

Library helps bushfire communities Rebuild with Books

If you're a big reader, imagine how it feels to know that a lifetime's collection of books has gone up in flames. If you're a cook, think how it would be to lose all your special recipes. For children, it's missing their favourite bedtime story. And for everyone, it's the loss of part of the fabric of their home.

When the bushfires swept across Victoria in February, homes and contents were destroyed and thousands of books turned to ash. In the immediate aftermath, the basic necessities of life took priority, but as people begin to rebuild their homes and their lives, they need our support to help them *Rebuild with Books*.

[Library] is holding a [type of event] on [date], as part of a nationwide campaign to help people who lost their homes in the Victorian bushfires 'rebuild with books'.

[Event details]

From 24 to 31 October, libraries across Australia will be holding fundraising events to raise money for book vouchers, as part of the Rebuilding with Books 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.

At the same time, booksellers around Australia are also asking customers to buy a book voucher to be given to a family that lost everything in the Victorian bushfires. Many independent booksellers, together with some of the big chains, such as Dymocks and Collins Bookstores, have signed up to the project.

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If you would like to be part of helping to Rebuild with Books

- Come along to this fundraising event at your local library
- Go into a bookstore and buy a book voucher
- Contact the Australian Booksellers Association direct and buy a book voucher over the phone or online – telephone 03 9859 7322, email Kal Tripathi ktripathi@aba.org.au for bank details, visit the website at www.aba.org.au
- But please hold fire on any further donations of second-hand books

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