fabric inks and a selection of handmade printing blocks.

All materials are supplied and participants are also welcome to bring their own shirt, cloth or other fabric items to print on.

Bookings required.

Visit darwin.nt.gov.au/library-lounge for more information and how to book.

JOB HELP SESSIONS

The Job Help sessions provide hands-on assistance with your job search.

Whether you're looking for your first job, or preparing for your next role, this program will help you build practical skills and confidence.

Join us for a free two-part job skills workshop to help you get job ready.

You'll learn:

- Here to find local jobs
- How to create a standout resume
- How to write a cover letter that gets noticed
- Practical interview tips and roleplay practice
- Strategies to boost your confidence during the hiring process.

Requirements:

- Draft Resume & Cover Letter (Digital copy)
- Laptop (You can borrow a laptop with your library card)

SESSION 1 - JOB SEARCHING AND RESUME WRITING

10:00 am - 12:30 pm - Thursday 8 October 2026

Darwin City Library

SESSION 2 - COVER LETTERS AND INTERVIEW SKILLS

10:00 am - 12:30 pm - Thursday 15 October 2026

Darwin City Library



REGISTER NOW

AUTHOR TALKS

MAYA LINNELL (TUESDAY 28 JULY)

6:00 pm (5:45 pm door opening) - Casuarina Library

Meet Maya Linnell, one of Australia's best-known rural romance authors, as she shares her writing journey and latest novel, *Sunrise at Sunny Cross Farm*.

A former country journalist and radio presenter, Maya draws on her love of rural life to create heartfelt stories of community, family and second chances. Her newest book is set on a South Australian sunflower farm, where a reality TV show sparks chaos and unexpected love.

Warm, witty and full of country charm, this is a wonderful chance to hear Maya speak and pick up a signed copy.

Light refreshments provided.

Bookings required.



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FERNANDA DAHLSTROM (TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER)

6:00 pm (5:45 pm door opening) - Casuarina Library

Meet Fernanda Dahlstrom, Darwin-based writer, editor and lawyer, as she discusses her debut memoir *The Framing*. A powerful exploration of childhood, memory and justice.

Shortlisted for the 2023 Glendower Award and highly commended in the 2024 Next Chapter, Fernanda's work has appeared in *The Guardian*, *Overland* and more.

Don't miss this compelling author talk.

Light refreshments provided.

Bookings required.



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MONSOON CINEMA

Looking for a cozy way to spend your evening?

Join us at the library for our free monthly film nights, where you can relax, enjoy a great movie and connect with fellow film lovers in a welcoming and inviting setting.

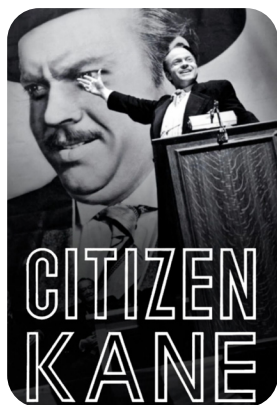
We screen a carefully selected film that's sure to entertain, inspire, or spark conversation. Whether you're a cinema enthusiast or just looking for a laid-back night out, our film nights offer something for everyone.

First Thursday of each month

5:45 pm for a 6:00 pm screening

Nightcliff Library

Visit darwin.nt.gov.au/monsoon-cinema for more information.



CITIZEN KANE

Thursday 3 September 2026

Following the death of publishing tycoon Charles Foster Kane, reporters scramble to uncover the meaning of his final utterance: 'Rosebud.'

Source: Kanopy
119 minutes
Epic, drama, mystery



DONNIE DARKO

Thursday 1 October 2026

After narrowly escaping a bizarre accident, a troubled teenager is plagued by visions of a man in a large rabbit suit who manipulates him to commit a series of crimes.

Source: Kanopy
113 minutes
Cult classic, psychological thriller, sci-fi mystery.



