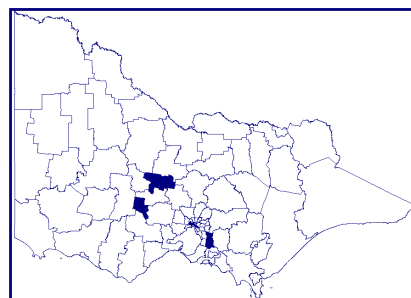


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Athenaeum (Melbourne)	9-6	9-6	9-6	9-6	9-5	9-1	
Ballarat	9.30-4.30	9.30-4.30	9.30-4.30	9.30-4.30	9.30-4.30	9.30-12	
Berwick	9.30-5.30	9.30-5.30		9.30-5.30	9.30-5.30 7.00-8.30	9.30-12.30	
Footscray	10.30-12.30 1.30-4.30	10.30-12.30 1.30-4.30	10.30-12.30 1.30-4.30	10.30-12 2-4.30	10.30-12.30 1.30-4.30		
Prahran	9.30-4.30	9.30-4.30	9.30-4.30	9.30-4.30	9.30-4.30	9.30-1	
Maldon	2-4		2-4		2-4	9.30-12	



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The Movement began in Victoria with the formation of the Melbourne Athenaeum in 1839. The Institutes served as focal points for their communities, offering libraries and reading rooms, opportunities for self-education, and other attractions such as lectures, meeting rooms, museums, concerts, and various games. Institute libraries were regularly patronised up until the 1950's even though conducted on a subscription basis. The book stock varied with the finances of the Institute committee but where towns were serviced by railways, cases of books could be obtained quarterly on loan from the Melbourne Public Library.

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Subscription ♦ \$59 - \$200
Loan Period ♦ 1 month
Items in Collection ♦ 60,000
Subject Strengths ♦ General Fiction & Non-Fiction

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15 High St, Berwick 3806
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9707 3519

Subscription ♦ Free
Loan Period ♦ 3 weeks
Items in Collection ♦ 40,000 & Casey Collection
Subject Strengths ♦ Historical Casey Collection
General Fiction & Non-Fiction
Large Print Books
Children's Books
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Footscray Mechanics' Institute Library (est.1857)

209 Nicholson St, Footscray 3011
(Melways 2S F10 + 42 C5) **T 9687 1935**

Manager/Librarian: Mr Luke Mitchell

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Subscription ♦ \$5 p.a.
 Loan Period ♦ 4 weeks
 Items in Collection ♦ 19,000
 Subject Strengths ♦ General Fiction (many out-of-print)
 ♦ 5,000 Mills & Boon Books
 ♦ Large Print Books
 ♦ Small Non-Fiction collection
 PCs & Internet ♦ 1

Maldon Athenaeum (est. 1863)

97 High Street, Maldon 3463
(VicRoads 277 S8) **T 5475 1326**
(PO Box 219, Maldon 3463)

President Librarian: Miss Joy Leneaux-Gale

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Subscription ♦ \$10 adult per adult
 ♦ Children and students free
 Loan Period ♦ 4 weeks
 Items in Collection ♦ 17,500
 Subject Strengths ♦ Local History Collection
 ♦ Large Print Books
 ♦ General Fiction & Non-Fiction
 & Children's library

Prahran Mechanics' Institute (est.1854)

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(Melways 2L H12 & 58 D6) **T 9510 3393**
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Subscription ♦ \$12 individuals
 Loan Period ♦ 3 weeks
 Inter-Library Loan Service
 To all libraries in Australia. (6 weeks ILL period).
 Items in Collection ♦ 21,000 Historical collection
 ♦ Small general collection
 Subject Strengths ♦ History of Victoria
 PCs & Internet ♦ 2