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Doveton Library Celebrates Library Lovers Day

No one needs to face Valentine's Day alone this year as public libraries across the state throw open their doors to every member of the community for Library Lovers' Day celebrations.

Doveton Library will celebrate with a Queen of Hearts Tea Party on Friday 14 February at 10am in partnership with Doveton Neighbourhood Learning Centre.

When 1 in 4 Australians and more than half of young Victorians aged 15-25 feel lonely, library programs that foster social connection have an important role to play in reducing isolation and supporting mentally healthy communities.

Everyday Casey Cardinia Libraries (CCL) offers an incredible range of free programs that appeal to library users of all ages with programs.

CCL CEO, Chris Buckingham said many members of the community would be amazed by the breadth of programming on offer.

"Casey Cardinia Libraries will always provide quiet spaces for people to read, connect to free Wi-Fi or study, but we offer so much more. Our library is where we come together as a community. We're here to help people to feel less alone, which is critical when social isolation is a recognised public health issue," CCL CEO, Chris Buckingham said.

"Libraries are an integral part of our social fabric and their popularity is booming. CCL have more than 1.2 million visitors walking through our doors each year and this is growing."

Doveton Libraries Library Lovers' Day event will be rolled out in support of the Libraries Change Lives campaign, a joint initiative of Public Libraries Victoria and State Library Victoria that aims to raise awareness of the value of public libraries.

Further information about all of Casey Cardinia Libraries Events and Programs can be found at: ccl.vic.gov.au.

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Casey Cardinia Libraries is a network of public library services throughout Melbourne's south-east metropolitan corridor with branches located at Cranbourne, Doveton, Emerald, Endeavour Hills, Hampton Park, Narre Warren and Pakenham. A weekly Mobile library service also visits sites throughout Cardinia Shire. Library membership is free and open to everyone.

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