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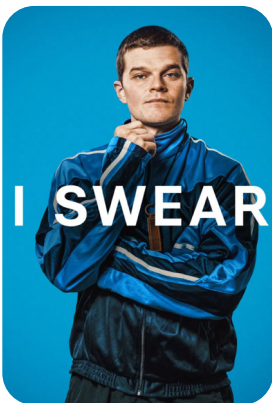
Thursday 5 November 2026

An intimate exploration of family, memories, and the reconciliatory power of art. “Oscar Winner of Best International Feature Film”.

Source: Amalgamated

133 minutes

Foreign film, Norwegian, family drama.



I SWEAR

Thursday 3 December 2026

John Davidson grows up with Tourette syndrome in the 1980s Scotland. He faces a society that does not understand his condition.

Source: Roadshow

120 minutes

Docudrama, biography, dark comedy.



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For ages 18+ only.

All screenings are closed caption.



TEA AND TECH

Discover tech in a relaxed setting!

Join us for an easy-going program designed to help you explore technology in a welcoming, friendly environment. Each session includes light refreshments, fun activities, and even prizes to be won!

Come along every month, enjoy great company, learn something new, and make technology feel simple and enjoyable.

Call City Library on 8930 0230 for more information and how to book.



DATA SECURITY

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Casuarina Library
Thursday 24 September 2026

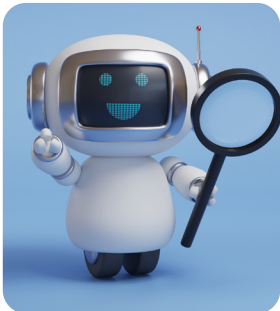
Protecting your data online is important. Join us for a casual presentation on the basics of spotting online red flags, securing your personal info, and staying safe from scammers. Bookings required.



UNLOCK THE DIGITAL LIBRARY

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Casuarina Library
Thursday 29 October 2026

Love our physical library? Discover how to use our free online library to easily borrow digital books, listen to audiobooks, and stream movies anytime. Bookings required.



DEMYSTIFY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Casuarina Library
Thursday 26 November 2026

Boost your digital confidence by learning some tips to spot AI and get practical tips on how to use—or just avoid—AI tools when they pop up. Bookings required.

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**



COMMUNITY HUB

The Community Hub program is an opportunity for members of the public to enjoy free activities while accessing advice and information from community service providers.

A Community Engagement Officer from Services Australia typically attends to support with queries relating to myGov and government services.

No bookings required. For more details please connect with the Community Wellbeing Officer or visit **darwin.nt.gov.au/libraries**

Monday 9:30 am - 11:00 am | Casuarina Library

13 July | Bills & Budgets | Jacana Energy & Salvation Army

Start the new financial year confidently by organising your bills and budget.

27 July | LGBTQIA+ Access | Darwin Community Legal Service & Living Well

Discuss your LGBTQIA+ queries and questions with the Queer Legal Service.

10 August | Children & Young People | CatholicCare Malak

Parents and carers can talk to service providers while the young ones enjoy Lego and a “Messy Mini’s” session.

24 August | Older Persons | The Huntress, Genealogist & Family Historian

Dress up in your Sunday best for high tea & have your family tree questions answered.

7 September | Employment | TeamHEALTH TwoWays Program

Have some fun and boost your communication confidence in this interview practice session.

21 September | Refugees & Migrants | Steps Group Australian Migrant English Program

This storytelling themed morning celebrates the migrant and refugee journey as told by students.

5 October | Mental Health & Wellbeing | Nebula

Better understand your nervous system in this session led by Monika from Nebula then enjoy a system reset in a gentle Tension and Trauma Release Exercise (TRE).

***Note talk and TRE session starts at 9:00 am.**

19 October | Parents & Carers | Play Therapy NT

Learn some tips and tricks to be a more present, engaged and playful parent or carer with this interactive session.

2 November | Visible & Invisible Disability | Autism NT

Join us in an inclusive and sensory friendly space with a fidget-making session suitable for people with diverse abilities.

16 November | Men | Darwin Indigenous Men's Service

Start the morning right this International Men's Day with a breakfast BBQ.

30 November | Food Security | Sticky Fingers

Be inspired with budgeting tips and recipe tricks at this cooking demonstration.

Friday 10:00 am - 11:30 am | Karama Library

28 August | Older Persons | Dementia Australia

Celebrate the end of Seniors Month with Bingo and Brunch.

25 September | Bills & Budgets | Salvation Army & Jacana Energy

Refresh your budget and have your bills queries answered.

30 October | Mental Health & Disability | Carers Gateway

Join us for morning tea and have your questions answered.

27 November | Community Safety | Victims of Crime

Come along for more information on crime prevention support and safety device demonstrations.

COMMUNITY WELLBEING OFFICER ON DUTY

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Casuarina Library every Tuesday

These sessions are drop in times where the Community Wellbeing Officer sets up a helpdesk on the library floor and is available to support members of the public.

No appointment is required. If your enquiry is complex, a 1:1 appointment may be scheduled. If your enquiry is technical, you may be referred to a Tech Help Session with another team member.

BOOKS ON WHEELS

A home delivery library service for customers!

This FREE service is available for eligible customers unable to visit the library in person for a prolonged period of time as a result of health, mobility or other issues. This includes full-time carers of dependants, or those recovering from injury or illness.

A library staff member will select books based on your preferences, or you can request specific items via our online library catalogue or contacting us.

These items will be delivered straight to your door by our friendly volunteers.

For more information about this service and eligibility requirements, please talk to a staff member or visit: **darwin.nt.gov.au/libraries/services**



ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING

Are you learning English as another language?

City of Darwin Libraries provides an online English language learning program called Road to International English Language Testing System (IELTS) free to library members.

Road to IELTS will assist you to improve your English reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. It can also prepare you to take the IELTS test.

You can work your way through from easy levels to more advance activities. There are more than 120 hours of free online self-study materials to support general training and academic test preparations.

To access the training tools and additional resources, you need to be a library member and log in using your library number and password.

Not a library member? Join online at **darwin.nt.gov.au/libraries** or visit one of our libraries.



DIGITAL LIBRARY

As a library member, you get free access to online books, magazines, movies, training tools and more. All you need is your library card number and password.

Reading and Listening



LIBBY

eBooks, eMagazines and eAudio books

Choose from thousands of eBooks and eAudiobooks and magazines. Libby has more than 3000 magazine titles in more than 15 languages.



BORROWBOX

eBooks and eAudiobooks

Great selection of eAudiobooks, including lots of Australian titles.

Watching



KANOPY

Movies and documentaries

Find movies, documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent films and educational videos that inspire, enrich and entertain.

Newspapers



PRESS READER

Digital edition newspaper

Enjoy NT News, The Australian, The Age, Sydney Morning Herald, plus hundreds of newspapers and magazines from Australia and worldwide, available in multiple languages.

Learning and Research



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Search magazines, journals and newspapers.

Great for study or professional use.

TERRITORY STORIES

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Local content

Explore photos, articles, and history from the NT.

Search archives, maps, newspapers and more.



THINGS TO BORROW

What you can borrow

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

- 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
- Dressmakers dummy, sewing machine, overlocker (to use at Casuarina Library).

Digital library

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

Here are some resources 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.



PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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

- Children's Story Time
- Fun Bus
- Fun in the Parks
- STEAM programs
- Young Territory Author Awards (YTAA)
- GEEK Up
- Gaming After Dark



LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WEEK

This Library and Information Week, City of Darwin Libraries are proud to celebrate the theme “Truth be Told”, highlighting the vital role libraries play in making reading accessible for all; regardless of age, background or circumstance. Whether it's through free access, supporting literacy or providing safe spaces for all.

Visit your local branch to discover our services to you!



Locations and opening hours

Darwin City Library

Civic Centre, 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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